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No. 49. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. WILSON, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 5th April 1873, No. 58:—

2. It will be observed that, since the commencement of the experiment in November 1870 up to the end of 1872, eighty-four pounds of raw silk have been obtained; that forty-eight pounds have been sold for Rupees 312; and that there are thirty-six pounds in store which at the same rate, viz., Rupees 6-8-0 per pound, are worth Rupees 234. The cost of production is estimated at Rupees 741, which shows a loss of Rupees 195, but the actual outlay in money was only Rupees 95, the difference, viz., Rupees 646, representing the value of the labour of the five convicts employed in looking after the worms and in cultivating the mulberries. This appears to have been estimated at 3 Annas a day, which is high for the description of work, at all events so far as regards the labour in the plantation. However this may be, the small amount of labour required can easily be spared in a large jail, and, considering that the worms are healthy, the mulberries flourishing, and that a fair commencement has been made, I think it will be well to endeavour to make some advance as there seems to be a reasonable prospect of success.

28. The rearing of the silk-worm has continued to be successful so far that there has been no disease amongst the worms, and the mulberry plantation flourishes, but the value of the silk obtained has not covered the cost of production. The experiment was commenced in November 1870; from that date to the end of the past year eighty-four pounds of raw silk have been obtained; the cost of production, including the labour of three men to superintend the worms and two employed in the mulberry plantation, amounts to Rupees 741-0-7. The value of silk, at Rupees 6-8-0 per pound, amounts to Rupees 546, there is, therefore, Rupees 195-0-7 to debit; more silk might have been obtained from the same extent of mulberry and with the same amount of labour if we had had sufficient room to rear the worms in, and I think that, if we had a proper rearing-house near the mulberry plantation, the production of silk would be profitable. In fact it has been so already if the labour is not calculated, for the actual outlay in cash from the commencement has been Rupees 95 in round numbers, and the amount actually realized by the sale of forty-eight pounds of silk has been Rupees 312, leaving a balance of thirty-six pounds of silk in store, the value of which is Rupees 234.

30. A very simple and efficacious reeling-machine was sent to this jail by the orders of Government; it is exactly similar in its working to the primitive machine used by the natives.

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கொள்வியாகப் பணம்  
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Similar machines might be easily made up in the jail, I am unable to state at what cost, as I have not yet made one, but I think Rupees 50 or thereabouts would be the amount.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1873, No. 706.

The Governor in Council approves the proposed extension of the silk manufacture in the Coimbatore Jail, and will be prepared to sanction the estimates when submitted. It is desired that female convict labour may be employed on it, and it is assumed that no able-bodied convict is withdrawn from *penal* labour for the purpose, but that only weakly prisoners are so employed.

(True Extract.)

*Acting Under Secretary,  
for Chief Secretary.*

No. 102  
 From Lieut. Col. W. J. Wilson  
 Inspector General of Mills  
 To W. Huddleston Esquire  
 Acting Chief Secretary  
 to Government  
 Fort Saint George  
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As both the farm and garden at the Coimbatore Central Jail were considerably increased during the year 1870, while at the same time the manufactures were extended, the Superintendent represented that the Jailor could no longer continue to supervise the out door labor, and also give sufficient attention to his other duties, for which reason he recommended the employment of a Farm Bailiff or Overseer, and I authorised the engagement as a

temporary measure on a salary of  
Rupees 30 per mensem of Mr. Fox  
formerly employed at the people's  
park at Madras; the salary to be  
out of the profits of the garden  
and farm -

2. Mr. Guines now reports  
that he is satisfied with Mr. Fox's  
qualifications and he recommends  
his employment on the permanent  
establishment as Farm Bailiff on a  
salary of Rupees 50 per mensem  
with free quarters, and a Commission  
of 10 per cent on the profits after de-  
ducting cost of tools and seeds, and  
the value of labor; this last deduction  
will prevent the employment on the  
farm of more prisoners than are really  
required - The Superintendent pro-  
poses that the Farm Bailiff should  
form

3.  
form part of the permanent establish-  
ment because it will give him a  
better position with respect to the other  
Jail servants -

The quarters can be constructed out of  
brick, and be paid for out of the pro-  
fits - An estimate shall be submitted  
if the building is sanctioned -

3.  
The purchase of a small stock  
of cattle and sheep is also advocated  
by Mr. Guines because it is desirable  
that the character of the manure -  
which hitherto has consisted entirely of  
poudrette should be varied - The farm  
will supply a sufficiency of fodder,  
and it is expected that there will be a  
ready sale for the meat -

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4. I have the honor to submit  
these recommendations for favorable con-  
sideration - The salary of the Bailiff

can be met from the Jail Budget,  
and the other expenses from the ad-  
vances for the manufactory -

I have the honor to be

Yours most obdt. servt.

Botananiad  
12<sup>th</sup> June 1871

J. M. B. M.

Sup. Genl of Gaib.

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 drawing of a young man in  
 a white tunic, he turned  
 to the last page and

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