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P.W.D. DEPARTMENT

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24TH JANUARY 1884, No. 215 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Arcot, 5th December 1883, No. 555.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me whether the charge of Annas 3-9, sanctioned in G.O., No. 1440 W. of 18th May 1883, is for each convict per working day regardless of wet weather.

2. The Executive Engineer struck out half-a-day from the bill for October, when the convicts did not work owing to rain, and this is objected to by the Jail Department.

No. 2489 C., Public Works.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Jails, through the Judicial Department, for remarks.

CHEPAK,
13th December 1883.

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 2487, Judicial.

Forwarded.

19th December 1883.

To the Inspector-General of Jails.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

From Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 10th January 1884, No. 7.

In returning letter, * No. 555, from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, received with your endorsement, No. 2487, dated 19th December 1883, I have the

* Dated 5th December 1883.
honor to state that the rate of 3 annas 9 pies per diem was fixed by the Public Works Department as the hire of convicts employed at Ootacamund, and I am not aware of any alteration in this rate having been sanctioned.

2. On the Superintendent of the Ootacamund Jail submitting the usual monthly bill for the hire of convicts employed in the Nilgiri division, the Executive Engineer altered and returned the labor bill, stating that, as the convicts were employed on the 16th October for only half-a-day, he had altered the amount and declined to admit the whole hire as entered in the bill.

3. The Public Works Department only pays 3 annas 9 pies a man, whilst the value of labor on the Hills is from 5 to 6 annas a day. The amount of 3 annas 9 pies does not cover the cost of a convict at Ootacamund, but, as it is simply a book adjustment and no cash is paid, it does not very much matter what nominal rate of hire is charged. I think, however, for simplification of accounts, it will be convenient to have a fixed rate per diem independent of the state of the weather. In very wet weather the convicts are sometimes unable to work the full day and seek temporary shelter. The fact of their having been sent back to the jail once only during the whole season shows that the prisoners have worked right through the wet weather without hindrance.

4. I would suggest that the original rate, 3 annas 9 pies, as fixed by the Public Works Department in G.O., No. 1440 W. of the 18th May last, be accepted.

No. 153, Judicial.

Forwarded to the Public Works Department with referred papers.

2. The Judicial Department agree with the Inspector-General in his remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd January 1884.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 24th January 1884, No. 215 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle. The rate of 3 annas and 9 pies per day, already sanctioned, should be adhered to in all cases.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
Judicial Department.

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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 24th.

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G.O., 24th Jan. 1884, No. 215 W.

JANUARY.

Hire of Convicts employed at
Ootacamund

Deciding that the rate already sanctioned,
3 annas and 9 pies per day as the —,
should be adhered to in all cases.

18TH MAY 1883, No. 1440 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works

READ—the following papers:—

G.O., dated 3rd April 1883, No. 953, Judicial.

From J. C. LARMINIE, Esq., Executive Engineer, Nilgiri Division, to the
Chief Engineer, Public Works, Department, dated Ootacamund, 21st April
1883, No. 23.

* I have the honor to return G.O., No. 953, of 3rd April, received with your
No. 7 E. of 11th instant, and to remark, with reference to paragraph 4 of the letter
from the Inspector-General of Jails, printed therewith, that I think it will be quite a
satisfactory way of settling the amount to be credited to the Jail Department if this
department pays, as submitted by the Inspector-General of Jails, for the difference of
cost of maintenance of the convicts at this place over what they would cost at
Coimbatore.

This extra cost for one year, as given by the Inspector-General of Jails, is for
100 convicts Rs. 3,125; assuming 250 working days in the year, $\text{Rs. } \frac{3,125}{250} = \text{Rs. } 12\frac{1}{2}$
per day = As. 2 per man per day. If only 200 working days be taken, $\text{Rs. } \frac{3,125}{200}$
= Rs. 15.62 per day = As. $2\frac{1}{2}$ per man per day. Even the higher of these rates
we can very well afford to pay, but this rate does not include the cost of Police guards,
the additional cost of which at Ootacamund is not given, vide paragraph 3 of Colonel
Tennant's letter.

G.O., dated 10th May 1883, Mis. No. 1263, Judicial.

Read—letter from the Inspector-General of Jails, dated 21st April 1883, No. 98.

Read—memorandum from the Public Works Department, dated 24th April 1883,
No. 49 E.

Order—dated 10th May 1883, Mis. No. 1263, Judicial.

The estimate of the cost of the Police guard submitted with the first of the fore-
going letters will be transmitted to the Public Works Department with reference to
memorandum in that department read above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the Cost for one year of guarding 100 Convicts at Ootacamund.

		RS.
1	Head Constable, 2nd Grade, at Rs. 25, pay and batta ...	300
1	Do. 4th " at " 16, " ...	192
5	Constables, 1st Class, at " 11, " ...	660
5	Do. 2nd " at " 10, " ...	600
5	Do. 3rd " at " 9½, " ...	570
—		—
17	Pay and Batta ...	2,322
—	Clothing ...	371
—	Contingencies ...	116
—		—
	Total ...	2,809
	Hutting Allowance at Rs. 2 per mensem ...	408
		—
	Grand Total ...	3,217

Deduct—

Cost of guarding the same number of Convicts at Coimbatore at the rate of 1 to 7.

