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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,*  
*26th October 1871.*

No. 155. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Kurnool, 12th September 1871, No. 19 :—

With reference to Government Order, dated 19th June 1871, No. 876, refusing to allow the Kurnool Municipality a gang of prisoners free of charge, I have the honour to bring to your notice that Colonel Wilson, in his letter to Government, No. 2, dated 2nd April 1870, calculates the value of labour at the rate of one Anna per man, and in his letter, G. O., dated 28th April 1870, No. 595. No. 94, dated 1st June 1871, at two Annas per man, G. O., dated 19th June 1871, No. 876. which raises the nominal value of convict labour for the Municipality in four years to Rupees 7,213.

2. The Commissioners must, however, point out to Government the fallacy of the calculation of value of labour received gratis by the Municipality. The reasons why the Government were asked to allow a gang of prisoners to work free of charge was because, as pointed out in my letter, No. 64, dated 9th May 1867, the Sanitary Commissioner had described the peculiar situation of Kurnool, and the necessity there was for Government to aid the Commissioners. And Government consented to consider the expediency of aiding the Municipal Commissioners in a well-digested scheme, &c.

3. Plans and estimates were accordingly sent up and returned, and sent to the Superintending Engineer, and an Overseer was advertized for, and nothing more has been heard of the matter. It is not necessary to re-open that subject, for, under present arrangements, no money would be granted by Government, and the town is improved and healthy, and the Act has been abolished, and in its place Act III. of 1871 instituted. But I merely mention the matter to show why I applied for convict work, gratis.

4. It would be "one of the most direct methods of aiding the Commissioners in carrying out municipal improvements that I am aware of," and when I wrote that I had in my mind the idea of the great wants of the town as detailed by Mr. Ellis, the Sanitary Commissioner.

5. The intention was that they should do road-work, such as repairs, and so relieve the Commissioners and enable them to carry out other necessary requirements. But what has been the case? I believe that those 57,719 prisoners, valued at 7,212 Rupees, have not repaired much above one-half mile of road in the Municipality.

6. The work they were employed in was not at the request of the Municipality, and it generally consisted of planting trees, and building protecting walls round them. I never knew it was considered as municipal work, and imagined it was done in order to occupy the prisoners, and it was certainly for the furtherance of a wish of the Superintendent to beautify Kurnool with trees.

7. It was not till we were called on to pay for wear and tear of tools that it struck me that every thing done out of the jail was charged to the Municipality, and that was why I asked the Jail authorities to show me the detail of particular works upon which tools charged were used. The money was, however, paid as ordered by Government in their Order, No. 595, dated 28th April 1870.

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8. If there was a necessity to allow us the prisoners till 1870, and an order by Government passed in 26th June 1867, I am unable to see that there was any reason why the Superintendent of the Jail should take on himself to refuse to allow us convict labour on the plea that the Government Order only sanction its application as a temporary measure.

9. Because Government have not aided this Municipality as Mr. Ellis thought it should be aided, and because our funds are small, and our payments to the irrigation are large, I request Government to re-consider their last Order, No. 876, dated 19th June 1871, and allow for the use of this Municipality a gang of prisoners, free of charge, for the purpose of repairing roads. At present they are employed in breaking up a great deal of metalling for roads, with what object I know not, and laying it near the jail in such a manner as to be dangerous should an outbreak of prisoners occur. Instead, therefore, of carrying and laying up this large dangerous store of broken stone, it would be far easier, more economical and useful to lay it down on the municipal roads that require it.

No. 156.

ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1871, No. 1631.

On further consideration, the Government will not insist on the Municipality being deprived, during the current financial year, of the supply of convict labour which has hitherto been granted to them without payment, on the understanding that carts, tools, ropes, and other articles required in their employment are furnished by the Municipality, or that if these are provided from the jail they shall be charged to the Municipality.

2. In order to ensure the efficient working of the gang of convicts, it is, in the opinion of the Government, necessary that the Municipality should provide a work Overseer, and that they should furnish to the Superintendent of the Jail a weekly statement describing the work done by the convicts under municipal supervision. The President will, in his annual report, state in detail the nature and value of the work performed when the Government will decide as to the continuance of the exceptional privilege.

3. The Government direct that the store of broken stone collected by the Jail Superintendent be made over to the Municipality without payment.

(True Extract.)

*Under Secretary to Government.*

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool.

„ Inspector-General of Jails.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Frou,

President of the Club

Turner.

