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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

24th June 1863.

No. 228. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Rajahmundry, on Circuit, 25th May 1863, No. 23.

I have the honor to forward a letter and enclosure from Mr. Nesbitt in charge of the European Prison at Ootacamund, in reference to the Order of Government Dated 25th April 1862, No. 85. of the 4th March (No. 312) requiring a nominal register of the prisoners that Officer would propose for transfer to the Andamans.

2. Having been absent, with the exception of a few days in December, for six months, I cannot remember all who I may think likely to fulfil the object of transfer but Douglas, Freeman, Harding, West, Sands, William Watson, Fowles, Jackson, Vickery, Nolan, John Smith and Ramus would, all things considered, probably recommend themselves most.

3. Hawkins is a good Cook and a man of intelligence, but of African descent, which might not allow of his exercising the same control as others would.

4. Other men steady and willing there are, but without any other special recommendations; one who was formerly a gardener, but whose name I forget may be useful.

5. The Military prisoners are not I believe liable to the transfer proposed.

6. The prisoner Ramus whom I recommend for transfer is a Madras prisoner.

From W. S. NESBITT, Esq., Sub-Judge in charge of European Prison, Ootacamund; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, dated Ootacamund, 25th April 1863, No. 85.

I was directed by an Order of Government, dated 4th March 1863, No. 312, paragraph 2, Judicial Department, copy of which has doubtless been sent to you, to submit through you a list of such prisoners as I might consider deserving of the privilege of being sent to the Andaman Islands. The number, however, was not specified that I was to select, and owing to the good conduct of the prisoners as a body it would be somewhat difficult to make a selection without making unfavorable distinctions, except in two instances. I have had a list prepared and now submit a list of all the prisoners in Jail excepting four men, giving all needful information respecting their crime, term of sentence, term of imprisonment undergone, behaviour and qualifications for employment in Port Blair, as required by Mr. Secretary Bayley's letter of 28th January 1863, No. 651, paragraph 5, annexed to the said order, from which the Bengal Government can make a selection according to the number of men required and the qualifications needed with them.

The four men omitted in the list are James Burke whose conduct has been too bad to allow the privilege contemplated, to be at present extended to him; Hutchings who though his conduct has been good prefers to continue here; Jennings, who will have to rejoin his Regiment on the expiration of his sentence; and Leeman whose term of imprisonment will expire in the course of a few days.

No. 229. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1863, No. 990.

The Governor in Council requests that the Inspector General of Jails, on his return to Ootacamund, will furnish a list of the prisoners now in the Ootacamund Jail, whom he would recommend as deserving of the privilege of being sent to Port Blair, as suggested in Mr. Secretary Bayley's letter of the 28th January last. The list should contain the particulars referred to in paragraph 5 of the letter in question, with a clear statement of the reason of the Inspector General's recommendation in each case.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. McMootry.

List of Prisoners
undergoing Penal Servitude
in the Commonwealth Jail
who are considered eligible
for employment in Port
Blair.

List of Prisoners undergoing Penal Servitude in the employment

Names	Offence	By what Court Sentenced	Sentence with Date	Religion	Present age	With what character received from previous jail	Occupation when convicted
Calcutta Prisoners							
John Freeman.	1 st Manslaughter 2 nd Murder	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Calcutta	1 st 4 years Penal servitude on and from the 15 th Feb. 1859 2 nd Penal Servitude for life on and from the 15 th Feb. 1865	Protestant	24	Good	Seaman Marine Brigade
Thomas D'Henry	Manslaughter	Do	6 years Penal servitude on and from the 4 th April 1859	Roman Catholic	33	Formerly good average of last 6 months Indifferent	Seaman
Henry Watson	1 st Murder 2 nd Breaching Prison 3 rd Prison Breach	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Bengal	1 st 10 years Penal servitude on and from the 17 th Decr 1859. 2 nd 1 year hard labor on and from the 17 th Decr 1869. 3 rd 6 months hard labor on and from the 8 th Decr 1870.	Protestant	33	Good	Farrier
Frank Williams	1 st Breaching Prison 2 nd Prison Breach	Do	1 st 6 months Penal servitude on and from the 8 th Decr 1859. 2 nd 6 months hard labor on and from the 8 th Decr 1863	Roman Catholic	24	Good	Seaman

Portacament European Prison who are in Port Blair

What trade he knows or previously pursued	Date of arrival at Portacament Jail	Term of imprisonment undergone		Conduct while in Portacament Jail	Qualification for employment in Port Bl.
		years	days		

Rope maker and is a tolerably good shoe maker

31st March 1862

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Good

Can read and can work as a willing dustman. He always ready to perform any work required of him.

