

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	18-9-1958	

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Read the following letters.

No. 52. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Magistrate of Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Negapatam, 3rd September 1858, No. 341.

SIR,

1. From the communication marginally noted, the Government are aware of the capture of Arnachella Padeeachée, the notorious and desperate leader of the gang robbers whose depredations in the Northern Talooks of this district, have of late as well as formerly, caused so much loss and anxiety to the native community.

2. I have now the honor to report that Arnachella Padeeachée was on Monday last, arraigned for the crime of escape from the Jail at Guntoor, whilst under sentence for the commission of a heinous offence, and that he has been sentenced by the Session Court to be transported beyond the seas for the term of his natural life, to any place which the Government may be pleased to designate.

3. Arrangements have been made by me to take advantage of the departure from Tranquebar of the Steamer "*Coromandel*," for the transmission of the Convict to Madras, where he will be delivered over to Colonel Boulderson, the Commissioner of Police, who has been informed of the peculiar and determined character of the man.

4. The Steamer is likely to reach Madras to-morrow afternoon. I would therefore solicit the issue by Government of the orders they deem necessary for the ultimate disposal of this most notorious desperado, and at the same time, I beg to mention that his connections in this province are so numerous and influential and withal so comfortable in their worldly circumstances, that there can be little doubt every opening will be tried for securing his escape from the Eastern Coast Settlement to which he may be forwarded.

5. He has himself full confidence in the eventual success of what will be done on his behalf and has boasted, I am informed, that he will return to his old haunts after a certain interval.

6. The continued exodus of the working classes of this province for temporary settlement in the provinces across the Bay of Bengal and the facilities which are afforded by native vessels of every class for the periodical return of these persons to the ports of this and the neighbouring districts, seem to supply ready means for the escape by sea of any Convict whose friends can aid him personally or otherwise to break Jail.

7. The Government know that Arnachella Padeeachée's last breaking from Jail was his fourth successful escape. It seems, therefore, essentially necessary, I submit, that more than ordinary means be now adopted for preserving society from the infliction which his fifth escape will cause; and I would therefore respectfully suggest that, if practicable, he be transported to the Andaman Islands or to that Penal Settlement which is deemed the most secure.

No. 53. From Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th September 1858, No. 126.

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*Judicial Department, dated 15th June 1858, No. 785.

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1. With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,* I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the arrival of a Native male Convict† under sentence of transportation from Combaconum, at 1. P. M., this day.

2. A Descriptive Roll and copy of a Warrant of the said Convict are herewith transmitted.

No. 54. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 18th September 1858, No. 1280.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Governor in Council to request the permission of the Government of India, to forward one Aranachella Padeeachée, a Native Convict under sentence of transportation for life, to Port Blair in the Andamans.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st September 1858.

2. This man is a notorious and desperate leader of a gang of robbers, whose depredations in the Northern Talooks of the Tanjore District have of late as well as formerly caused great loss and anxiety to the Native community. He has broken Jail on four different occasions and Government have been obliged to offer large sums for his re-apprehension. His connections in the Province of Tanjore are numerous and influential and in such comfortable circumstances, that the Magistrate of that place has little doubt that every opening will be tried for securing his escape from the Eastern Coast Settlements if he be sent thither. He is said to have himself full confidence in the eventual success of what will be done on his behalf and has boasted, the Magistrate is informed, that he will return to his old haunts after a certain interval.

3. The continued exodus of the working classes of this Province of Tanjore for temporary settlement in the countries across the Bay of Bengal and the facilities which are afforded by Native vessels for their periodical return, offer means for the escape by sea of any Convict, whose friends can aid him personally or to otherwise break Jail. Under these circumstances, the Magistrate of Tanjore has recommended that Aranachella Padeeachee, may, if practicable, be transported to the Andamans; and although the crimes of which he has been convicted are not those for which offenders are usually transported to those Islands, I am directed to solicit the sanction of the Supreme Government to his being sent thither as a special case, and in view to cut off all means of escape.

4. There are at present 16 Convicts tried under Act XIV of 1857 at the Madras Depot, awaiting transportation to the Andamans, and 10 more are expected from the Jails in the Provinces. It is not probable that this number will be much increased. None have been despatched thither since my letter to you under date the 4th June last.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Dated 18th Sept 1858.

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