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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th March 1858.

No. 3. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 19th February 1858, No. 50.

SIR,

I have the honor to lay before the Government the case of "Cottayen," a Convict of the Salem Jail, a leper, who having already undergone his original sentence, of 14 years' imprisonment, is now liable to a further sentence of two years' confinement for escape; the Sub Judge has brought the prisoner's case to my notice with a view to his release which the Zillah Surgeon reports necessary to the prisoner's health. Already it would appear change of air has been tried without benefit and considering the man's state, his leprosy and "his losing his fingers and toes" from this disease, I am induced to recommend that the unexpired period of his sentence for escape be remitted.

2. I enclose the original applications of the Surgeon and Sub Judge.

From W. HODGSON, Esq., Acting Subordinate Judge of Salem; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, dated 8th February 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a Certificate granted by the Zillah Surgeon of this station, regarding prisoner Cottayen's health with reference to the number of occasions on which he has been admitted into Hospital during his sentence of 14 years' imprisonment, just expired, on a charge of gang robbery in Calendar No. 44 of 1843, and beg to recommend that the further sentence of two years' imprisonment, which he has now to undergo for escape from custody previous to his original sentence, may be commuted.

This is to certify that prisoner Cottayen's health has for some years past been bad. He has been constantly in Hospital during his sentence of 14 years, suffering chiefly from ulcers; now he is afflicted with leprosy and losing the joints of his fingers and toes. It appears he was once transferred to Darampoory, then to Madras, then to Chingleput, and finally sent back here. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that a commutation of the further sentence of two years' imprisonment would tend materially to benefit his health.

(Signed) H. R. D. MARRETT,
Zillah Surgeon.

27th January 1858.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. HODGSON,
Acting Subordinate Judge.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 279; dated 3rd March 1858.

Resolved that the Director General, Medical Department, be requested to inform Government, whether the prisoner in question can be received as a patient in the Leper Hospital at Madras.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Statement of Dr. [illegible]
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From the Inspector of Hospitals
Dated 17th February 1855

To Order

I cannot approve of persons
keeping papers to wander about
the wards of hospitals to hand to
the sick for perusal

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(Signed) T. DYROCK,
Chief Secretary.

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Resolved that the Director general Medical Dep[t] be requested to inform Govt whether the Prisoner in question can be received as a patient in the Leper Hospital at Madras

Fort St George
30th March 1858

Director Genl Med[l] Dep[t]
Inspector of Prisons

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