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20th May 1864.*

No. 192. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police, Madras; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 12th May 1864, No. 54.

I have the honor to forward a petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor by Adam Colquhoun, who was sentenced on the 20th February last to rigorous imprisonment for six months for adultery.

TO THE HONORABLE SIR WILLIAM DENISON, K. C. B.,

Governor of Madras in Council.

The humble Petition of ADAM COLQUHOUN,
a prisoner in the Penitentiary at Madras.

SHEWETH,

That your petitioner was, on the twentieth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four sentenced to pay a fine of Rupees five hundred, and to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

2. That the fine has been paid, and more than three months of your petitioner's imprisonment have expired.

3. That for a considerable time before your petitioner's imprisonment, his health was very delicate, and his constitution considerably broken by exposure in performance of his official duties.

4. That in consequence of your petitioner's ill health, your petitioner was advised by his Medical attendants to adopt a generous and nutritious diet, and to avoid confinement.

5. That just immediately preceding your petitioner's conviction, his health had by careful nursing been in some manner restored, but he was yet in such a state as to induce the Doctor to certify that an extension of leave was necessary to ensure his recovery, and such extension of leave was accordingly granted by your Honorable Government.

6. That *very shortly* after such extension of leave your petitioner was convicted and imprisoned.

7. Such imprisonment has had a seriously prejudicial effect on your petitioner's health, and *during almost the whole period* of his incarceration that has as yet expired, your petitioner has been in hospital, as on reference to Dr. Aitken the Medical Officer in charge of the Jail will appear.

8. Your petitioner has reason to believe that the Medical Officer in charge of the Penitentiary considers that his further incarceration will *aggravate* the complaint he is laboring under, which owing to restriction to prison diet and discipline will perhaps prove injurious or fatal to your petitioner.

9. Your petitioner is desirous that the said Dr. Aitken should be called upon to certify as to your petitioner's present state of health, and your petitioner prays that it will please your Excellency to take the state of your petitioner's health into your merciful consideration with a view to the remission or commutation of the residue of your petitioner's term of imprisonment, and your petitioner craves leave to refer your Excellency to the Medical case signed by three Medical Officers in the service of your Honorable Government, on which leave of absence was granted to your petitioner, a copy of which case is annexed to the petition of your petitioner's wife presented lately on his behalf, and which case is also among the records of the Inspector General of Hospitals.

10. Your petitioner also prays your Excellency's attention to the certificates of character annexed, to his long and arduous services in the employ of your Honorable Government, during the whole period of which (extending over about fourteen years) your petitioner has maintained a most exemplary character as evidenced by the said certificates.

11. Your petitioner would also crave your Excellency's attention to the case of a prisoner named Sullivan, whose terms of punishment was on Medical grounds remitted, and to other like

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cases on the Jail records, particulars of which may be ascertained on reference to the Commissioner of Police.

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) A. COLQUHOUN:

MADRAS, 12th May 1864.

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ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1864, No. 738.

The Governor in Council declines to comply with the petitioner's application. If the Medical Officer in charge of the Penitentiary should be of opinion that the petitioner's life is endangered by his confinement, he will doubtless report his opinion for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.

Exd. J, Tulloch

Judicial Department,

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