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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

7th August 1863.

Read the following papers :—

No. 25. From JOHN D. MAYNE, Esq., Acting Clerk of the Crown ; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 28th July 1863.

I have the honor to forward by the direction of the Honorable Sir Colley Harman Scotland, Knight, Chief Justice, a duplicate of an order and a copy thereof made by His Lordship upon the requisition of His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir James Hope Grant, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, for the intermediate custody of Private George Skinner, of the 1st or King's Regiment of Dragoon Guards, to the Penitentiary at Madras, there to remain until his sentence of Penal Servitude shall be carried into effect in due course of Law, and a statement (in duplicate) containing the date of the trial of the abovenamed individual.

No. 26 From JOHN D. MAYNE, Esq., Acting Clerk of the Crown ; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 31st July 1863.

With reference to my letter of the 28th instant, I have the honor to forward a copy (in duplicate) of the Descriptive Return of Private George Skinner, of the 1st or King's Regiment Dragoon Guards, who has been sentenced by General Court Martial to Penal Servitude for four years.

No. 27. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police ; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th July 1863, No. 104.

With reference to the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, noted in the margin, I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council the arrival of a Military Convict* from Bangalore, under sentence of Penal Servitude for four years.

2. The original Warrant and Descriptive Roll of the prisoner are herewith forwarded.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1863, No. 1,260.

The Master Attendant in charge of the Office of Superintendent of Marine will provide passage to England for the Military offender, George Skinner, who has been sentenced to Penal Servitude.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

C. A. Scotland

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Whereas an act of Parliament passed in the Twenty fifth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria entitled an act for punishing Mutiny and desertion and for the better payment of the Army and their Quarters. It is amongst other things enacted that whenever any sentence of Penal Servitude heretofore or hereafter passed upon any offender by any Court Martial holden in the East Indies or in any other part of Her Majesty's Foreign Dominions or elsewhere beyond the Seas is to be carried into execution for the Term specified in such Sentence or for any shorter term or other Sentence of Death passed by any such Court Martial has been or shall as aforesaid be committed to Penal Servitude the same shall be notified by the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Forces at the Presidency or Station where the Offender may come or be or in his absence by the Adjutant General for the time being to some Judge of one of the Supreme Courts of Judicature in the East Indies or the Chief Justice or some other Judge as the case may be in any part of Her Majesty's Foreign Dominions who shall make order for the Penal Servitude or intermediate custody of such Offender and upon any such order being made it shall be duly notified to the Governor of the Presidency if in the East Indies or to the Governor of the Colony if in any of Her Majesty's Colonies or to the person who shall for the time being be exercising the Office of Governor of such Presidency or Colony whom receipt of such notification shall cause such Offender to be removed or sent to some other Colony or place or to undergo his sentence within the Presidency or Colony where the Offender was so sentenced or where he may come or be as aforesaid in obedience to the directions for the removal and treatment of convicts

which shall from time to time be transmitted from Her
Majesty through one of Her Principal Secretaries of State to
such Presidency Colony and such Offender shall according
to such directions undergo the sentence of Penal Servitude which
shall have been passed upon him either in the Presidency or
Colony in which he has been so sentenced, or in the Colony or place
to which he has been removed or sent and whilst such
sentence shall remain in force shall be liable to be imprisoned
and kept to hard labour and otherwise dealt with under such
sentence in the same manner as if he had been sentenced to be
imprisoned with hard labour during the term of his Penal
Servitude by the judgment of a Court of competent Jurisdiction
in such Presidency Colony or in the Colony or place to which
he has been removed or sent respectively. And Whereas
Private George Skinner Regimental Quarter Master hundred and
seventeen in the 6th or Captain Richard James Cooke Motters
Troop of the 1st or 2nd Regiment of Dragoon Guards, was
tried by a General Court Martial held at Bangalore on the
Thirtieth of June One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty
three and found guilty upon the following Charge. That he George
Skinner after sunset on the Eleventh and before sunrise on
Twelfth April One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Three
at Bangalore being then and there a Soldier serving in India in
the Territories of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore did together
with others unknown break and enter the Shop of Coomaraswamy
Sinter and son in order to commit theft and did then and there
steal take and carry away four bottles of Brandy and brandy Twelve
bottles of French pale brandy, Eleven bottles of old Cognac brandy
Seven flasks of Gin, Eleven bottles of Sherry one bottle of Turkey
figs, one plated Egg Stand with Cups and Spoons, Two plated
Sockets of wall brackets one plated bottle Stand, Two leather
Cherry Cases one large packet of soap, Two pots of old cream
one imitation Horse hair Pipe, Two pints of salad oil, and one
Sea

Sea Shell, the property of the said Coomaraswamy Sinter and son.
And Whereas the said Private George Skinner was sentenced
by the said General Court Martial to Penal Servitude for Seven
Years, and which said sentence was approved and confirmed
by His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir James Hope Grant
G.C.B. Commander in Chief of the Madras Army and was
concurred in by the Governor in Council. And whereas a notification
in writing of the aforesaid conviction and sentence of the said
Private George Skinner hath by His Excellency the said Lieutenant
General Sir James Hope Grant been made to and the Honorable
Sir Colley Harman Scotland Knight Chief Justice of the High
Court of Judicature at Madras aforesaid pursuant to the direction
in the said Act contained. It is therefore ordered by us that the
said Private George Skinner be removed and sent as soon as
conveniently away to the Penitentiary at Madras in the place of
intermediate Custody of and for the said Private George Skinner
here to remain in custody until duly removed to such place as
the Honorable the Governor in Council may be pleased to appoint
and signify for the said Private George Skinner for the residue
of the term of his aforesaid sentence. Given under my hand
at Madras in the East Indies this twenty fourth day of July in
the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and
Sixty three.

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John P. S. S.

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Read to the Council of the
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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read the following letters —
from the Clerk of the
Crown — Inter 28 July & 3 Aug.
1863.
" Commr. of Police — 31 do.

Order: A 1265 of 17th Aug 63

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