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Government of Madras.

Juridical DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
for the month of February 1860.*

Read again the following papers:—

From the Government of India, dated 24th November 1859, No. 2350, and recorded in Proceedings, 10th December 1859, No. 1655.

From the Inspector General of Jails, dated 20th December 1859, No. 559, and recorded in Proceedings, 4th January 1860, No. 10.

Read also the following papers:—

No. 63. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th February 1860, No. 836.

4th January 1860, No. 10. With reference to the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, I have the honor to forward a Memorandum shewing the number of Convicts for whom passages have been taken to the Penal Settlements in the Straits during each of the last 5 years 1855-6-7-8 and 9, distinguishing those from Mysore, from Hyderabad and those transported under sentence of Military Courts.

Memorandum showing the number of Convicts that proceeded from hence to the Straits Settlement from 1855 to 1859.

Year.	Chingleput and other Convicts.	Hydrabad.	Mysore.	Military.	Total.
1855 ...	43	26	9	0	78
1856 ...	34	15	9	0	58
1857 ...	73	14	0	13	100
1858 ...	31	22	0	0	75
1859 ...	22	30	0	0	52
Total...	203	107	40	13	363

MADRAS,
MARINE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
18th February 1860.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Superintendent of Marine.

No. 64. From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 14th February 1860, No. 315.

Home Department,
Judicial.

With reference to the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of the letter from this Department No. 2350, dated the 24th November last, I am directed by the President in Council to request that for the present none but able bodied and healthy men may be sent to Port Blair.

2. It is requisite that intimation should be afforded to this Office of the number likely to be so transported annually, and of the period at which the first despatch will probably be made, in order that arrangements may be made for their reception at Port Blair.

3. The Superintendent of Port Blair has received instructions to keep Felon Convicts separate from Political offenders.

No. 65.

ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1860, No. 240.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
for the month of February 1860.*

No. 66. To the Secretary to the Government of India; dated Fort Saint George, 28th February 1860, No. 241.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Under Secretary Chapman's letters of the 21st November and 14th February last, desiring to be informed whether the Government of Fort Saint George are aware of any objections to the transportation of all Convicts of the Madras Presidency to Port Blair. If they have no objection, they are authorized to adopt this measure immediately, and in that case they are requested to report the probable annual number of Convicts for whose reception preparation must be made.

2. In reply, I am directed to state, that the Madras Government have no information as to what is the present state of the Penal Settlement of Port Blair, nor of the effect of the climate on the health of the Convicts already sent there, and on this point they would wish to have full explanation. Supposing the Settlement to be reasonably healthy, there would appear no reason why Convicts from Madras should not be sent thither instead of being sent to the Straits.

3. I have further to forward copy of a Return from the Superintendent of Marine's showing the number of Convicts for whom passages have been taken to the Penal Settlements in the Straits during each of the last five years 1855-6-7-8-9, distinguishing those from the Madras Presidency, from those from Nagpore, Hyderabad and those transported under sentence of Military Courts, which will enable the Supreme Government to form an opinion as to the number for whom accommodation would have to be provided, supposing transportation to take place from Madras to Port Blair. The whole were transported for life.

4. The parties included in the Superintendent of Marine's Return are all male Convicts. Female Convicts are sent to Moulmein as also Convicts male or female transported by sentence of Her Majesty's Supreme Court at Madras. These last are, for the most part, a different class of offenders from those transported under sentence of the Foujdaree and are transported for limited periods. The Government would not advise their being sent to the Andamans.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial.

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N^o. 559 ————— 4th Janry. '60 N^o. 10.*

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From the Superintendent
of Marine ————— Enter 18th Feb. '60 N^o. 835.
" the Govt. of India ————— 14th do ————— 315.*

Order—28 February 1860 No 240.

*Ordered that the fol-
lowing letter be dis-
patched—*

ALL persons concerned in the above letter are directed to be informed of the contents thereof.

By Order of the Governor in Council.

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Judicial Department.

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28 February 1860 }

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Enclosed for the
Governor of the Andamans
is a letter from the
Governor of Madras

M.G.

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