The Chief Secretary

to Government

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*Sitz*

With reference to "Good

= Import Order dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 18<sup>th</sup>

10876 refusing to allow the

Turnout Municipality a game

of Passengers free of charge,

I have the honor to be

to your notice, that I have

Wilson in his letter to Governor

G.O. dated 28<sup>th</sup> - Serial 102 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr  
 1870-71

April 1870. 10  
595. 1870; calculate the value of

Labors at the rate of one

anna per Mary, and

in his letter of 1094, dated

1<sup>st</sup> June 1871 at two min.

her man which price

Geo dated  
19 June 1871  
e 10876

Dec. 1871

**PUBLIC.**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

Dr.

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Dated October, 26th.  
Recd.

**Fact.**

G. O., 26th October 1871, No. 1631.

**OCTOBER.**  
**Nos. 155-156.**

Passing orders in regard to the supply of convict labour to the Kurunool Municipality.

the nominal value of convict labor for the Municipality in 4 years, to  
(Pg 7213)

2. The Commissioners  
presented to Government the salary  
of calculations of value of  
labor received gratis by the  
Municipality. The reasons  
why the Government were  
asked to allow a grant of  
gratuity to mark & pay  
charge was because as  
presented out in my letter  
of 1864 dated 9th May 1867  
the Sanitary Commissioners  
had described the peculiar  
situation of Havana, and  
the necessity there was  
for Government to aid the  
Commissioners and Government  
were concerned to consider  
the expediency of aiding

Mr. Ellis  
report on the  
passage to 53

the Municipal Commissioners  
in a well digested scheme  
3. Plans and estimates  
were accordingly sent up, and  
returned, and sent to the  
Superintending Engineer and  
his Overseer was directed  
for and nothing more  
has been heard of the  
matter. It is not necessary  
to reopen that subject, for  
under present arrange-  
ments no money would  
be granted by Government  
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and healthy and the  
slut has been abolished,  
and in its place the  
of 1871 instituted. But I  
briefly mention the matter  
to show why I applied for  
convict work gratis.

4. It would be one of the  
most direct methods of aiding  
the Commissioners in carrying

"out Municipal Improvements"  
"that I am aware of" and  
when I wrote that I had  
in my mind the idea  
of the great wants of the  
Town as detailed by Mr.  
Ellis the Sanitary Commis-  
sioner.

5. The intention was,  
that they should do road  
work, such as repairs and  
so relieve the Commissioners  
and enable them to carry  
out other necessary require-  
ments. But what has  
been the case? I believe  
that those 57719 Prisoners  
employed at 7212 Rs. have  
not repaired more than  
one half mile of road  
in the Municipality.

6. The work they were  
employed in was not at  
the request of the Municipality  
and it generally consisted

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of planting trees, and  
building protecting walls  
round them, & I believe  
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as municipal work, and  
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certainly for the furtherance  
of a wish of the Superinten-  
dent to beautify the road  
with trees.

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were called on to pay for  
wear and tear of tools, that  
it struck me that every  
thing done out of the jail  
was charged to the Munici-  
pality, and that was why  
I asked the jail authorities  
to show me the details of  
particular works upon  
which tools charged were  
used. The money was  
however paid as ordered.

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Order 10595 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> 1861  
April 1870.  
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to allow us the prisoners  
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Government passed in  
26<sup>th</sup> June 1867. I am  
unable to see that there  
was any reason why the  
Superintendent of the Jail  
should take on himself  
to refuse to allow us  
convict labor, and the plea  
that the Government order  
only sanctioned its application  
as a temporary measure.  
9. The Government  
have granted this  
Municipality as ~~Miscellaneous~~  
thought it should be  
added, and because our  
funds are small, and  
our payments to the

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Municipality are large, require  
Government to read, under  
their last order of 876 dated  
17<sup>th</sup> June 1871, and allow  
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Municipality a gang of  
Prisoners free of charge  
for the purpose of repairing  
roads. At present  
they are employed in  
breaking up a great deal  
of metal for road work.  
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and laying it near the  
Jail, in such a manner  
as to be dangerous should  
an outbreak of Prisoners  
occur. Instead therefore  
of carrying and laying  
up this large dangerous  
store of broken stone,  
it would be far easier,  
more economical and  
useful to lay it down

Thine affectionately  
 Ever  
 Yours &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

J. Cruise  
President  
H. N. C.



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 Dec 18. —  
 No 1942 of 10/19  
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Public Department <sup>17</sup>

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We have better direct  
 this as Commit.  
 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 71 A. A.

this at the  
 18th Oct 1911  
 In the name of the  
 Registrar General  
 the Court in the  
 Order  
 J. P.