Is a tolerably good Tailor

31st March 1862

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Good

Can work as a sailor, is capable of any amount of hard labor

Has worked as a Tailor and Carpenter since he has been in jail and previous to conviction followed the profession of Veterinary Surgeon

31st March 1862

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Good

Writes a good hand and would make a good Clerk. He is willing, proper and obedient

Can read

Names	Offence	By what Court sentenced	Sentence with date	Reli- gion	Present age	With what character received from previous fail	Occupations when convicted
Lewis Hardinge	1st Larceny in a dwelling house and by a servant 2nd Prison Break	Supreme Court of Judicature Port William Bengal	1st 4 years penal servitude on and from the 8 th Decr 1859 2 nd 6 months hard labor from and after the 8 th Decr 1863	Protestant	31	Good	Seaman
Robert West	Butting with intent to murder	Do	6 years penal servitude on and from the 10 th Decr 1859	Roman Catholic	34	Formerly Good for the last few years the Bad	Seaman

Patrik Floherthy	Cutting with intent to murder	Supreme Court of Judicature Port William Bengal	4 years penal servitude on and from the 10 th December 1859	Roman Catholic	31	Good	Soldier
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1st R	3	138	Good	obedient, can work as a sailor
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What trade he knows or previously pursued	Date of arrival at Portacumund jail	Term of imprisonment undergone		Conduct while in Portacumund jail	Qualifications for employment in Port Blair
		years	Days		
Is a good shoe maker and can make Coar knots	31 st March 1862	3	138	Good	Can read and write is a good shoe maker and is willing, obedient and industrious can work as a sailor and a vessel a strong desire to obtain a further knowledge of navigation.
Can work as a rough carpenter and is a good hand at making Coar knots	31 st March 1862	3	136	Good	Can read and write can work as a carpenter and states that he understands pile driving and some thing of Building having been employed formerly in Building Docks he is a hard working man and is industrious.
Is handy at Tailor work, states that he has been accustomed to work a stone Quarry	31 st March 1862	3	136	Good	Can read and write says he understands drawing etc and can work as a Bricklayer laborer, is a steady willing man, industrious and obedient.
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Is handy at Tailor work, states that he has been accustomed to work a stone Quarry	31st March 1862	3	136	Good	Can read and write says he understands drawing stone and can work as a bricklayer laborer, is a steady willing man, industrious and obedient.	
Is a tolerably	the 1st April 1866			Bad	Can read and write	

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By what Court sentenced	Sentence with date	Religion	Present age	With what character received from previous Jail	Occupation when convicted
Robbery with violence on person and on Drunken	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Bengal 1 st 4 years Penal servitude on and from the 7 th February 1860 2 nd 6 months hard labor on and from the 7 th February 1864	Protestant	28	Good	Soldier
Robbery with violence on person and on Drunken	Do 1 st 4 years Penal servitude on and from the 7 th February 1860 2 nd 6 months hard labor on and from the 7 th February 1864	Protestant	27	Good	Soldier

Robbery with violence on person and on Drunken	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Calcutta 1 st 4 years Penal servitude on and from the 7 th February 1860 2 nd 6 months hard labor on and from the 7 th February 1864	Protestant	24	Good	Soldier
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Robbery with violence on person and on Drunken	1 st 6 years Penal servitude on and from the 7 th February 1860 2 nd 6 months hard labor on and from the 7 th February 1864	Roman Catholic	24	Formerly Good	Soldier
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What trade he knows or previously pursued	Date of arrival at Portacammund Jail	Term of imprisonment undergone	Conduct while in Portacammund Jail	Qualification for employment in Port Blair
Gardner	31 st March 1862	3 years 7 1/2	Good	can read and write and can work as a gunner and says he also can work as a miner or Brick maker.
Chemist and Druggist	31 st March 1862	3 years 7 1/2	Good with one exception when he was punished for insolence to a Jail officer	Can read and write well, would make a good clerk, understands something of Medicines and has passed an examination as apothecary, is willing and industrious.
Bricklayer	31 st March 1862	3 years 7 1/2	Good	Can read and write indifferently, is a good Bricklayer and is a willing industrious hand working man.

