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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th November 1862.*

No. 92. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th November 1862, No. 129.

With reference to the Order of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to report that there are at present 23 Convicts in the Penitentiary under sentence of Transportation, dated 4th November 1862, No. 1,810. and that I have not the means of accommodating a greater number without much inconvenience.

2. The building now used as a transportation ward was originally intended for European Convicts to work in, and is not capable of conveniently containing more than 30 prisoners; but in consequence of the crowded state of the ward in which the prisoners sentenced by the High Court are confined, a number of them are kept in the transportation ward at night, so that the latter is quite full.

3. About a fortnight ago I received intimation from the Sessions Judge of Salem, that he was about to forward to the Presidency 26 Convicts, all under sentence of transportation, but I requested him to detain them until there was some probability of obtaining a passage, and I at the same time addressed the Superintendent of Marine upon the subject with the view of ascertaining when such an opportunity was likely to occur, as some of the Convicts under sentence of transportation have been in the Penitentiary ever since the commencement of July last.

4. Under these circumstances I venture to suggest that the Mysore authorities may be requested to communicate with me before forwarding Convicts to my charge, in order that I may say whether they can be accommodated.

No. 93. To the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Mysore, dated Fort Saint George, 14th November 1862, No. 1,855.

Adverting to paras. 1 and 2 of my letter, 4th instant, No. 1,809, I am directed to forward to you a copy of a letter, 6th idem, No. 129, from the Commissioner of Police, and to request that, as suggested, a reference should be made to him, to ascertain whether there is accommodation available in the Penitentiary, before Mysore Convicts are sent to Madras.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

15th

N^o 1855

The Commissioner for the Govt.
of the Territories of H. H. the
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