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[Despatch Abstract.]

REVISED RULES ON ANTHROPOLOGY.

Informing the Inspector-General of Police that there is no necessity to resubmit, as amended, the rules for anthropometrical measurements of prisoners, and that there is no reason to modify the opinion of Government as to the manner in which they should be revised.

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80.1630:8-1-95
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FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Coimbatore.

No. 4753.

Dated 28th

August

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CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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States that the alterations
and additions ordered by
Government in the rules on
Anthropometry will have
been carried out and adds certain
explanations.

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For order

Mr. Hammick's reply to 80.1630 of 24/9/95
is 1630, Judl, Mr. 12 draft rules on criminal iden-
tification by means of Anthropometry is submitted for
perusal + order as to whether the same rules shall be
1. whether to put. The answer is that they are to be
passed to the Govt. and as to the remarks
which should be made with reference to
2. Mr. Hammick's refusal of the original
rules. The revised version of 80.1630 of 7
3-8-95 has been despatched a few days since

12-8-95
17/9/95

1. I don't want to see them again - I
have no more to say about the
subject.
2. There does not seem to me
to be anything in his defence, ex-
cept in para 10. But why can't
he do as he is told without
arguing? *HW*

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Mr. H. shows that some
was taken in framing the rules
I don't think we need see them
again. We can trust him
Yes - the J.G. can be told so.

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DEPARTMENT.

No. 4753.

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

MADRAS, 28th August 1895.

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Coimbatore.

SIR,

Enclosure.

With reference to G.O., dated 3rd August 1895, No. 1630, P.D., regarding the rules for anthropometrical measurements of prisoners and others, I will as directed by Government preface the rules by a fuller description of the system. I presume that as the Government considers these instructions need not be incorporated in the Police orders, I need not again submit them for sanction, but will issue them to officers as soon as they have been revised according to the directions conveyed in the above order.

2. I venture to lay the following remarks before Government with regard to the criticisms made on the rules, as from the fact that the Government considers extending

extensive alterations should be made in the rules, I fear it considers that I was careless in superintending their drafting. I think I may say that every point of importance noticed by Government was discussed by me with Mr Meredith when the rules were being drawn up.

3. In Bengal where the system has been in operation some years, the rules contain very little explanation of what the system is - and the reason no doubt is that the rules can only be used by men who have been through the class and have learnt in the class exactly what is required of them. Major Ferris' work is a work for the general public. Our rules will be for use by men who have actually learnt the system at school. I will however of course add what is required by Government.

4. Similar remarks apply to the necessity for definitions. All the men using the rules are instructed men, and they have learnt the meaning of the terms used before

before they take up the rules for use - The existing trained men have been taught in the Chief office and those trained in future will be taught in the Head Quarter Schools by men already trained in Madras. In the Bengal rules drawn up by Mr. Hendry after some experience, no definitions of the terms are given - A list of terms used with definitions and a list of abbreviations will now be added at the beginning of the book. 5. As regards the concluding portion of para 4 of the order, I venture to point out that the expression "Key" does not refer to the "plan", but to the Key given on pages 28-30 and referred to as the Key in the Table of Contents. To make it more plain I will add the words "Key to Anthropometrical Standards" at the top of page 28.

As regards Plate No. II. I venture to point out that the plate if properly drawn cannot possibly show exactly where the point of the caliper is, because if the caliper is held according to the rules

rules, the point must be concealed by the fore finger. The plate is a reproduction of a plate in Mondini's Bertillon's Treatise, and shows exactly where the fore finger should be, and if the Caliper is held as taught in the School, it will be in place if the fore finger is as shown in the picture. I may remark for the Credit of the Madras Survey Office that the picture is a far better one than the picture given in the Bengal rules, where it looks as if the point of the Caliper were on the bridge of the nose.

6. With reference to para 5, Rule 26 will be made more imperative as required. I may mention that the last batch of Probationary Assistant Superintendents were put through a course of Anthropometry in Madras before going up-country under my orders, and every opportunity has been taken by the Assistant Inspector General to instruct officers passing through Madras.

