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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Local DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1697	Press Mis.
Dated	16 - 11 -	1877.

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No. 278. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 21st October 1876, No. 68 :—

G.O., No. 653, Revenue Department, dated 22nd May 1876, points out a difference in the expenditure on the Government Cinchona Plantations on the Nilgiris as rendered by the Cinchona Department and the Accountant-General up to 31st March 1875, of from Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 20,000, and observes further that the Jail Department affirms a claim against the plantations of Rs. 72,000, while the Cinchona Department considers there is no such claim. The order directs the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, the Inspector-General of Jails, and the Superintendent of Cinchona Plantations to meet under the presidency of the Hon. Sir William Robinson, and endeavour to reconcile these "apparent discrepancies."

2. The discrepancy between the accounts rendered by the Accountant-General and the Cinchona Department can only be reconciled when an officer of the Account Department goes into the Cinchona accounts on the spot. This is about being done. It will possibly appear that the difference is owing to the Government Botanical Garden accounts having been mixed up with the Cinchona accounts, as is stated in the Government Order under report from 1860-61 to 1863-64, both years inclusive.

3. The Superintendent of Cinchona Plantations died in June last. The other officers referred to met the Hon. Sir William Robinson on the 4th instant.

4. In my letter in the Government Order under report I wrote: "The convict labor was paid for to the Prison and Police authorities at their departmental rates. The sum thus paid amounted to Rs. 73,093." The statement was made under a misapprehension of the facts.

5. By G.O., No. 1,388, Revenue Department, dated 3rd August 1864, the expediency of employing convict labor on the Cinchona Plantations with reference to the scarcity of free labor on the Nilgiris was declared, and the Superintendent of the Plantations was directed to submit estimates for buildings to house the convicts.

6. By G.O., dated 8th September 1864, No. 1,340, Judicial Department, an estimate of Rs. 21,255-5-0 for the buildings was sanctioned.

7. With reference to the convicts the arrangements made are detailed in a letter from the Inspector-General of Jails, then Mr. Rohde, dated 12th August 1864, No. 151. Mr. Rohde recommended *inter alia* that ordinary food and clothing and guards as in the Zillah Jail should be provided in the Prison Department, that indulgences should be paid for by the Superintendent of the Plantations, and that the whole cost of the prisoners in excess of that at which they were kept in the jails from which they were transferred should also be paid from the Cinchona estimate.

8. On the 21st February 1866, Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson was appointed Inspector-General of Jails. Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson reported in his letter to Government, printed in G.O., dated 28rd March 1866, No. 425, that the cost of a convict in the plains was Rs. 51-11-11, on the Hills Rs. 108-6-5 per annum.

9. Convicts were employed on the plantations from 1865-66 to 1868-69, both years inclusive. The cost to the Jail Department was Rs. 21,807-1-8. This sum represents about Rs. 78 per head per year. The difference between this cost and the cost of convicts in the plains is owing to additional clothing being supplied and to the food costing much more.

10. The average daily number of prisoners located at Dodabetta in the years under notice was 75½. Taking each man as costing Rs. 156 as stated above, the Local Department paid out of this sum Rs. 78 and the Cinchona Department Rs. 78. If the convicts were employed for four years and the daily average was 75½ the outlay incurred by the Cinchona Department on convicts at this plantation was, say, Rs. 15,000.

11. At Naddivattam the convicts were employed also for four years and the average daily strength was 153. Taking the same difference as in the case of Dodabetta, the money spent on convict labor at Naddivattam by the Cinchona Department was, say, Rs. 32,000.

12. These disbursements represent the cost of guarding. They agree with Rs. 55,000 of the expenditure from the Cinchona estimates shown in the Government Order under reply as Rs. 79,988.

13. Rs. 10,000 remain to be accounted for. In his letter quoted above Mr. Bohde proposed the prisoners should receive indulgences in order to induce them to work with spirit. He estimated the cost at 3 Pice per day per man. About 1,95,000 prisoners were employed in all at Naddivattam and in those cases indulgences on the scale laid down cost, say, Rs. 5,100. At Nedivattam in all 2,13,000 prisoners were at work, and their indulgences on the scale of 3 Pice cost, say, Rs. 5,500.

