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RETURN showing the AVERAGE MONTHLY COST of the Guard on board Her Majesty's ship "Curacoa," and Prison Hulk "Marion," together with that of Superintendency, and Rations of Fresh Meat, Fuel, and Water, supplied from 26th November, 1863, to 2nd August, 1864.

	Dec.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	TOTAL.	Average Cost per Mensm.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
<i>Guard.</i>											
1 Captain, Ensign, and Guard, 50th Regt., from 26th Nov. to 16th Dec., 1863, on board H.M.S. "Curacoa"	80 19 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80 19 0	Pay allowed by Colonial Government.
1 Captain, Ensign, and Guard, 43rd Regt., from 26th Nov. to 16th Dec., 1863, on board H.M.S. "Curacoa"	...	90 17 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90 17 0	
Honorarium to Dr. Slade, attendance upon prisoners on board H.M.S. "Curacoa"	...	30 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30 0 0	
<i>Hulk "Marion."</i>											
1 Captain and 1 Ensign, from 7th Jan.; 1 Surgeon, from 25th Feb.	...	51 0 10 222 4 6	62 19 2 268 8 6	86 10 10 279 11 0	83 15 0 288 18 0	86 10 10 276 8 6	83 15 0 268 17 6	86 10 10 288 4 0	5 11 8 0 17 5	546 14 2 0 1909 17 0	Average for— 7 mths. £379 15 3
Men	...	394 2 4	331 7 8	366 1 10	372 13 0	362 19 4	352 12 6	374 14 10	22 16 8	2658 7 2	
Total	80 19 0										
<i>Superintendency.</i>											
Superintendent	7 0 8	27 5 1	25 9 11	27 5 1	26 7 6	27 5 1	26 7 6	27 5 1	2 12 9	196 18 8	Average for— 7 mths. £65 14 3
Wardens	...	31 4 0	34 16 0	37 4 0	36 0 0	39 6 0	45 0 0	39 12 0	to 2 Aug.	263 2 0	
Totals	7 0 8	58 9 1	60 5 11	64 9 1	62 7 5	66 11 1	71 7 6	66 17 1	2 12 9	460 0 8	
<i>Supplies.</i>											
* Fresh Meat (Guard)	...	7 6 3	70 13 9	75 11 3	73 2 6	77 6 10½	77 6 10½	79 17 7½	3 1½	466 8 2½	Average for— 7 mths. £66 12 7 6 mths. 237 4 4 3 mths. 18 0 1 7 mths. 26 4 0
" (Prisoners)	33 6 6½	261 5 7½	256 19 3½	288 2 2½	284 10 7½	299 2 2½	...	...	...	1423 6 5½	
+ Fuel	1 18 1	4 17 5	22 8 11	24 15 10	...	...	...	...	...	54 0 3	
Water	...	33 0 0	20 16 8	25 8 4	27 1 8	26 5 0	24 3 4	26 13 4	...	183 8 4	
Totals	35 4 7½	306 9 3½	370 18 7½	413 17 7½	384 14 9½	402 14 0½	181 10 2½	106 10 11½	3 1½	2127 3 3½	

* The Imperial Commissariat supplied fresh meat to the Prisoners (at the cost of the Colonial Government) up to the end of May, after which time the Government accepted a contract at 1s. 3½d. per Ration, consisting of 1 lb. biscuit, ½ lb. fresh meat, ½ lb. bread, 3 lb. vegetables 1-6th oz. tea, ½ oz. coffee, 2 ozs. sugar, ½ oz. salt, and 1-36 oz. pepper.
+ Fuel was supplied by the Imperial Commissariat (and charged to the Colony) until the end of March, when the Local Government bought 117 tons of coals for £292 10s., which were lying in the hulk at the time she was purchased, from which supplies were taken as required.
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