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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 26. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 24th January 1862, No. 230.

No. 1,512, 19th November 1860.
„ 107, 29th January 1861.
„ 190, 14th February „
„ 413, 28th March „
„ 1,170, 17th September „

The Government in their Orders marginally noted directed the provision of passage to Western Australia for five European Convicts sentenced to transportation to that settlement. Finding a difficulty in obtaining passage at Madras, I have the honor to inform you that I have repeatedly written to the Marine authorities at Calcutta with a view to arrangements being concluded at that Presidency for a vessel to touch at Madras for them. These attempts have, however, been equally unsuccessful and I see no prospect of an early compliance with the instructions of Government.

2. Under these circumstances I beg to make known the difficulty that always arises in providing passage to Western Australia from there being no direct communication between that Colony and Madras, and to suggest whether the men now under sentence might not be sent to England, whence, if absolutely necessary, they might be re-embarked for their original destination.

3. Should any alteration take place it will, however, be necessary to ascertain first whether arrangements have been made at Calcutta for their passage as previously requested.

No. 27. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 6th February 1862, No. 180.

Rank and Regiment.	Names.	Date of Trial.
		1860.
Corporal, 1st Madras Fusiliers.	William Buckley ...	29th Sept.
Private, do.	Samuel Summers ..	17th Dec.
Gunner, Madras Artillery.	James Walker	27th Nov.
		1861.
Private, 1st Madras Fusiliers	John Berry.....	25th Feb.
Lieutenant and Quarter Master, 20th N. I	William DeNonal Ramus.	27th Mar.

There are at present in the Penitentiary at Madras, as the place of Intermediate Custody, five Military Offenders of the late Company's Army, under sentence of Penal Servitude, each for the term of four years, and awaiting removal to the Swan River Colony, Western Australia.

2. As these prisoners severally arrived at the Penitentiary, the Superintendent of Marine was, on each occasion, requested to provide passage to the place appointed for them. Owing to there being no direct communication between that Colony and Madras, and the consequent difficulty of making any arrangement here, application for passage for them has also, as on former occasions, been made by the Superintendent to the Marine authorities at Calcutta repeatedly, but up to this date without success, as stated by Mr. Franklin in his letter, 24th ultimo, No. 230, a copy of which is annexed.

3. It will be observed that Mr. Franklin suggests that these men might be sent to England, and thence re-embarked for Western Australia, if this be still necessary. I am instructed to enquire whether the course proposed may be adopted, and, if it cannot be, in what other way these men should be disposed of.

4. The Government think it unwise to retain these men in the Penitentiary here. Their example is lost upon the men of their Regiments, and there is no hope left for them, when the term of their sentences is expired. Any arrangement, which would remove them from India, and enable them to recommence their career in a new country would be equally advantageous to the Government and to the men.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F Cartledge.

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" 25th March " " Ct.s 224 & 226.
" 17th Sept.r " " Ct.s 110 & 116.
" 28th Dec.r " " Ct.s 169 & 170

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To
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No 146.

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