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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 84. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 18th April 1860, No. 371.

With reference to Proceedings Madras Government in the Judicial Department, No. 418

Referring letter from the Governor of Prince of Wales' Island, Singapore and Malacca, to Secretary to Government Fort Saint George, dated Penang, 25th February 1860, No. 1. Submitting to favorable consideration the cases of certain Convicts who were promised by his predecessor, a mitigation of their respective sentences.

of 5th April 1860, referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor by desire of Sir Patrick Grant to submit that if the Government see fit to sanction the release of the Prisoners therein specified in compliance with what he cannot but consider an ill-advised promise on the part of the late Governor of the Straits Settlements, His Excellency will

not oppose the measure. But His Excellency must request that Murderers, Mutiniers, and Thieves, may not be suffered to pollute the ranks of the Madras Army by being restored to the service they have disgraced.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19th April 1860.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 85. To the Governor of Prince of Wales' Island, Singapore and Malacca, dated Fort Saint George, 28th April 1860, No. 531.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th February last, forwarding copy of a communication received from the Superintendent of Convicts at Singapore on the subject of a promise made by your predecessor to certain Convicts who formerly belonged to the Madras Army, such promise being to the effect that in the event of their conduct in Jail continuing exemplary and the Sepoys of their respective Armies remaining faithful to Government throughout the Mutinies, he would recommend them to Government for some mitigation of their sentence.

2. In reply I am instructed to state that the offences for which these men have been transported—Murder, Mutiny, and wilful pollution of a Mosque for the purpose of exciting a fanatical emeute which might have ended in a general massacre—are of so heinous a character, that the Madras Government find themselves with regret unable to accede to the recommendation in their behalf on the grounds on which it has been made. If however there should, in the case of any of these Convicts, be any very peculiar reasons for more indulgent consideration, this Government, I am desired to state, will be prepared to give them all due attention on their being specially represented.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No 371
 To The Adjutant General
 of the Army
 To The Secretary to Government
 Military Department

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 Your Obedient Servant

W. Woods
 Adjutant General
 of the Army
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Adjutant General's Office
 Fort St George
 18th April 1860
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The offences of these men (murder,
mutiny and the ~~and~~ grossly
slandering practice of polluting a
Mosque by slaughtering a pig in it)
are too serious in my opinion
to ~~be~~ justify compliance with
the recommendations. If there be any
special circumstances calling for mitigation,
let them be stated. ~~Although~~ ^{23 April 1947}
this is peculiar and I have recommended ~~it~~ ^{to be} ~~coercively~~

The promise was made that you

Ans 10th June 1760 at 2408
Fort St George
19 April 1860.

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Judicial Department

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Fort St. George
28 April 1860.

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No. 551.

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