

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Indrial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	904	Press
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23-24		
Dated	5-7-	~~10~~ 1878

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 6th July 1858.

No. 23. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Sheriff of Madras; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th June 1858, No. 50.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Certificate from the Medical Officer in charge of Her Majesty's Gaol, shewing the state of health of Martin Murphy, and recommending that he be removed to a cooler station.

Martin Murphy was tried in Her Majesty's Supreme Court at Madras on the 8th October 1855, for shooting with intent to murder, convicted, and sentenced to transportation for life. The Imperial Government, however subsequently decided to abolish the punishment of transportation, and to substitute in lieu confinement in some appropriate Gaol in the country in which the crime is committed. Martin Murphy has consequently been detained in Her Majesty's Gaol since the date of his conviction, and as I have noticed his failing health since I have held the Office of Sheriff, I am in hopes that Government will be able to remove him to some other locality, where the climate may not be so injurious to his health; on my visiting the Gaol a few days since, he was in so weak a state as to be scarcely able to rise.

I may add that from my own personal observation, Murphy's behaviour has been such as to warrant any indulgence that the Government may think fit to grant in regard to his removal to a better climate; and that from the testimony of the Gaoler, it appears that his previous conduct was equally good.

This is to certify that Martin Murphy at present confined in Her Majesty's Gaol at Madras, is in a bad state of health, suffering from long confinement in a hot climate. I consider a change of air is urgently required, and would recommend that permission be obtained for his removal to a Gaol at one of the hill or other cool stations.

(Signed) J. L. PAUL,

Madras, }
28th June 1858. }

Surgeon 1st District,
in charge of Her Majesty's Gaol.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, No. 904; dated 5th July 1858.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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5th July, 1858. Z
Inspection of Prison. Dips 5th Mts. JP
Smith of Wandsworth Dips 8th Mts.

Medical 1858 Depart
In D^y to Cons: 6 July
From the Hospital
Madras
To the Secy of the 7th Div.

Dated 29th June 1858.
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p. 50.

Enclosure!
No 1169.

Forwarding a certificate
from the Medical Officer
in charge of 4th Regt
showing the state of
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