14. It is believed, however, that indulgences averaged a great deal more than 6 Pice per day, and that Rs. 13,000 represent the money spent on them, and extra to standing charges, such as the pay of Apothecaries, &c. It is known for instance that the Assistant Superintendent at Naddivattam received Rs. 100 per mensem for superintending the convicts at their work.

15. The Government Order under report refers to charges incurred by the Local Department in connection with Pykara. It is understood that convicts employed there were under the Public Works Department, and that payment paid for the labor. This item must be expunged as respects the Cinchona Department.

16. No convicts were ever located at Mukurthi.

No. 270.

Ootacamund, 16th November 1876, No. 1,617.

Miscellaneous.

From the Government to the Board of Revenue, the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, the Accountant-General.

The Government is satisfied with the explanation and regrets those pecuniary charges, and directs that in the annual and revenue accounts of the Cinchona plantation Rs. 1,14,000 be entered as charge for convicts instead of Rs. 74,000 as shown by the Superintendent.

2. The discrepancy of Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 20,000 in the Accountant-General's statement should be referred for further examination, as suggested in the Commissioner's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
The Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
The Accountant-General.

Copy to R. Parthasarathy.

Govt. of Fort St. George.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Sir, Fort St. George, 26th

Dated November 1868.

Read

G.O. 360 Revenue 1870, No. 1,096

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 2,763-2,764.

Records of the Customs Department.—Instructing collectors in regard to the Commanders in respect of the fees and consular charges in the case of vessels touching at Aden on the voyage from Bombay to Calcutta and vice versâ.

for Convict Labor in this Department. Confusion has arisen through not knowing in what Cases the Jail Department bore all charges for Rations &c as usual in the Coimbatore Jail Rs: 72000, the Superintendent of Police Plantations made for keeping the Convicts Guarding Subsistence &c &c - and the Jail Convict charges at the Manufactories both Clothing of two classes Rs: 14,000 + Share of Jail Expenses to Each of the Contractors of the Cocoanut & Cotton Jail paying by the

Ordered 1897

Average Cost of a Convict on the Rolls as Compared with the same in the Coimbatore Jail, the total charge is moderate Capitation charge on the number of Prisoners

I would say that Convict Establishment should be separated with the Supplementary Charges Rations Clothing &c and Direct that in the Capital Account alone of the Circle on a Return Rs: 4,46,000 the Interest charge for Convicts off Rs: 74,000 as shown by the Superintendent

The discrepancy of Rs: 10,000 to depend on the Return Cocoanut & Cotton

Mr Secretary to Commissioners
Treasury Chambers
Whitehall
16 January 1876

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I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
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6 Mr Commissioners Order Taxed &
8th September 1864 in 1340 Judicial &
Settlement, an Estimate of £1265 0s 5d
for the building and Furnished.

7. Both references to the Commissioners
assessments made are detailed in
a Letter from the Inspector Rowan &
of Jails Chief Office Dated 13th &
August 1864 & to 151. the Clerk recommended
under alia that a Deficiency found in
Clothing and Bedding in the Jails
Inspected & that Deficiencies should &
be paid for by the Superintendent &
of the Establishment and that the whole
Cost of the Deficiencies in excess of that
allowed they were kept in the Jails
from which they were transferred should
also be paid from the Estimates &
Estimate.

8 On the 21st July 1865 Lieutenant &
Colonel Wilson made a Report & Inspection
Cancels

Of Cells of Jails, Lt Col. Wilson referred
in his Letter & Cards specified in G 8
Dated 23rd March 1864 to 25 that the
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Years of Office. Yet and & the Jails
Inspected & 1865 Old 2180 £ 1 & 8 . .
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Cent & per Annum Inspection Returns
Cash Book & the Cost of Corridor in
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Clothing Bedding Inspected and & the
Food Cooking Utensils Fuel

10 The average daily number of
Prisoners Located in Dedicated in the
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above, the Jail Inspection & Jails out of

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15 Salaries [illegible] Treasury [illegible] £50 Os for [illegible] the Treasury [illegible]

15 The Corporation of Aldermen

Dec 18th Despt
No 68 No 4411

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs
To
The Secretary of State
for the Home Department
Whitehall
Dated 21 Oct 1876
Received

To request that the
Secretary of State may be
pleased to cause the
Inspectors of Anstruther
Common Lodging House
to be directed to make
their Returns to this
Department for the
year ending 31st March 1876
instead of the usual
period

I am &c
(for) Under Secretary of State