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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th September 1861.

No. 169. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 18th September 1861, No. 2,620.

I have the honor to acknowledge Proceedings of Government of the 17th instant, No. 1,170, directing the provision of passage to Western Australia for the Military offender, William de Noüal Ramus, and desiring to be informed when it is likely passage for him and other four offenders will be obtained.

2. In reply I beg to state that, as no probability existed of a vessel proceeding from Madras to that Colony unless under inducement to touch here on her way from Calcutta, I addressed the Superintendent of Marine at the last named place in November 1860, requesting him to arrange for a vessel to call here for the one prisoner, Buckley, who was then awaiting passage. His reply was to the effect that the first opportunity should be taken of complying with my request.

3. Subsequently as other prisoners arrived bound for the same Colony, intimation was sent to the Bengal Superintendent of Marine, and finally in June last, as the South West monsoon had set in and there was consequently less chance of a vessel's touching here on her way down the Bay, I inquired whether they could be sent direct from Calcutta if forwarded up there. In reply I learned that no such opportunity as I sought had occurred, but that on any presenting itself telegram would be dispatched to announce it.

4. The Government will perceive that the detention of the prisoners at Madras has been entirely owing to the want of communication between India and Western Australia. The number having been increased to five, the inducement for a vessel to touch is increased, and a fresh application will be made on the subject.

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1861, No. 1,216.

Communicated to the Commissioner of Police.

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Commr. of Police, &c.