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Names	Offence	By what Court sentenced	Sentence with date	Religion	Present age	With what Character received from previous Jail	Occupation when Convicted
James Pendergast	1st Fel Casting wounds 2nd Fel and Breach	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Bengal	1 st 6 years Penal servitude on and from the 4 th April 1860 2 nd 6 months hard labor on and from the 4 th April 1860	Roman Catholic	27	Formerly Good for the last six months Indifferent	Soldier
Henry Martindale	1st Fel Robbery 2nd Fel and Breach	Do	1 st 4 years Penal servitude on and from the 4 th December 1860 2 nd 6 months hard labor on and from the 4 th December 1860	Protestant	23	Good	Soldier
William Watson	High Robbery	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Bengal	4 years Penal servitude on and from the 4 th December 1860	Roman Catholic	26	Good	Soldier
Michael Cornick	High Robbery	Do	4 years Penal servitude on and from the 4 th February 1861	Roman Catholic	32	Formerly Good average for last 6 months Indifferent	Soldier

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What trade he knows or previously pursued	Date of arrival at Portacumund Jail	Term of imprisonment undergone	Conduct while in Portacumund Jail	Qualification for employment in Port Blair
Laborer Quarrying and Mining	31 st March 1862	3 21	Good	Can read and write, says he understands Quarrying and Mining.
Laborer has been employed in Dockyards also in a Smithy since he has been in Jail he has worked as a shoe maker	31 st March 1862	2 14 2	Good	Can read and write a little, and anxious to learn, is very willing and industrious.
Carpenter	31 st March 1862	2 14 2	Good	Can read and write, has been employed as a Carpenter and Sailor since he has been in Jail is willing and obedient.

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Names	Offence	By what Court sentenced	Sentence with date	Religion	Present age	With what character received from previous jail	Occupation when convicted	What trade he knows or previously pursued	Date of arrival at Port Blair	Term of sentence undergone		Conduct while in Port Blair	Qualifications for employment in Port Blair	Remarks
										years	days			
William Hawkins	1 st Burglary and Stealing in a dwelling house 2 nd Burglary	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Bengal	1 st 4 years Penal servitude on and from the 1 st February 1861 3 rd 4 years Penal servitude on and from the 5 th February 1865 2 nd 2 years hard labor on and from the 5 th February 1869	Protestant	44	Good	Ship Cook	Brick Making	31 st March 1862	2	79	Good	Can read and write, is industrious obedient and says he can make Bricks or work as a sailor	
Frederick Fowler	1 st Manslaughter 2 nd Escape	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Bengal	1 st 6 years Penal servitude on and from the 13 th February 1861 2 nd 3 months hard labor on and from the 13 th February 1864	Protestant	23	Formerly good for the last 6 months indifferent	Seaman	Ship Carpenter	31 st March 1862	2	71	Good	Can read and write, is a good Carpenter and can work as a sailor	
John Jackson	1 st Being with	Do	4 years Penal servitude on and from the 13 th February 1864	Protestant	26	Good	Seaman	Ship Carpenter	31 st March 1862	2	22	Good	Can read and write is a good Carpenter industrious obedient and willing	
William Vickery	Order	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Bengal	6 years Penal servitude on and from the 5 th April 1861	Protestant	31	Good	Seaman	Carpenter	31 st March 1862	2	20	Good	Can read and write Can work as a Carpenter or as a sailor is intelligent industrious and willing	

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Source	By what Court Sentenced	Sentence with date	Religion	Pre. sent age	With what character received from previous jail	Occupation when convicted
During a Bill escape from jail	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Bengal	1 st 4 years Penal Servitude on and from the 8 th February 1861. 2 nd 6 months hard labor on and from the 8 th February 1865.	Protestant	23	Formerly very Bad Last six months Indifferent	Clerk
slaughter	Do	4 years Penal Servitude on and from the 7 th February 1862	Protestant	26	Good	Seaman
ing forged for money	Do	4 years Penal Servitude on and from the 31 st August 1861.	Roman Catholic	31	Good	Seaman

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What trade he knows or previously pursued	Date of arrival at Portacammund Jail	Term of imprisonment undergone		Conduct while in Portacammund Jail	Qualifications for employment in Port Bl
		years	days		
Apothecary	31 st March 1862	2	76	Middling once punished for Contemptuously throwing away his coffee	Can read and write well, and something of Medicine & Surgery. He is a fluent speaker and states that has been employed as an overseer on a Railway and would perhaps do better if in laborious employment. Could be given more than is possible.
Knife maker	31 st March 1862	1	77	Good	Can read and write, is an industrious willing man. Can work as a blacksmith.
Sail Maker	31 March 1862	1	238	Good	Can read and write, is an industrious willing man. Can work as a blacksmith and well.
Shoe Cutter	31 March 1862	1	314	Good	Can read and write, is an industrious willing man. Can work as a blacksmith and well.

