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Colacomb, Vizagapatam Prisons
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,

Dated 7th November 1894.
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From

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS, Prisons.

To

The Honourable Mr. J. F. G. C. S. I.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

SIR,

Enclosure.

I have the honour to submit the further report on the items of expenditure in Subjails included under the head "Other Charges" which was promised in para 63 of the Jail Administration Report for 1893. The last reply from District Magistrate is to my Circular Letter of the 7th April 1894 was only received on the 31st October; hence the delay in submitting this report.

2. The replies of District Magistrates disclose, as was anticipated, great want of uniformity in the method of compiling these accounts.

3. The first head under "other charges" is "Conveyance of Prisoners," and this head includes three main subheads - viz -

(1) Batta paid to escorts for the feeding of en route prisoners of subjails
wages where prisoners are conveyed by rail.

(3) charges for carts or other means of transit, when prisoners are certified by Medical Officers of Subjails to be unable to walk.

4. As regards the first sub-head, "batta", every sort of variation appears to have existed. The rate of batta has, in the first place, ranged from 1 anna per head per diem in Madras to 6 annas per head per diem in Malabar. Uniformity in this respect will, in future, be ensured by Rule 1375 A of the Jail Code which was sanctioned by Government in G.O. 9th October 1894, N^o. 2406. In the second place the modes of charging the amounts incurred under Batta have varied, not only between different districts, but between different taluks of the same District. In some cases these charges have been debited to "Batta", in others to "Conveyance of Prisoners", in others to Magisterial Contingencies, and while in some Districts, such as Trichinopoly and Madras, Subjails have thus been uniformly relieved, in others, as in Coimbatore, the charges for batta of Accused persons, ^{in Police custody} which should be charged to Magisterial Contingencies have been debited to Subjails thus swelling the figures. Clear instructions on this point have now been issued.

5. As regards the ^{second} sub-head "rail charges", it is pointed out by several Magistrates that the cost of conveying prisoners by rail

expected to be heavier in a District like North Arcot which is served by two lines of rail than in one like Ganjam, where there has hitherto been no line of rail and where prisoners had to walk. In Ganjam, and South Canara, as the charges for "batta" were debited to Rations, there was little expenditure shown under Conveyance of Prisoners. 10/19

6. The outlay on the third sub-head is generally reported to be small.

7. The second sub-head under "other charges" is telegrams and occurs only in the Malabar District in which telegraphic application to relieve overcrowding by transfer to the Central Jail has had frequently to be made.

8. The third head under "other charges" is Rates and Taxes, and here again great variety of procedure has occurred, assessment on subjail buildings by Unions having been in some cases debited to Land Revenue and in others to Tails. So long as the amounts imposed on the subjail buildings can be ascertained separately from those imposed on the Catchers' buildings as a whole, there is, of course, no objection to such assessment being charged to Tails. Of the Rs 658-1-0 appearing under this head in the Malabar District, Rs 27 represents municipal taxes on the subjail buildings at Cochin, Rs 14-3-6 municipal tax on the old subjail buildings at Calicut, and Rs 616-10-6 Municipal

Tax

Top on the old District Jail buildings at Calicut. The last sum was apparently swollen by the assessment for three half years being paid within the year 1893, and a considerable part of it should not have been debited to Jails at all but to Land Revenues, as the Taluk Cutcheri, Stationery Magistrate's Court etc are located in the buildings, as well as the Subjail. The District Magistrate has been addressed on this point.

9. The fourth head under "other charges" is "Charges admissible without detailed audit." Under this head are included such items as oil for lighting the Subjail, pots for water or conservancy purposes, brooms for sweeping, well-ropes, padlocks, lanterns, boxes for keeping spare bedding in, leaf-plates, charges for shaving prisoners, or for washing their clothes, and other petty items. The highest amounts appear in the Vizagapatam District where a large proportion is contributed by the Koraput Subjail and in the Malabar District where the Subjails have been very full especially that at Calicut. The chief inaccuracy which has occurred under this head has been the inclusion in several Districts, e.g. Vizagapatam, Nellore, Amantapur, Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Nilgiris etc, of charges for cumbies, mats

or clothing supplied to subjail prisoners when destitute, which should have been debited to the main head "Clothing and Bedding". This has been pointed out to the Magistrates concerned.

10. The fifth head under "other charges" does not call for notice.

11. On the foregoing statements the Government will observe that in consequence of the errors of classification which have occurred in respect of "other charges" in Sub Jails, no valid comparison can be made between District and District unless the figures making up the total amounts are analysed. It is hoped that the instructions which have now been issued will improve the accuracy of classification in future years, but they will be too late to have much effect on the return of the year 1894.

Yours the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

A. G. Law
Inspector General of Prisons

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