

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>2090</i>	Press ~~His.~~
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Dated <i>23.12.1862</i> # .	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
23rd December 1862.*

216. Read the following letter from L. Colonel W.
General of the Army; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Govern-
ment, Fort Saint George, dated 9th December 1862, No. 913.
With reference to letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of B. dated 23rd
October 1861, referred to the Com-
mander in his Regi-

ment, I have the honor of His Excellency to state the
ment, that the Convict was tried for striking Lance Corporal W. Rickins, Commanding the
Defaulter's Room Guard of the 1st Madras Fusiliers, a blow on the face with his clenched fist, he
being then a prisoner in the Defaulters' room.

2. The testimony of two witnesses showed, that he was making a disturbance in the Defaul-
ters' room, and was ordered to be placed in a Cell, and on the Lance Corporal ordering an escort
to take him, he rushed out of the prison and struck him with his clenched fist. He
had been drinking, but was not drunk.

3. On his defence, the prisoner urged, that he was drunk and knew nothing of what he
had done till the following morning, and stated he was very sorry for what had occurred.

4. The Court convicted him of the offence, and sentenced him to Penal Servitude for four
years from 25th February 1861. There were seven previous convictions against him, five for
drunkenness, one for wilfully breaking a musket, and one for striking a Corporal in command
of a Guard. His general character was stated to be "bad," and length of service 14 years and
two months.

5. The sentence was confirmed as there had been many cases of violence of a similar kind
at that time, in the 1st Madras Fusiliers.

6. In consequence of the Convict's bad character, and the serious nature of his offence,
Lieutenant General Sir J. H. Grant cannot recommend that the petition of John Berry should
be favorably entertained.

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1862, No. 2,090.

Under the opinion expressed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the Governor in
Council declines to interfere on behalf of John Berry.

The Inspector General of Jails will cause this decision to be communicated to the
prisoner.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Inspector General
to the Government.

(Here enter 9th Decr. 1891)

Order in Council 23rd December 1891

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Yours
L. J. M.

The Inspector

General
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Dated 28th December 1862
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