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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 14th September 1861.

No. 84. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Sirsy, 29th August 1861, No. 37.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Government, Judicial Department, dated 17th July 1861, No. 923, I have the honor to state that, after a careful reference to the original sentences passed by the late Special Commissioner against the sixteen North Canara Convicts alluded to in the letter of the Superintendent of Port Blair, I consider that they are all entitled to the benefit of the Queen's Amnesty, although four persons are excepted by Captain Haughton.

2. None of these men appear to have taken any very conspicuous part in, or to have been leaders or instigators of, the late disturbances in this District, whilst the two persons* against whom alone there is a charge of murder, appear only to have been present when the crime was committed, and not to have been (proved to be) the actual perpetrators of the deed.

* *Nos.* 4,787 & 4,788.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1861, No. 1,153.

Resolved that the Government of India be requested to issue orders for the re-transmission to Madras of the sixteen Canara prisoners at Port Blair, transported from Bombay.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 86. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home, Department, dated Fort Saint George, 14th September 1861, No. 1,154.

The Government of Bombay having furnished this Government with a copy of your letter, 6th June last, No. 1,123, in reference to paragraph 2 thereof, the Magistrate of North Canara, to which District sixteen of the Convicts, Nos. 4,773 to 4,778 in Captain Haughton's Roll, belonged was requested to state whether there were any among them to whom pardon should not be extended on the grounds indicated in your letter of the 19th November 1860, No. 2,645.

2. The Magistrate states that, after careful reference to the original sentences passed by the Special Commissioner, he considers them one and all to be entitled to the benefit of the Royal Amnesty, although Captain Haughton excepts four of the men. None of these men appeared to have taken any very conspicuous part in, or to have been leaders or instigators of, the late disturbances in the District, whilst the evidence against two of them, Nos. 4,787 and 4,788, who were tried for murder, showed that they were present when the crime was committed, not that they were the actual perpetrators of the deed.

3. More than three years of their sentences have expired. The Government propose, under the opinion expressed by the Magistrate, to remit the unexpired portions. I am directed accordingly to request that instructions may be sent to the Superintendent at Port Blair to forward to Madras the sixteen Canara Convicts, Nos. 4,773 to 4,788, received from Bombay per Brig "Copse."

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Encl. T. O'Connor.

No. 11 1153 — 14th September 1861

Resolved that the Govt. of India be requested to issue orders for the retransmission to Madras of the sixteen Canara prisoners at Port Blair, transported from Bombay.

To
The Magistrates of
North Canara. } 16/9

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Judicial -

No. 1154

The Secretary to the Govt. of India -
Home Dept.

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years of their sentences have expired. The Govt. propose, under the opinion expressed by the Magistrate, to remit the unexpired portions. I am directed accordingly to request that instructions may be sent to the Superintt. at Port Blair to forward to Madras the nineteen Canara Convicts, Nos. 4773 to 4788, received from Bombay per Brig "Copse".

Fort St. George,
11th September 1861.

Copy to the Commr of Police with Order in Pro. 1684.

Political 1861. Department.

No. 1154

~~PROCEEDINGS of GOVERNMENT.~~

To the Secretary to the
Government of India.

Dated 14th September 1861.

S. No. 1081.

Request to inform
Government under what
Law the Commissioners
of Madras & the Eastern
Districts procure their Cash
Stamps transferred from
Bombay.

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