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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th January 1864.*

No. 174. Read the following letter from J. W. S. WYLLIE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India ; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 12th January 1864, No. 210.

Home Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 335, dated 26th ultimo, requesting that the Steamer *Arracan* may be sent back to Madras for the purpose of conveying the convicts therein referred to to Port Blair.

2. I am, in reply, to state that the *Arracan* is already under orders for Madras, being intended to convey His Excellency Sir William Denison back to the seat of his Government. The Mail, in fact, taking you this letter will be borne by the *Arracan*.

3. With regard to the use to which the *Arracan* may be put on her arrival at Madras, I am desired to intimate that the Government of India has recently been obliged, in consequence of much sickness being prevalent among the convicts at Port Blair, to temporarily prohibit the further transportation of convicts to that Settlement from Calcutta, and to direct that all prisoners shall be sent to Moulmein instead for confinement. For the same reasons, it seems to the Governor General in Council advisable that the destination of the large number of convicts, who are now awaiting transportation at Madras, should be changed from Port Blair to Moulmein. And His Excellency in Council has no objection to the *Arracan* being employed in taking these prisoners to Moulmein. Only, as the *Arracan* is very urgently needed at Calcutta to perform similar service in respect of a large batch of convicts at this Port, I am desired to couple with the present concession of the vessel for the purposes of the Madras Government, a special request of the Government of India, that the *Arracan* may be detained for as short a time as possible at Madras, and be thus enabled to return to Calcutta, after having disembarked the Madras convicts at Moulmein, with all practicable despatch.

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1864, No. 112.

Communicated to the Commissioner of Police, and to the Master Attendant in charge of the Office of Superintendent of Marine.

2. Pending further orders from the Government of India, convicts under sentence of transportation should be embarked for Moulmein instead of Port Blair.

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

N^o 112 - 27 January 1874

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I have the honor to be,

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