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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 1st March 1862.

No. 5. Read the following letter from H. BELL, Esq., Officiating Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 19th February 1862, No. 74, A.

Judicial Jails.

With reference to your letter, No. 106, dated the 25th ultimo, to the address of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department with enclosure, and to the Notification of that Department, No. 891 of the 17th instant, published in the Calcutta Gazette of this day's date, I am directed by the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council, that passage to Madras has been provided on the Steam Ship "Queen of the South" for the 28 European and American Convicts named in the accompanying list under sentence of penal servitude passed by the Supreme Court at this Presidency; and to request that, on the arrival of the vessel at Madras, the necessary orders may be issued to the proper authorities there for landing the Convicts, and eventually forwarding them to the new Jail at Ootacamund.

2. The "Queen of the South," will leave Calcutta to-morrow, Thursday, the 20th instant, and is expected to reach Madras on the 27th idem.

3. The Convicts have been supplied with the articles of clothing, &c., specified in paragraph 9 of Mr. Rohdes' letter together with a few extras which the Governor of the Calcutta Jail considered necessary. These articles are enumerated in the enclosed letter of the Governor of the Jail to the Sheriff of Calcutta.

4. The Sheriff has been requested to give to the Officer in charge of the Convicts the usual documents and Rolls for the custody of the prisoners.

5. I am further desired to request that should it be necessary hereafter to make any references to this Presidency regarding the Convicts in question, they may be addressed in the usual way to the Government of Bengal.

6. In conclusion, I am to request that arrangements may be made for sending back to Calcutta the guard consisting of one Serjeant and ten privates who accompany the Convicts.

P. S.—A duplicate copy of the documents alluded to in the 4th paragraph, will be forwarded to you from his office hereafter.

From JERE KING, Governor, Calcutta Jail; to DAVID COWIE, Esq., Sheriff, dated 12th February 1862.

With reference to the Orders of Government, dated the 10th instant, for transmission of twenty-eight European Convicts hence to the Neilgherries, and in particular to the 9th paragraph of the report by the Inspector General of Jails at Madras—"If the Government of India would "direct that each prisoner before leaving Calcutta should be furnished with a suit of dark grey "cloth without pockets and 2 pairs American Drill drawers and 2 shirts, 2 banians, 2 towels and "a comb, it would be convenient as we cannot very well provide clothing to fit at sight, and the "prisoners should be warmly clad before they ascend these hills."

A tunic and a pair of pantaloons, I presume, is what is implied in the above Extract to be provided for each man, and as it is very clear much importance is attached to the necessity of having this clothing made of sound material to be put together, and properly fitted.

And I would respectfully submit that such clothing cannot be had in the Bazar, yet were it to be supplied by a European it would necessarily be incurring somewhat a heavy expense. I have, however, been in communication with Messrs. Beake and Co, Tailors and Clothiers, who will furnish a tunic and pantaloons for each man at Rupees 13 pair, as per their letter annexed, and a muster of the cloth is herewith enclosed. However, I consider this pattern too dark, and I do not think it would meet with Mr. Rohde's approval; however, Messrs. Beake and Co., promises to provide a brighter grey.

Indeed I consider their tender to be very fair and reasonable, in fact, I have caused them to reduce it to Rupees 13. Should, however, Messrs. Beake and Co.'s offer not be accepted and

approved of, and as there is abundance of grey cloth (woollen) stored in the Government Godowns at Alipore, I would respectfully beg leave to suggest that the tunic and pantaloons be made and furnished by the Clothing Department, on payment to be made by the Sheriff, and that orders to that effect be issued by the Military authorities.

The remaining articles could be supplied in the usual way by the Marine Contractor, and in addition to what has been named by the Inspector General of Jails at Madras, I would beg to suggest the following be added, namely,

1 Flannel Drawers.
1 Pair of imported Shoes.
2 Pairs of worsted Stockings.
1 Red Cap.
1 Mattrass.
1 Pillow.
1 Patna Blanket.
2 Tin Plates.
1 Tin Mug.

