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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
3rd May 1864.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 36. From Mrs. C. KING; to the Chief Secretary to Government, in the Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd April 1864.

I beg very respectfully to request, that you will be pleased to submit the accompanying petition for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and obtain for me an early reply to the prayer therein set forth.

To His EXCELLENCY SIR W. T. DENISON, K. C. B.,
Governor in Council, Fort Saint George,
&c., &c., &c.

The humble petition of CHARLOTTE KING,
wife of HENRY WILLIAM KING, an Apothecary on the Madras Medical Establishment, and now a prisoner in Her Majesty's Penitentiary at Madras, presented under Section 54 of Act XXV of 1861.

SHEWETH,

That your petitioner's husband was on the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, indicted at the fourth Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery, under Sections 405 and 408 of the Indian Penal Code, before the High Court at Madras, for having committed Criminal breach of Trust, and on being found guilty of that offence, was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for the term of sixteen months.

2. Of this period of imprisonment, five and a half months have already expired, during which time, from the circumstances below mentioned, the health of your petitioner's husband has suffered severely from the hardships incidental to a prison life.

3. Your petitioner's husband entered the service of your Honorable Government on the thirteenth day of December, One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, and from that time until the occurrence of the sad and lamentable event which placed him in his present position, served your Honorable Government for a period of almost thirty-six years, with marked zeal and fidelity, as borne testimony to by many of the Medical officers of the Madras Presidency under whom your petitioner's husband, at various times, served, and which the records of the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department will fully bear out.

4. During seven years of his service your petitioner's husband was Domestic Apothecary to the Most Noble the Marquis of Tweeddale while Governor of Madras, from whom he received a certificate of good character, which, together with other testimonials from various Medical officers, were submitted, on the day of trial, to the Chief Justice Sir C. H. Scotland, Knight, for perusal, and which your petitioner believes are in the High Court.

5. Your petitioner does not attempt to urge all these past services of her unfortunate husband in extenuation of his crime, nor does she, for one single moment, question the justice of the sentence passed on him, but humbly solicits that your Excellency in Council will be pleased to remit the remaining portion of the imprisonment your petitioner's husband is now undergoing, as his health is fast failing him, owing to an inflammation of the kidneys, accompanied with a large deposit of sediment in his urine when passed.

6. These ailments prison life has aggravated to a serious extent, and the life of your petitioner's husband is consequently in great danger, so that your petitioner, with tearful eyes, craves that a reference may be made to Doctor Aitkin, the Medical officer in charge of the Penitentiary, who will, doubtless, have no hesitation in giving it as his opinion that further confinement will only tend to have a most prejudicial effect upon the health of your petitioner's husband, and perhaps on his life.

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7. Your petitioner begs, in conclusion, to add that she has a family consisting of eight children all of whom are young, with the exception of one who is earning a salary barely sufficient to maintain himself, and that ever since the confinement of your petitioner's husband, she has been left entirely destitute and unable to minister to the wants of her large family. Your petitioner therefore, with all due deference, earnestly and respectfully prays that all the circumstances above specified, may be allowed to plead with your Honorable Government on behalf of her husband, who is now feeble and in the decline of life, and procure for him a remission of the remaining portion of his punishment, which prayer if not graciously acceded to, may perhaps prove fatal to him, and plunge your petitioner with her eight children in the deepest sorrow and distress, and for which act of mercy your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.
(Signed) CHARLOTTE KING.

No. 37. From Mrs. C. KING; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 3rd May 1864.

With reference to my letter of the 22nd ultimo, forwarding a petition, I beg respectfully to enclose the testimonial (original) given to my husband by the Marquis of Tweeddale, together with the others therein alluded to, which have just come to hand, and which, I humbly solicit you will be pleased to submit for the perusal of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1864, No. 643.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to comply with the application made in the foregoing petition.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To Mrs. Charlotte King.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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(Recd & enter 22^d April 1864)

Order thereon 3^d May 1864. No 643.

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For Mrs Charlotte King disp^d 24/5

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No. 6403.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

St. A. 2284.

Dated 23rd May 1874.

Declining to comply with
the prayer of the C. V. for
remitting the amount
for the payment of her husband's
imprisonment.