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Current No. 18.

DEPARTMENT.

From

A. G. bardeur Esq.

No.

Dated 8. 1. 95

Received 10. 1. 95

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Informing that Mr. Grimes, the
Supt., Lannanore C. Jail, assigns
no special cause for the un-
usual influx of persons from
convicts in that jail & giving
out his own opinion on the
matter:

Pl. also put up
the Hon. member
note on the last
memorandum -
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14/1
This was kept away
pending the preparation
of the Return ordered
by the H. M. Esq.

18/12/94

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Prisons
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF JAILS,
Ootacamund, January 8th 1895.

Filed
21/1/95
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Mr. Gibson,
In reply to Mr. Price's D.O. dated
December 1894, regarding the increase in
petitions from Convicts in the Cannanore
Jail, Mr. Grimes, the Superintendent,
reports that there is no special cause ac-
counting for the unusual influx of petitions.
As a Convict can lose nothing by making a
petition to Government, and as to do so,
costs him no trouble at all, & may get him
off work for an hour or two, the number of
Convicts who ask to be allowed to try their
luck in this way may be expected to increase.

Yours sincerely
A. G. Cardew.

The Honble Mr. Gibson

CHIEF SECRETARY
10 JAN 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS



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100-21-8-24:

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

List showing papers in the Judicial, Financial and Public Departments issued without being circulated to the Honorable Member during the week ending 1st Dec^r 1894

SUBMITTED for perusal of

The Honorable Mr. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

*See in list
1/11/94
HW*

Note for Attn.

*Go. of 28 Nov 1894, No. 2008, hid.
is subm. as ordered. 14/12*

The papers marked with an asterisk are those which were not circulated to the Honorable Member.

*Let this be sent forth
w/ly to the questions on the same
subject marked on a separate
paper the other day*

*HW
18/12/94*

Office
Pat. up
Sept. 21
Sail
of Jan 9, 1892
Sail Code
5, 6, 7 & 9
The number of
one 5, 8 & 9
151

I should like, if it will not cause much trouble, a return to be prepared at the end of the current year showing the number of petitions from convicts (other than those under sentence of death) received during 1894, as compared with the numbers received in the two preceding years. - The number of these petitions seems to be steadily on the increase and includes many cases in which it seems reasonable to think that petitions should be allowed. I believe that the rule used to be that prisoners had to prepare their own petitions or get them prepared by their relatives or agents. Now, however, under para. 698 of the Jail Code, the duty of preparing prisoners' petitions is thrown on the Jail establishment, who also (^{now} ~~also~~ 701) have to translate ~~these~~ all such petitions. ~~Does to this end of the~~ ^{is it} ~~Representatives~~ Probably it ^{is} ~~is~~ cause prisoners can ^{prepare} ~~prepare~~ their petitions made out for ^{them} ~~them~~ have become so numerous. Why was this rule made and when? and is there any reason why it should not be cancelled?

BS
8/12/94

H.M. Please see H.M.'s note vj.
S Dec '82
Luka

Please see H.M.'s note p.
S Dec '82

Index

The references & his attendance
being new to their work, the preparation
of this list has been delayed & the delay
is regretted.

The return has been prepared after consulting the Table & Index for 92-93- & 94: The Currents are all collected & kept in a separate bundle & will be sub^d if the His brother to see them. Petrus from Convicts under sentence of death, petrus from Convicts Agents &c have been excluded from this list -

Return of Retn from Convicts
for 92: 93: & 94

1892	1893:	1894:
January: 13	12	28
February 4	22	8
March 11	7	54
April 8	24	35
May: 9	11	17
June: 19	11	35
July: 1	2	37
August 26	6	19
September 8	13	15
October 7	6	14
November 4	7	31
December: 5	8	35
<u>115</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>328</u>

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2. With reference to the last paragraph of H.M.'s note, his attention is invited to the passages marked with red tape ^{red pencil} in the Jail Conference report of 9.0. 276 Nov. 1891 No 2287, which sanctioned the present rule.

I quite agree that we cannot limit the right of appeal, ^{petition} but I really cannot see why we are to provide accommodations for all convicts - say Mr. Cardew's remarks on this. It seems to me that it would suffice to provide in the case of men convicted by Sessions Courts acting with the aid of Assessors and sentenced to more than (say) six months impr. - I can see no reason why washed in any way facilitate ^{petition} appeals by men convicted by ~~sess.~~ ^{petitions} ~~the~~ ^{petitions} juries, or by men sentenced to small terms of impr. by sess. Courts, or men convicted by the Magistrate. If such men want the petition, by all means let them do so; but let them do so by agency other than that of the Jail establishment -

I am rather surprised there
were so few petitions last year.
I should not complain if these petitions
really had any thing in them; but
I don't suppose that, ~~the~~ out of
328, more than ^{the} odd 8 were
of any account.

of my account.
I would amend said Cde
Rule 698 accordingly

WRS
11/2/95 — I think this plan may be tried.

Cave

I think that Rule 69 should be
modified so as to let prisoners
demand that their papers should
be written by an officer of the
Jail Dept as in the cases mentioned
by the Hon Mr Brier 28/14/2

16 Feb

From the passages it will be seen that the reason for introducing the present practice was that under the old system an "illiterate prisoner" was practically denied the right of appeal, unless he had friends to draw up an appeal for him or funds to employ a legal adviser. These objections have equal force now.

LD
9/2/95

Do. Current 18 is the reply to H. M. Query as to whether any special reason accounted for the numerous petitions received from Cannanore Jail. None such appears to exist.

These petitions are no doubt an unnecessary nuisance but there seems no means for stopping them.
LD
9/2/95

These refer to just appeals
Prisoners' appeal
Cannanore Jail
Paras 244-245
on 7/7/95
Return of

92 - 93 - 94

(For notes)

H. M. Query

C11/2 C13/2 C14/2
R12/2 R14/2 R18/2

[G.]
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100-20-12-94.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.
Paper to be read Proceedings:-

Again G.O., dated
Again G.O., dated
Current No.

18, No.
18, No.
from

of 18, dated

Current No.

of 18, dated

from

Order of 21 Feb. 95, No. 386.

The attention of the Govt has recently been drawn to the unusually large number of petitions from convicts received during the past year; in 1892 the number of such petitions was 115, and in 1893, 129 but in 1894 the figure rose to 328.

1. In the vast majority of these petitions there is nothing calling for the interference of Govt; but the time occupied in their waiting preparation by the officers of the Jail Department, and in their disposal at the Govt office is so considerable as to render it desirable to take steps to reduce their number, without at the same time limiting the right of petition.

2. The Govt is disposed to think that the object can be secured by modifying Jail Code Rule no. 698 which provides that if a prisoner so desires, his petition may be written by an officer of the Jail establishment. This provision was first introduced in the revised Jail Code issued in 1893 and it is only since its introduction that the large increase in the number

14. Presins. 19.2.95
Cp2 21/2 ~~clap 22/2/95~~