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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Department,
2nd September 1862.*

Government of India; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Agent of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William,

and to intimate that under the circumstances represented, the Governor
should propose to authorize the Governor of the Straits to send persons
instead of as heretofore unless there should be
at present.

AVENAGH, Governor

Malacca; t
14th May 1862.
Department.

Honor to enclose, for submission
Council, copy of a letter to
Councillor Prince of Wales
the expediency of

Head of Bombay.

I find upon enquiry use and
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despatch, the charge on account of passage in
within the last ten years. I would earnestly beg to recommend Major Man's suggestion to His
Excellency's favorable consideration.

From Major H. MAN, Resident Councillor, Prince of Wales' Island; to the Deputy Secretary
to Government, Straits Settlement, dated Prince of Wales' Island, 29th April 1862,
No. 120.

I have long been desirous of bringing to the notice of His Honor the Governor, the serious
inconvenience now constantly experienced in providing freight for prisoners under sentence of
transportation to Bombay. As a case in point I may mention that I have only just heard from
the Resident Councillor of Singapore of his having been at last able to arrange for the conveyance
of the Singapore and Penang Convicts, some of whom have been awaiting transport in the Sheriff's
Jail since May last year.

Under these circumstances it has struck me that it would be advisable to try whether
another locality could not be found for the reception of our felons, and I would respectfully
suggest that Madras be selected. The Troops proceedings in charge of prisoners would be then
returning to their own Presidency, where they could be retained and employed till a suitable
occasion offered for their re-joining (if necessary) their own Head Quarters, but it is more than
probable that many opportunities would occur, of which advantage might be taken, of Troops
returning to the coast to send them as escorts. At present, they have to report themselves to the
authorities at Bombay where they are kept in idleness at heavy cost and eventually sent back as
passengers by the P. and O. Steamers.

As almost all Chinamen readily become good practical agriculturists, it is probable our
Convicts might be found extremely useful in the experimental gardens on the Neilgherries, they
might there be allowed a considerable degree of freedom, as their isolation from the surrounding
population would be complete.

I would remind His Honor that when Bombay was originally selected, a constant inter-
course by sailing vessels was carried on between that Port and China *via* the Straits, these have

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