Read the following  
letter from the Pres.  
of the Hum. Comm.  
Newark, N.J. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept  
1871. A. 19.

erew 26 Oct. 1971

I do not see how  
he can make an  
excuse in favor  
of Krumpholtz. I would  
rather pick them the  
stones than the men.  
I would much prefer  
fragments - as the fragments  
seem to me done better  
for the time.

One further con-  
sideration the Govt  
will not insist on  
the Municipality ~~being~~  
<sup>during the current year</sup>  
~~deprived of the benefit~~  
of convict labor which  
has hitherto been  
granted to them with-  
out

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without payment,  
on the understanding  
that casts, tools, ropes  
and other articles re-  
quired in their em-  
-ployment are fur-  
-nished by the mu-  
-nicipality, or that  
if these are provided  
from the jail they  
~~shall~~  
~~be~~ charged to the  
municipality.

2. In order to en-  
-sure the efficient  
working of the gang  
of convicts, it is,  
in the opinion of  
the Govt., necessary  
that

October 6<sup>th</sup> October 7/71

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My dear Sir, I return the papers received with  
your note of this morning. In my letter of June 1871  
/June 1871 of 1871/ I said I had no objection to  
give a fund provided the the gift could spare it,  
but as circumstances have altered & stated in  
June of this year that thought it desirable  
the limit should be paid for /value  
876 of 1871/. That is still my opinion, but if  
the Municipal authority is really poor, and the  
value of a fund will be useful to the State, I will  
waive my objections on the understanding  
that the fund is given on the old conditions, &  
also the other casts, tools, ropes & so on to be  
provided by the Municipality, so that the town  
& town of fair property is to be paid for. The  
course first named is the better as in the

case there will not be any disputes -

I must now make one or two remarks on Mr. Charles's letter, and also offer a suggestion regarding the direction of the Labor if it is granted -

\ I valued the Labor in my first letter at 1 Annua for man as being the lowest rate. in my second I put it at 2 Annua as the ordinary rate -

What is wanted is to show how much fruit has been put into the Municipality with fruit, & in valuing the Labor at 2 Annua, I do not think I have gone too far, but if you take it at 1 Annua the value of the Labor given fruit will be \$3601 -

\ Touching the manner in which the fanny has employed I must point out that it was placed at the disposal of the

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Municipality, and if the man were employed in any way not desired by the Comm<sup>rs</sup> the matter ought to have been brought to notice. It is idle to set up such an argument as the contained in para 6.

\ There was no occasion to refer to the refusal of the Library Dept to continue the fanny. I have addressed my letter of Jan 11/71 to the Com<sup>rs</sup> as the body, and the address was made to the Government -

\ The stones attached to our broken for sale. If a fanny is given free I think that the Municipality may fairly be called upon to buy the stone of broken stone at a fair price. No suggestion that it should be made over to fruit. seems somewhat cool.

In order to assume the efficient looking

of the Jany. which may be given would  
make it a condition that the Commissioner  
should supply a man to do the work and  
look the labor, and that a monthly  
statement of describing the work done be  
forwarded to the Dept of the Jail for  
publication in his Annual Report.  
A similar course should be adopted  
in the case of all Jany. given gratis  
to Municipalities. If you wish I can  
write in a more official form, but this  
presents my views upon the  
subject. I remain  
Yours truly  
J. M. McKim

1. The President will in  
his annual report state  
in detail the nature &  
value of the work per-  
formed & how the  
Govt. will decide as  
to the continuance of  
the Captivity privilege

2.

The Pres't, Muni Comm: }  
Huronwood } Sept 9/11  
-- Supr. Genl of Jails. }

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that the Municipality  
should provide a work  
overseer, and that they  
should furnish to the  
Sup't of the jail, a  
weekly statement de-  
scribing the work done  
by the convicts under  
municipal supervision.  
3. The Govt direct that  
the store of broken stone  
collected by the Jail  
Superintendent be offered  
~~for sale to the Muni-~~  
~~city. They see no~~  
~~reason why this ma-~~  
~~terial should be made~~  
over to the Municipality  
without payment.

LB

Supply of Connecticut  
to the Kansas Municipality

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Attended in Council  
20. Oct. 51.  
L.B.