		RS.
1	Head Constable, 2nd Grade, at ...	20
1	Do. 4th " at ...	12
4	Constables, 1st Class, at Rs. 8 ...	32
4	Do. 2nd " at " 7 ...	28
4	Do. 3rd " at " 6½ ...	26
—		—
14	Per month ...	118
—		12
—		—
	Pay and Allowance, per annum ...	1,416
	Clothing ...	140
	Contingencies ...	71
		—
		1,627
		—
	Estimated excess cost ...	1,590
		—
	(Signed) H. D. CLOETE, Inspector-General of Police.	

ORDER—dated 18th May 1883, No. 1440 W., Public Works.

It is observed from the papers above recorded that the excess cost per annum chargeable to the Public Works Department for employment of convicts at Ootacamund is for 100 men as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
In the Judicial Department ...	3,125	1	8
In the Police do. ...	1,590	0	0
	—	—	—
Total ...	4,715	1	8

Assuming 200 working days in the year, as estimated by the Executive Engineer, the cost per man will be 3 annas 9 pies per day.

2. There is no objection in the Public Works Department to the acceptance of this rate. The proposals made in the Proceedings of the Judicial Department of the 3rd April are accordingly approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Inspector-General of Jails.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 18th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 18th May 1883, No. 1440 W.

MAY.

Employment of Convicts at
Ootacamund

Passing orders on the —.

8TH MARCH 1883, No. 765 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 73.

ORDER—dated 8th March 1883, No. 765 W., Public Works.

On a representation made by a Committee lately assembled at Ootacamund, supported by the Chief Engineer, as to the desirability of having at once a sufficient number of convicts to afford a daily working party not less than 80 in strength, in order to deal effectively with the shaping of the ground lately laid dry by lowering the water level of the lake at that station, the Government have decided to place a sufficient body of convicts at disposal for the purpose in view.

2. The Inspector-General of Jails will accordingly make the earliest possible arrangements for the immediate transfer of the requisite number of convicts to be worked under the instructions of the Executive Engineer, Nilgiri Division.

3. Should the Jail Department not be enabled to supply the requisite working tools, the Executive Engineer should be requisitioned for the same without delay.

4. The terms of payment for the work will be arranged in direct communication with the Chief Engineer, but, generally speaking, the Government are of opinion that the simplest method would be to pass to credit of the Jail Department the value of the work executed appraised at local rates, leaving the Jail Department to meet cost of extra guards, &c., from the amount.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Inspector-General of Jails.
" Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 8th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 8th March 1883, No. 765 W.

MARCH.
No. 73.

Ootacamund

The early supply of convict labor for work at — in connection with the shaping of the ground laid dry by the lowering of the lake, ordered.

No 555.

Supg. Engineer's Office, 4th Circle.
Adamp Arcot, 5th December 1883.
Decr 8th — Do —

From

The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,
P.W. Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me whether the charge of Rs. 3. 9, sanctioned in G.O. No. 1440 W of 18th May 1883 is for each convict per working day regardless of wet weather.

2. The Executive Engineer, struck out half a day from the Bill for October, when the convicts did not work owing to rain, and this is objected to by the Jail Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

P. Beatty - Colr., R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

2. On the Superintendent of the Ootacamund Jail submitting the usual monthly bill for the hire of convicts employed in the Nilgiri Division, the Executive Engineer altered and returned the labor bill stating that, as the convicts were employed on the 16th October for only half a day, he had altered the amount, and declined to admit the whole hire as entered in the bill.

3. The Public Works Department only pays $3\frac{as}{4}$ a man, whilst the value of labor on the hills is from 5 to 6 annas a day. The amount of $3\frac{as}{4}$ does not cover the cost of a convict at Ootacamund, but as it is simply a book adjustment

205/9 Rs

adjustment and no cash is paid it does not very much matter what nominal rate of hire is charged. I think, however, for simplification of accounts, it will be convenient to have a fixed rate per diem independent of the state of the weather. In very wet weather the convicts are sometimes unable to work the full day and seek temporary shelter. The fact of their having been sent back to the jail once only during the whole season shows that the prisoners have worked right through the wet weather without hindrance.

4. I would suggest that the original rate $3\frac{as}{4}$ as fixed by the S.P.W. in G.O. No 1440 W of the 18th May last be accepted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. E. Munro
Inspector General of Jails.

Reference on No. 85 of 1884
In replying the above should be quoted.



Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following letter from the
Inspector General of Jails, dated
10th January 1884.

No 153

Forwarded to the Public
Works Department with referred
papers.

The Judicial Department
agree with the Inspector General
in his remarks.

For the Secretary

For the Secy
22nd January 1884

Chief Secretary

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Gobt. of (1883) Madras.

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G. O. 24th Jan'y 1884 No. 215 W.

Hire of camels
employed at Ottacaimm
Deciding that the rate
already sanctioned
3 Annas & 9 pice per day
as the — should be
adhered to in all cases.

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J. M. P.

Subd. Insp. Dept.