And no doubt, however closely watched and guarded the Convicts may be, during the voyage hence to Madras, I am certain it will be very difficult to prevent bartering their necessaries with the crew of the ship for grog and tobacco. I would therefore beg respectfully to suggest that the Convict's new out-fit, except what was actually wanted for the voyage, be packed in cases, every man's lot to be separately labelled, so that the new clothing could be conveniently served out to the prisoners on their reaching Madras or Ootacamund.

In obedience to the Sheriff's instructions, I am preparing a list of 28 men for Ootacamund, all in good health, which I shall submit immediately.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) DAVID COWIE,
Sheriff.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. CASHMARE,
Offg. Register Bengal Secretariat.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1862, No. 317.

Communicated to the Commissioner of Police and the Inspector General of Jails.

2. The Commissioner will arrange for the due custody of the Convicts, until they can be forwarded to Ootacamund. He will further report to Government, as to the condition in which the men and their Clothing have been landed, for communication to the Government of Bengal.

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4 Commutation of sentence of death on Burke and two others.
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6 Certificate of additional sentence on Smith.
7 Do. on King.
8 } Letters from Junior Secretary, Government of Bengal,
9 } No. 64 and 73.
10 Letter from Sheriff, Calcutta, to Captain "Queen of the South."

3. The documents and Rolls referred to in paragraph 4, will be transmitted to the Subordinate Judge of Ootacamund, who has been appointed to the charge of the European Jail.

4. The Superintendent of Marine is requested to provide return passage to Calcutta for the guard, a Serjeant and ten Privates, who accompanied the Convicts landed ex "Queen of the South." The expense will be debited to the Government of India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

	Names	When Sentenced	Original Sentence	Additional Sentence for Prison breaking	Additional Sentence for Murder	Religion	Country	Average Conduct for last six Months	Remarks
	Thomas Nolan	2nd Sessions/61	10 years	1 Year	✓	Roman Catholic	American	Bad	An acknowledged leader of the worst character
	William Stanley	5th Sessions/61	4 Years			Roman Catholic	French	Good	
	John Smith	5th Sessions/61	4 Years	6 months	✓	Roman Catholic	Irish	Good	
	Charles Elliott Ross	5th Sessions/61	6 years			Protestant	Scotch	Indifferent	Was tried with Smith for attempting to escape & was acquitted.
28.	Thomas King	1st Sessions/62	4 years			Protestant	American	Good	Tried present Sessions

Memo:

The 28 Convicts abovenamed are one and all in excellent health. And the remaining eleven are the best behaved and are eligible and could be made available for the Andamans.

Abstract of those remaining

In good health	7.
Under Medical treatment in the Jail Hospital	3
Eurasian female	1
Total remaining	11.

Jere King
Govt. Cal. Jail

I do/ David Cowie
Sheriff

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	Names	When sentenced	Original sentence	Additional sentence for Prison breaking	Additional sentence for Murder		Religion	Country	Average conduct for last six Months	Remarks.
	John Davis	1st Sessions/60	4 years each	6 Months each		✓	Protestant	English	Good	Attendance at Scripture Classes regular.
	Charles Alfred Sandes					✓	Do	Do	Good	Ditto
	Joseph Wilkinson					✓	Do	Do	Good	Ditto
	James Ford	2nd Sessions/60	6 years each	6 Months each		✓	Roman Catholic	English	Bad	Very talkative and insolent.
	John Pendergast					✓	Do	Irish	Indifferent	Requires to be subjected to very strict discipline.
15	William Watson	7th Sessions/60	4 years each			✓	Roman Catholic	Irish	Good	Very quiet
	Henry Martindale			6 Months		✓	Protestant	English	Good	Attendance at Scripture classes regular
	Michael Cormick	1st Sessions/61	4 years				Roman Catholic	Irish	Indifferent	Requires to be subjected to strict discipline
	William Hawkins (Colored)	1st Sessions/61	10 years				Protestant	American	Good	This is the notorious Burglar. Has become very religious
	Thomas William Burke	1st Sessions/61	4 years	6 Months		✓	Protestant	India	Indifferent	Notorious for being very talkative and provokingly insolent and fond of giving unnecessary trouble to the Prison officials. He speaks the native languages fluently. However he has recently become religious.
	Frederick Fowls	1st Sessions/61	6 years	3 Months		✓	Protestant	English	Indifferent	Can be very insolent. Is a ship's Carpenter.
	Joseph Hutchings	2nd Sessions/61	4 years each				Protestant	English	Good	A Good Shoemaker
	John Jackson						Do	American	Good	A Carpenter
	William Viskery	2nd Sessions/61	6 years				Protestant	English	Good	A seaman and plays on the Violin.

