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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 22nd to 31st October 1859.

Read again Extract from the Proceedings of the Foujdárí 'Adálat, dated 14th September, and recorded in the Proceedings of Government, 19th September 1859.

No. 64. Read also the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 8th October 1859, No. 491.

In obedience to instructions conveyed in Proceedings of the Madras Government, 19th September 1859, No. 1269, I have the honor to forward herewith a list, such as I have been able to prepare from returns in my possession, of Convicts of this Presidency, who have effected their escape from the Straits Settlements.

List of Madras Convicts who have effected their escape from the Straits Settlements, during the last 3 years, called for in Order of Government, 19th September 1859, No. 1269.

Number.	Names.	Presidency.	Crime.	Sentence.	Date of Sentence.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Escape.	Age when received.	Height. Feet.	Height. Inches.
1	Guffoor Khan	Madras	Robbery by open violence.	Life.	6th Octr. 1853..	20th April 1854..	10th May 1857..	28	5	7
2	Vettovah Curpenah Navada Couden.	do.	Gang robbery	do	26th Decr. 1851..	17th Octr. 1853..	12th March 1857..	50	5	6½
3	Narrainsawmy *alias* Doorgia	Bellary, Madras.	Murder by poisoning	do	21st May 1855..	21st Septr. 1855..	28th Octr. 1858..	23	5	4
4	Tyermalay Reddy	Madras, tried at Madura.	Gang robbery with murder.	do	11th Jany. 1858..	24th May 1858..	4th Feby. 1859..	35	5	4
5	Poodooran *alias* Nagoor Rowtten	do.	do	do	do	do	do	30	5	1
6	Rungapatna Mala	Madras, tried at Mysore.	For causing death	do	16th Octr. 1853..	21st Septr. 1855..	20th do	32	5	4
7	Badar Kokay Bava *alias* Kokay Vobah.	do.	Torch robbery with torture.	do	21st March 1855..	do	do	28	5	1½
8	Toyaddan Oonay	Tellicherry	Robbery by open violence attended with murder.	do	16th May 1850..	6th Septr. 1856..	25th March 1859..	22	5	5
9	Chinnay Gownden Cooltyah Gownden.	Coimbatore	Murder	do	23rd Jany. 1855..	21st Septr. 1855..	Absented from 6 P. M. 28th April 1855..	30	5	4½
10	Mungala Venkoo *alias* Somadoo	Masulipatam	Robbery by open violence with wounding.	do	4th July 1851..	.....	.....	.....	5	6½
11	Begum Dansoogaudoo	do	do	do	do	5th Feby. 1855..				

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

Cotacamund, Office of Inspector General of Jails,
8th October 1859.

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No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1859, No. 1461.

Resolved that copies of the above letters be forwarded to the Government of India, and that the following letter be despatched.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 66. To the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 28th October 1859, No. 1462.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward, for submission to the Honorable the President in Council, the accompanying copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Foujdárí 'Adálat, (14th September 1859,) and of its enclosure, being the translation of a declaration made by one Nagoor Rowtten, who has been convicted by the Sessions Court of Madura, of having returned from transportation.

2. I am likewise desired to transmit a Statement furnished by the Inspector General of Jails—showing the Convicts who have effected their escape from the Straits Settlements during the last three years.

3. It is not certain that this Statement is complete. It shows, however, that there have been no less than five escapes in the present year.

4. The third man on the list, Narrainsawmy *alias* Doorgia, transported in 1855, for murder by poisoning, has been convicted at the last Sessions of the Madras Supreme Court, and has been executed for a cruel murder perpetrated since his return from transportation.

5. Looking to this list, to the Statement made in the deposition of the Convict Nagoor Rowtten, and to the facts stated in their previous letters to the Government of India, as per margin,* the Madras Government have deemed it necessary to bring the subject under the consideration of the Government of India. It will be evident that the effect of transportation as a punishment will be much weakened when it becomes known what are the facilities of escape. A further evil will be, that prosecutors and witnesses will be more reluctant to give evidence against heinous offenders when they cannot be certain that the accused, even if convicted and transported, may not return and wreak his vengeance on them for their testimony against him. It will be remarked, from my letter of 18th September 1858, No. 1280, Judicial Department, that the notorious ruffian Arnachella Padeeachee, whom the Supreme Government have allowed to be imprisoned in the Allipore Jail, boasted openly, that if transported to the Straits he would, after a certain interval, return to his old haunts.

* 18th September 1858, No. 1280, Judicial Department.
24th March 1859, " 397, do.
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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

P. S.—Since the above was written, this Government have received a letter* from the Resident Councillor of Prince of Wales' Island, forwarding the Descriptive Roll of a Madras Convict missing and supposed to have absconded. The man was a Convict from Hyderabad, transported for life for murder.

* 27th September,

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Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Fort Saint George,
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