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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 6th August 1860.

No. 17. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd August 1860, No. 86.

Extract from the Calendar of persons tried at the Second Sessions on the 18th day of April 1860, before Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature at Madras.

Sentence. *Five months' solitary imprisonment.* — *No. 7.—Rosanna Ahern, married woman; committed by Edward Frederick Eliott, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace at Vellore, on the 11th day of February 1860, indicted for having concealed the birth of a child.*

1. I have the honor to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council, two letters, one to my address from a woman named Ahern, now a Convict under sentence of imprisonment in the Penitentiary for concealing the birth of a child, the other from the husband of the said Mrs. Ahern, who is a Corporal in Her Majesty's 68th Regiment, in which he informs his wife, that he will leave India for England on or about the 11th of this month.

2. The term of imprisonment of Mrs. Ahern will expire on the 17th of next month and as I have ascertained that Corporal Ahern is actually under orders for embarkation on the 11th instant, I respectfully recommend that Mrs. Ahern be released from confinement and sent with her husband in order to prevent her being left unprovided for in this country.

To Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police, Madras.

The Petition of Mrs. RUSANNAH AHERN, wife of Corporal J. AHERN of Her Majesty's 68th Regiment.

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner is undergoing sentence of 5 months' imprisonment (since 18th April last), for having concealed the birth of her still-born child, which offence she unintentionally committed against the law, from ignorance, she being an ignorant and uneducated woman, being but a soldier's wife, and most of her time occupied in her household duties.

Petitioner respectfully begs to enclose a letter from her husband, by which it will be perceived that her husband will leave India for Europe about the 11th August next, and if she loses this opportunity of joining her husband she is likely to be miserable for life, without a home, and become an out-cast to society.

Petitioner has already suffered 3½ months' imprisonment, and during this period has suffered much in health, requiring constant medical treatment. She humbly hopes you will be pleased to obtain her release to enable her to join her husband, for which act of charity your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) her R. × mark AHERN,
Wife of Corporal Ahern, H. M's. 68th Regt.

Madras, 31*st July* 1860.

From Corporal J. AHERN, Her Majesty's 68th Regiment, Poonamalle, to Mrs. AHERN, dated 29th July 1860.

This is to let you know that I am going on board a ship on or about the 11th of next month, if you can get any person to intercede for your releasment from prison I am willing to take you home with me if not you will be most likely detained in Poonamalle for this next 12 months, if so, on your arrival home you need not come to me to look for a home. Let me know if there is any likelihood of you being released before I go.

No. 18. Order thereon, 6th August 1860, No. 972.

Under Act XVIII, 1855, the Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to remit the unexpired portion of Mrs. Ahern's sentence, and directs her immediate release.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(Col. Inspr G.S.)

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Jno. Ahern
Corpl. 68th Regt
Roorkee

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The Commr. of Police – with a letter returned (Col. Inspr Genl.)