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

No. 66. Read the following letter from W. DOWDESWELL, Esq., Sessions Judge of Chingleput; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chingleput, 5th June 1858, No. 174.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that 25 Convicts under sentence of transportation for life are expected here in the course of a few days, from Hyderabad; all apparently desperate characters, convicted of murder, torch-light robberies, &c. There are at present 27 Convicts in the Jail under sentence of transportation; twenty-four of these have been sentenced for murder or gang robberies attended with torture, and wounding; eleven of these who came from Mysore are Sepoys and Camp Followers who on their first arrival were inclined to be very refractory. Four others from Honore are Seedies and desperate characters. As there will be no less than 52 Convicts in this Jail, all apparently of the worst description, and more expected very soon, I consider it my duty to request, if some cannot quickly be removed, that an additional guard may be supplied, the old Invalid Sepoys being totally incapable of keeping powerful men of this description in subjection, should they attempt any outbreak.

No. 67.

ORDER THEREON, No. 751; dated 7th June 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with a view to Mr. Dowdeswell's request being complied with as early as practicable.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Ordered the communication to
His Excellency the Commander in
Chief, with a view to Mr. Sawdewill's
request being complied with as early
as practicable.

Fort St. George
7 June 1858.

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

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