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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
* 3	9	10	10	..	..	..	10	..	..

* Two not declared vagrants.

FORM II.—GOVERNMENT WORKHOUSE.

STATEMENT showing the Operation of the European Vagrancy Act IX of 1874 for the year ending 31st December 1897.

Number to be accounted for.			Number who have left the Workhouse during the year.				
Remaining in Workhouse at close of preceding year as per col. 9 of last year's statement.	Admitted during the year as per column 8 of form No. I.	Total.	Discharged on obtaining employment (section 15).	Released under section 16, but not removed from British India.	Removed from British India under section 16.	Left the Workhouse and not accounted for in columns 4, 5 and 6.	Total of columns 4, 5, 6 and 7.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
..	10	10	2	2	..	* 5	9

Number remaining in Workhouse.	Period of confinement.		Punishments by the Governor under section 14.				
Number remaining in Workhouse at close of year under report (difference between columns 3 and 8).	Longest period of confinement of any vagrant included in column 8.	Longest period of confinement of any vagrant included in column 9.	Solitary confinement (clause a).	Solitary confinement with reduction of diet (clause b).	Hard labour (clause c).	Reduction of diet (clause d).	Total number of punishments (total of columns 12 to 15).
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	M. D. 3 8	M. D. 2 6	..	..	..	..	..

* Absconded
Remanded to Her Majesty's Penitentiary pending despatch to America 4
Total .. 5

FORM III.—GOVERNMENT WORKHOUSE.

STATEMENT showing the Operation of the European Vagrancy Act IX of 1874 for the year ending 31st December 1897.

1			2					3				4		
Workhouse.	Nationality.					Age.				Previous occupation.				
	a		b	c	d	e	a	b	c	d	a	b	c	
	Number of Europeans.		Number of Americans.	Number of Australians.	Number belonging to other classes of British-born subjects.	Total of columns a to d.	Under 16.	16 to 40.	40 to 60.	Above 60.	Sailors.	Soldiers.	Grooms.	
	British-born subjects.	Others.												
Madras	5	1	1	..	3	10	..	6	8	1	2	3	1	

FORM IV.—(EXPENDITURE).

STATEMENT showing the Operation of the European Vagrancy Act IX of 1874 for the year ending 31st December 1897.

Average daily population of Workhouse during the year.	Expenditure under section 8, Act IX of 1874.	Expenditure in removal from British India under section 16.	Expenditure in Workhouse.				Total of columns 4, 5, 6 and 7.
			Clothing and rations.	Hospital charges.	Establishment.	Contingencies and miscellaneous.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
8	7 9 0	..	97 4 6	..	1,086 0 0	133 4 3	1,216 8 9
Expenditure in Workhouse—cont.		Charges connected with the working of the Act not accounted for in previous columns.	Total cost to Government (columns 2, 3, 8 and 10).		Remarks.		
Average cost of each inmate of Workhouse during the year (column 8).							
9	10		11		12		
RS. A. P. 131 10 6	RS. A. P. 234 6 0		RS. A. P. 1,558 7 9		Extra stores RS. A. P. Medical diet 9 15 9 Municipal taxes on Workhouse for 1897 .. 4 12 7 Total .. 219 9 8		
					Total .. 234 6 0		

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Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, with reference to G.O., No. 494, Public, dated 9th July 1890.

MADRAS,
24th February 1898.

(Signed) A. P. AGAR,
Ag. Commissioner of Police.

ORDER—No. 477, Public, dated 28th March 1898.

The foregoing statements show the results of the working of the European Vagrancy Act IX of 1874 in this Presidency during the year 1897. The punctual submission of the statements is satisfactory.

2. No vagrants were left on the rolls of the Government Workhouse on the 31st December 1896. Of the ten persons admitted during the year under review, two were discharged on obtaining employment, two were released under section 16 of the Act, four absconded, and one was remanded to Her Majesty's Penitentiary, pending despatch to America, leaving one vagrant on the rolls at the close of the year.

3. Of the vagrants admitted during the year, five were European British subjects, and one came under the heading of "Other Europeans." There was no Australian, but one American and three "Other British subjects." The corresponding numbers for 1896 were eighteen, one, four, one and two, respectively.

The following statement compares the previous occupations of the inmates in 1897 with those for the years 1895 and 1896:—

	1895.	1896.	1897.
Sailors	6	5	2
Soldiers	1	6	3
Grooms	..	2	..
Clerks	5	10	4
Mechanics and Railway employés ..	1	1	..
Artizans and labourers	3	2	..
Other occupations	..	..	..
Total ..	16	26	10

4. The daily average population of the Workhouse was 8 as against 2.5 in 1896. The longest period of confinement fell from five months and twenty-four days to three months and eight days. The total expenditure incurred during the year was Rupees 1,558-7-9, the figure for 1896 being Rs. 1,810-6-4.

The average cost of each inmate was very much higher than in the two previous years, viz., Rs. 131-10-6 as against Rs. 81-4-1 and Rs. 50-5-5 for 1895 and 1896, respectively. This is mainly due to the fact that the number of inmates decreased, whereas the principal item of expenditure, viz., establishment, was practically the same as in 1895 and in excess of the corresponding charge in 1896. The details are compared below:—

	1895.	1896.	1897.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Clothing and rations	363 5 8	237 10 6	97 4 6
Contingencies and miscellaneous ..	176 4 2	155 7 6	133 4 3
	539 9 10	393 2 0	230 8 9
Establishment	1,085 8 0	1,066 10 4	1,086 0 0
Total ..	1,625 1 10	1,459 12 4	1,316 8 9

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
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To the Inspector-General of Police.
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4. The daily average population of the workhouse was '8 as against 205 in 1896. The longest period of confinement fell from five months and twenty-four days to three months and eight days. The total

total expenditure incurred during the year was Rs 1558.73 the figure for 1896 being Rs 1810.6.4

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Clothing and rations	Rs 363.5.8	Rs 237.10.6	Rs 97.4.4
Contingencies and Miscellaneous	Rs 176.4.2	Rs 185.7.6	Rs 133.4.5
	Rs 539.9.10	Rs 393.2.0	Rs 230.8.9
Establishment	Rs 1085.8.0	Rs 1066.10.4	Rs 1086.0.0
Total	Rs 1625.1.10	Rs 1459.12.4	Rs 1316.8.9

To the S. G. of Police.
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Workhouse.	4—cont.												Total.
	Previous occupation—cont.												
	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	
	Shopkeepers and traders.	Clerks and others holding similar ministerial offices under Government.	Clerks and others holding similar ministerial offices in private firms, &c.	Mechanics.	Railway guards, drivers, fitters, plate-layers and others holding similar appointments under Railway Companies.	Carpenters, shoemakers and others in similar occupation.	Labourers.	No occupation.				Other professional occupations.	
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