

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th June 1858.

No. 29. Read the following letter from C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 7th May 1858, No. 744.

SIR,

Home Dept. It having been determined to send all mutineer and rebel convicts to Port Blair in the Andamans, and it being consequently necessary to make arrangements for their reception and to know before hand the number of such convicts likely to be sent there, I am directed to request that you will report as early as possible for the information of the President in Council, what number of mutineers and rebels have been already sentenced to transportation in the several Districts of the Madras Presidency, and as far as can be foreseen, what numbers are likely to be sentenced to transportation before the end of the present calendar year.

2. I am also directed to request that you will state from what port the convicts will be embarked for the Andamans.

No. 30. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort St. George, the 4th June 1858, No. 730.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to furnish replies to the three queries put in your letter of the 7th May, No. 744.

1st. "What number of mutineers and rebels have been already sentenced to transportation
" in the several Districts of the Madras Presidency?"

Answer.—Two only: viz., the men referred to in my letter of the 6th February last, No. 179, and whose transmission to the Tenasserim Coast was sanctioned by the Government of India as a special case; *vide* your Under Secretary's letter of the 20th February, No. 317. Besides these, certain (16) *Hyderabad* rebels have been forwarded hence under transportation to Penang, as reported to the Supreme Government under date the 6th January, No. 16.

2nd. "As far as can be foreseen, what numbers are likely to be sentenced to transportation before the end of the present calendar year?"

Answer.—Looking to the state of the country, the Governor in Council does not anticipate any further sentences of the kind, unless perhaps in the case of parties concerned in the disturbances which now prevail on the northern frontier of the Canara District. The Joint Magistrate and Acting Joint Magistrate there have been invested with the powers of Commissioners under Act XIV, 1857, and they may possibly sentence under it some of the rebels to transportation, but the Government can at present form no idea how many may thus be dealt with. The number is not likely to be great. Hitherto by the last reports no such sentences had been passed.

3rd. "From what port would the Convicts be embarked for the Andamans?"

Answer.—From Madras, except in regard to parties transported from Canara, who might perhaps be embarked at Bombay or at some port on the Western Coast.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 731.

FROM

R. B. CHAPMAN, ESQUIRE,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India,

TO

THE HON'BLE E. A. BLUNDELL,
Governor of the Straits Settlements.

Dated the 6th May 1858.

HON'BLE SIR,

HOMR DEPT.
JUDICIAL.

I AM directed to transmit the accompanying copies of letters,*
from the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay,
respectively, and to request that the 98 Mutineers and
Deserters, &c., therein alluded to who have been transported to Singapore and
Penang, from those Presidencies since May 1857, may be transferred at the
first convenient opportunity to the new Penal Settlement of Port Blair, in
the Andaman Islands.

* No. 16, dated the 6th January 1858.
No. 4, dated the 11th January 1858.

FORT WILLIAM,
The 6th May 1858.

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I have the honor to be,
HON'BLE SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 732.

COPY forwarded to the Superintendent of Port Blair, for information and
guidance.

COPY forwarded to the Government of
to the letter from that Government, No.

with reference
1858.

Dispt. 9th

No 730. of 1858

Judicial Dept

From the Chief Secy

to be Secy. to be Govt of India

Home Dept

Sir. I am directed by the G. in C. to furnish replies to the three queries put in yr letter of the 7th May No 746.

1st. "What number of murderers & rebels have been already sentenced to transportation in the several districts of the Madras Presidency?"

Answer. Two only: viz. the men referred to in my letter of the 6th Feb last No 179, and whose transmission to the Penang Coast was sanctioned by the Govt of India as a special case, vide 8th Under Secy's letter of the 20th Feb No 817. Besides these, certain (16) Hyderabad rebels have been forwarded hence under transportation to Penang, as reported to the Rep. Govt under date the 6th Jan? No 16.

3rd. "As far as can be foreseen, what numbers are likely to be sentenced to transportation before the end of the present calendar year?"

Answer. Looking to the state of the country, the G. in C. does not anticip.

Recd May 25

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