Nominal Roll of 28 European and American Convicts under Sentence of Penal Servitude by the Supreme Court at Calcutta and whom it is proposed sending to Port Blair Madras Presidency

Calcutta Jail 13th February 1862

	Names		when Sentenced	Original Sentence	Additional sentence for Prison breaking.	Additional sentence for Murder	Religion	Country	Average conduct for last six months	Remarks
1	James Burke	X	6th Sessions/58	4 years		6 years	Roman Catholic	Irish	Very bad	Has much influence over some others (Irish) and does not exercise it to any good effect nor can he speak the truth.
	John Freeman	X	1st Sessions/59	6 years		For Life	Protestant	English	Good	Become very religious.
	Thomas DeGarey	X	2d Sessions/59	6 years			Roman Catholic	English	Indifferent	He intimate associate of the very worst men.
	Henry Watson	X	7th Sessions/59	10 years	18 Months	✓	Protestant	English	Good	Become very religious
5	Frank Williams	X	7th Sessions/59	4 years	6 Months	✓	Roman Catholic	Spanish America	Good	
	Lewis Harding	X	7th Sessions/59	4 years	6 Months	✓	Protestant	Canada	Good	Is a tolerable good Shoemaker
	Robert West	X	7th Sessions/59	6 years			Roman Catholic	American	Bad	One of the worst and most dangerous man of all, he does not make himself conspecuous but works others up to do what is evil and cannot speak the truth.
	Patrick Flaherty	X	7th Sessions/59	4 years			Roman Catholic	Irish	Good	Very attentive at School and studies hard to improve himself
	Walter Douglas	X	1st Sessions/60	10 years	3 Months	✓	Protestant	English	Good	Become very religious.

1 Extract Calendar Sentence sent signed by Sheriff
2 Description Roll " "
3 Nominal " " " "
4 Commutation of Sentence of death in Burke & Thompson
5 " " " in Brennan
6 Suspension of publication of Sentence in Smith
7 " Sentence in King
8 Letter from - Surveyor-General No 64
9 " " " 73
10. " Surveyor & Captain - Sales of Lots.

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2d March 62

Myself & Capt Shedwick
send all the Warrants &
and enclose a list which
will enable you to see what
the documents are.
Shew there is some
mistake about a share
each belonging to me
of the men — the Chief
Officer receiving Three

Only

only me was received on
Board whereon the
Captain has granted a
Receipt for two.

Whn ✕ these papers are
sent to me from your
Office in due Course, I
will call on the Captain
for Explanation and
the matter turns up in

the meantime.

Commissioner

W. Wade R

10 C

✕ Inclosed the Receipts.
which I returned to
your Office yesterday.

of the Newspapers 4/7
the Under Secretary's letter,
it seems that something
of this kind has been
sent. If you have not
got them I will cause
Inquiries to be made
of the Captains of the
vessels. The Inquiries of
the Journals had no

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Perfect Whitness
Something
W. J. Miller R.
1 March.

Please send to Rough.
Copy of the Nominals
Roll for present use.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from the
Govt. of Bengal — Enter 19th Feb.y 62 No. 74A.

Order — 1st March 1862 No 347.

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× to be sent to the Sub Judge of Dotacamund by the Officer in Proceeding in charge of the Convicts.

The Commr. of Police.
" Subordinate Judge of Dotacamund with 10 papers like ours
" Inspector Genl. of Jails.
" Supt. of Marine — Para 4. Desp. 1/3/62

Enclosures — Nominal Roll not to be printed
Letter from Govt to Sheriff " to be printed

Prox of March
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated 1st March 1862.

Passing orders for the Custody of the European Convicts arrived from Calcutta until they can be forwarded to Coimbatore

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