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Names	Officer	Where sentenced	Sentence with date	Reli- gion	Pre- sent age	What character received from previous fate	Occupation when arrived
John Smith	1 st Lt 2 nd Bn	Supreme Court of Judicature Fort William Bengal	14 years Penal Servitude from and after the 6 th December 1861 2 1/2 months hard labor from and after the 6 th December 1865	Roman Catholic	29	Good	Seaman
Madras Prisoners.							
Martin Murphy	Shoemaker inter M.	Supreme Court of Judicature Madras	Penal Servitude for Life on and from the 16 th October 1855	Roman Catholic	45	Good	Soldier
William Buckley	Officer and disobedient	General Court Martial	4 years Penal Servitude on and from the 29 th September 1860	Protestant	37	Good	Soldier

What trade he knows or previously pursued	Date of arrival at Port Blair	Term of imprisonment undergone		Conduct while in Port Blair	Qualification for employment in Port Blair	Remarks
		years	days			
Saddler and Hammes maker	31 st March 1862	1	14	Good	Can read and write is a good saddler, can work as a sailor is industrious willing and obedient.	
Laborer principally Stone Quarrying	31 March 1862	7	19	Good Has been most of his time on the diet but but when off it has been quiet and has done such work as has been given him, he would probably be and do better in a warmer climate, and with more laborious work than can be given to him here.	Can read, says he understands rough stone cutting, and quarrying and blasting stones	
	21 st June 1862	2	209	Good	Can read and write well would make a good clerk or super- intendent of work is intelligent action willing	
General Draklam under guard	21 st June 1862	2	128	Good	Can read and write is willing and industrious states that he understands General Draklam and is willing and obedient	

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Name	By what Court Sentenced	Sentence with Date	Religion	Present age	With what Character received from previous Jail	Occupation when Convicted	What trade he knows or previously pursued	Date of arrival at Port Blair Jail	Term of Imprisonment undergone		Conduct while in Port Blair Jail	Qualifications for employment in Port Blair	Remarks
									years	days			
Edward Smith Officer	General Court Martial	To be deprived of 8 pence a day for 2 years and 4 years Penal servitude on and from the 27th Nov 1860	Roman Catholic	29	Good	Brush Maker Soldier	Brick Making	21 st June 1862	2	149	Good	Can read and write is willing and industrious. States that he understands Brick Making thoroughly	
Henry Cunningham Officer	Do	4 years Penal servitude on and from the 25th February 1861.	Roman Catholic	35	Good	Laborer Soldier	Brick Making	21 st June 1862	2	59	Good	Can read and write is a willing and industrious hand and states that he understands Brick Making. However not be permitted to again enlist and therefore begs much to be sent to the Andamans where after the expiry of his sentence he may have any opportunity of earning a new sphere of life	
James Cunningham Officer	Do	To make good the unemployed money and 15 years Penal servitude on and from the 4th July 1861	Roman Catholic	30	Good	Lieutenant 2 nd Regiment Madras Infantry	Surveying and Stationary	21 st June 1862	1	295	Good	I am an intelligent well educated man understands Surveying and Stationary. States that he was employed in England in the year 1847 and in a temporary capacity in the Madras Army in 1847 and 1848. He is willing to do a good deal of work in jail as a punishment.	This man having been once in the position of an officer and a gentleman his punishment of course falls far heavier on him than on the ordinary class of prisoners. He is cut off from all hope of being again recognized by his family or entering Society. He is proceeding to the Andamans where he might find employment. He is a very good character and is working on a new sphere of life at the expiration of his sentence would be an act of great clemency and conferring a great boon on him.

W. H. Smith
Judge in Charge
Port Blair Prison

selection is made from this list and the whole
ordered to be sent away, I would beg to suggest
that the first given to Life and long sentence
if their conduct is otherwise deemed sufficiently

W. Weston
Sub Judge in Charge
of European Prison

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Read the following letter from the
Inspector General of Jails

Recd letter 25th May 1863. No 23

Order thereon 24 June 1863. No. 990-

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General of jails to furnish,
on his return to Ortacum,
a list of the prisoners now
in that jail, whom he
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