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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 15th December 1860.

No. 101. Read the following letter from H. L. ANDERSON, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 4th December 1860, No. 4,099.

I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Madras the accompanying Extract paragraphs 7 and 8 of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 39, dated the 20th September last, on the subject of an outbreak which occurred amongst Convicts on board the Ship "Arrarat" on her voyage from Singapoor and Penang to Bombay on the 27th of June 1859.

Extract paragraphs 7 and 8 of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated 20th September 1860, No. 39.

Proceedings relating to an outbreak among the Chinese Convicts on board the "Arrarat," while on their way to Bombay from the Straits Settlements.

Paragraph 7. I have read, with much regret, the details of this painful case. The outbreak occurring as it did at night, and there being insufficient light to distinguish individuals, it is perhaps excusable that, under the excitement of the occasion, the attack made by the Convicts should have been opposed by promiscuous firing, which caused the death of twenty-eight men. But the subsequent conduct of the Captain, in ordering the whole number to be severely flogged, when it did not appear that more than a portion of them had taken part in the outbreak, or in the subsequent "yelling," is quite inexcusable. And his stripping all the prisoners, on the ground that it was to be apprehended that they might use their clothes for the purpose of strangling themselves, was, to say the least, a very cruel measure. He should have taken precautions against their suicide, by ordering a careful surveillance on the part of the guard.

8. I approve of your determination that no Convicts shall in future be transported in any vessel commanded by Mr. Correga; and I think that it would be proper to prohibit the employment in any way, by Government of any vessel commanded by him; you should give information of this prohibition to the Governments of Bengal and Madras.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. L. ANDERSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1860, No. 1,651.
Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 1651 — 15 December 1860.

Communicated to the
Superintendent of Ma-
rine.

The Supt. of Marine. 19th

on the Voyage from Singapoor and Penang
to Bombay on the 5th of June 1859.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Chiefsecy.

To,

The Secretary to the Government Fort St George.