7. The alterations required by Government

in Rule 28 will be made? The rule is excluded "persons imprisoned in default of finding security" because I considered little good would be gained by measuring such persons as a class. The remark in the Bengal rules on the subject is as follows:-

"It must be remembered that the only information as to the past criminality of persons which can be of use to the police is specific information on record against them of having been convicted of offences under Chapter XII or XVII of the Penal Code which can be proved in Court under the law which regulates admission of proof of previous convictions with reference to the effect of Section 75, Penal Code - It by establishing the identity of a suspect, it could be shown that he is a man strongly suspected of leading an actively criminal life, though this information might be interesting to local police and useful in putting them on their guard, it is information which could not be placed before a trying Magistrate and consequently would be of no assistance towards successful prosecution or towards securing a sentence commensurate

Commensurate with the requirements of the Code.

8. The above sets out the view taken in the draft submitted to Government. I may further add that I foresee that in a few years' time we shall be in danger of being overwhelmed by the number of cards we shall have to deal with and it is therefore important that only those men should be measured of whom we absolutely require this information. It was for this that I omitted the Class referred to by Government. For although no doubt very many of the persons falling under this Class are habitual offenders a great many are merely men whose character or violent temper makes it necessary that they should be bound down to keep the peace.

Very few persons are imprisoned for failure to furnish security. Their inclusion would make any practical difference to the number of cards.

9. On the other hand, it is very important that we should get measurements of the men mentioned in Rule 28 (c) and as such measurements can only be made with the sanction of the Officer in Charge of Anthropometry at the Head Quarter Station Rule 29 (b) I did not consider there was risk of the rule

It might be argued that the measurement of some men at large would be taken as a permanent record.

It does not appear anything like it. The Criminal, 29 (a) suggested the measurement of some men at large and to be taken as a permanent record.

rule being altered. Major Ferris makes much of the importance of taking measurements of wandering suspects (vide page 2 of his book). The rule will however be altered as required by Government. I may mention that the measurements of Suspected Bhambta Railway thieves which are being taken now are likely to prove of the greatest use. We shall have to stop taking any of their measurements in the future. We have taken measurements of these men in view to finding their measurements in the Bombay office as it is well known that these men have in very many cases been connected in Bombay, and definite information on this head will be of the greatest use to us.

It would be quite possible to get into our hands 73 at least.

10. As regards the remarks of Government at the concluding portion of para 6, I venture to point out that Rule 29 (c) provides a distinct explanation that the measurements taken under the rule will not afford the evidence required by law and that the system is only of use as enabling the Police to put their hand on the evidence required for identity.

11. I hope the above remarks will show Government that care was taken to make the Rules complete and that the alterations required by Government have not been occasioned by any want of care on my part.

12. I venture in conclusion to point out that although Mr. Meredith's work in the Chief Office may be held to be part of his ordinary duties, yet that I made my suggestion that his work should be acknowledged, not merely with regard to the work he had done in Madras; but with regard to the fact that he spent a month of his leave in Europe in Paris studying the system from the best School there. Owing to Mr. Meredith's having spent part of his leave in studying Anthropometry, we have been saved the special deputation of any officer for the purpose - and in this way certainly the Government has derived an advantage. I hardly think that the Government considers it germane to the duties of any officer to spend a part of his leave in

I don't think he even mentioned it.

He never visited.

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in studying at considerable expense a subject which is of no possible personal advantage to himself and I may add that the mere study of the books on the subject would certainly not enable any body to teach it, and that personal instruction in a school in any case would have been absolutely necessary, to enable the system to be taught properly here. I regret that in my letter I did not perhaps lay sufficient stress on the fact that a great part of Mr. Meredith's work was in Europe and not here. It was mainly because he had especially visited Paris and placed what he learnt there at the disposal of the Department here that I suggested a special recognition of his work.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. M. M.

Inspector General of Police.

Encl. M.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated *3rd August* 1895, No. 1630

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. *4142* of 1895, dated *28.8.95* from *S. G. of Police*

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ORDER. *26th* September 1895, No. 2000.

The Govt. is satisfied that
Mr. Hammick exercised due care
 in supervising the drafting of
 the rules originally submitted
 for approval and there is no
 necessity to resubmit them to
 Govt. as amended. At the same
 time *sees* no reason to modify
 its opinion as to the manner
 in which they should be
 revised.

(From Order)

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 The S. G. of Police *depos*
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