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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 21st September 1860.

No. 142. Read the following letter from Lord H. ULICK BROWNE, Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 24th August 1860, No. 1,762.

Home Department.
Judicial.

I am directed to transmit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Port Blair, No. 4, dated the 16th May last, together with the original returns, 2 in number, therewith submitted, showing the casulties among the convicts transported to the Andamans from the Madras Presidency, from the commencement of the Settlement of the close of 1859-60.

From Captain J. C. HAUGHTON, Superintendent of Port Blair, to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Ross Island, 16th May 1860, No. 4.

By Mr. Under Secretary Gordon's letter No. 1,807, of 9th September last, I was directed to submit at the close of each official year casualty returns of Convicts transported from Bengal according to a form which accompanied the letter. In consequence I directed the preparation of a return of the whole of the casualties among the Convicts not only of Bengal but also the other Presidencies, as I was aware such returns were usual.

2. Recently I received a request from the Government of Bombay for *half-yearly* return of deaths in a different form from that directed to be furnished for the Government of Bengal.

3. I now beg to submit* returns of casualties among the whole of the Convicts from the commencement of the Settlement to the close of 1859-60, for transmission to the respective Governments.

* *Separate packet.*

4. It will be observed that several columns of the return are left blank, from the imperfection of our Registers, this is unavoidable, and it will be essential to future accuracy that information as to family residence should be committed from the Zillah whence the Convict is sent.

5. Convicts are usually received here in large numbers at a time, and of necessity at once distributed to their different stations, so that it would be difficult to collect the information, and impossible to test its accuracy.

6. I annex copy of the communication received from Bombay, and trust that Government may be induced to accept an annual return in the form furnished for Bengal, as the means of preparing these documents here are limited.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. U. BROWNE,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 143. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1860, No. 1,218.

Of the 40 casualties among the Convicts from Madras in the Andaman Islands during the years 1858-59 and 1859-60. One man was executed, 16 others died, and the remaining 23 are returned as escaped.

2. The Supreme Government will be applied to for information as to what meaning is to be attached to the term 'escaped.' It is to be presumed that the Convicts did not effect their escape from the Islands altogether, but merely absconded from their place of custody, or where they were being worked, and fled into the interior of the Island.

3 An extract* from the returns received of the Convicts belonging to the Nizam's Territories and assigned Districts, will be furnished to the Resident of Hyderabad.

**In manuscript.* The returns in original will be forwarded to the Inspector General of Jails.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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21st September 1860.

No. 144. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 21st September 1860, No. 1,219.

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2. Of the 40 Casualties, one man was executed, 16 others died, and the remaining 23 are returned as *escaped*. This Government beg to be informed what meaning is to be attached to the term 'escaped' and under what circumstances such escapes generally took place. It is presumed that the Convicts did not escape from the Andamans altogether, but merely absconded from their place of custody, or where they were being worked, and fled into the interior of the Islands.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.
Chief Secretary.

Extd. S. T. Augustin.

Abstract -

Casualties among Madras Convicts in the Andamans to end of 59/60.

Died		17
Escaped		23.
Total		40

Canara		19
Died	6	
	13	
Raja		8.
Mas		7
Hyd		4
One man executed hanging		
Goa		1
Sun		1
This was the only casualty in 1858.		
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Let a Memo be drawn up showing for each District how many have died — how many have escaped

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	Escaped —	13	
Rajahmundry			
	Died —	2	
	Escaped —	6	8.
Masulipatam			
	Died —	3	
	Escaped —	4	7
Hyderabad			
One man executed for hanging	Died —	4	
	Escaped —	0	4
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Sudoosah?			
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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read letter from the
Govt. of India — Inter 24 Augt. 60 No 76

Orders — 21 September 1860. No 1218.

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This may be entered in the Book of Proceedings

W. H. Denny Esq. Offg Secy to Govt.

W. Kerr assumed charge of the Office of Secy to Govt. Judicial Dept.

Camp 23 September.

R. Lushington Esq. Offg Secy to Govt.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1218 of the 21st instant, & to request that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honble the Governor in Council the accompanying statement of the 40 convicts who have died or escaped from the Andaman Islands during the years 1858-'59 & '59-'60, and to state that one of the escaped convicts has been executed, 16 others have died, & the remaining 23 are returned as escaped.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) W. Kerr
Offg Secy to Govt.

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The Inspector Genl. of Jails with Returns.
Resident of Hyderabad with Extract.
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No. 1319.

The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge Under Secretary Lord H. Vane Browne's letter, 24th Augt. last No. 1762, transmitting two returns of casualties among Madras Convicts at the Andaman Islands, during the years 1858-59 & 59-60.

2. Of the 40 casualties, one only was executed, 16 others died, & the remaining 23 are returned as escaped. This Govt. desire to be informed what meaning is to be attached to the term 'escaped'. It is presumed that the Convicts did not escape from the island altogether — but merely absconded from their place of custody, or where they were being worked, & fled into the interior of the islands.

Fort St George, 21 September, 1860.

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Judicial Dept.
For the Govt.
Judicial Dept. Wg. Asst.

Recd 29th September 1860
No. 1319 of 1860
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To The Secretary to the Government of India

Dated 21st September 1860

Rec'd 1st Feb 1861

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