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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 667 Press Mis.
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Dated 13-5-1859.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 11th to 17th May 1859.

No. 21. Read the following letter from W. S. WRIGHT, Esq., Sheriff of Madras; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 4th May 1859, No. 29.

I have the honor to forward herewith a petition to the address of the Honorable the Governor in Council received from Martin Murphy* a European Convict, at present confined in Her Majesty's Gaol.

* This individual was tried in the 4th Sessions of 1855, held on the 8th October 1855, on a charge of shooting with intent to murder and found guilty on three counts, sentenced to be hanged by the neck till he be dead. Commuted under the 9th George the 4th Chapter 74, Section 29, for transportation beyond Seas to such place as Her Majesty may appoint for the term of his natural life.

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir CHARLES EDWARD TREVELYAN, K. C. B., Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, Madras.

The humble petition of Martin Murphy, a prisoner in Her Majesty's Criminal Gaol at Madras, under sentence of "transportation for life."

SHEWETH,

That he is a prisoner in the Gaol aforesaid, committed by Her Majesty's the Supreme Court on the 8th of October 1855, under 9th George the 4th Chapter 14th, Section 29, for transportation to such place as Her Majesty may appoint, for the term of his life. He was tried, found guilty, and sentenced for having shot one Patrick Niel with intent to murder. That, he is a prisoner in the Gaol aforesaid for the last forty-three months, without any provision being made for his hereafter, that other prisoners found guilty of murder and sentenced to transportation for life through their good conduct and their being recommended to the merciful consideration of Government by the Prison authorities; they obtain conditional pardon, under Section 9, Act 24 of 1855. That, on account of the bad state of your petitioner's health for the last eighteen months and its rappid decline at present, your petitioner begs most respectfully that the Government, will take his lamentable case into consideration and give him conditional pardon, and the good conduct and sobriety of your humble petitioner will show that the mercy granted to him shall never be abused.

And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Her Majesty's Criminal Gaol, Madras, 3rd of May 1859. } (Signed) MARTIN MURPHY.

From MARTIN MURPHY; to Mr. H. GIBBS, Keeper of Her Majesty's Gaol, Madras, dated 3rd May 1859.

I respectfully beg you will kindly forward the accompanying petition (through the High Sheriff or other proper authorities,) to the address by the authorised channel of communication.

I have shown it to the Doctor and he must be referred to from the Sheriff.

If you will kindly do me the favour to represent my conduct whilst I have been under your charge, I would feel very thankful.

Madras, 3rd May 1859.

I do hereby certify that a European prisoner named Martin Murphy, has been under my custody in Her Majesty's Gaol for a period of 41 months, during which time he conducted himself with propriety and was obedient to all the Officers connected with the Prison.

(Signed) H. GIBBS,
Keeper of Her Majesty's Gaol.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1859, No. 667.

The Sheriff will inform Martin Murphy, that his application cannot be granted.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 667 dated 13 May/59.

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This man is a good Europe - He was imprisoned by the failing health and eyes and was sent to Ootacamund to [illegible] so contrageously that it is necessary he should have built to address

The Sheriff of Madras. Rupees 20/-

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