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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
15th June 1864.

No. 132. Read the following letter from Captain J. BURN, Officiating Secretary to Government, Straits Settlement; to the Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Singapore, the 8th March 1864, No. 70.

I have the honor, by desire of His Honor the Governor, to forward herewith, for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council, a Roll of Madras convicts at present residing at Penang, for whom the indulgence of a free pardon has been solicited by the Superintendent of Convicts on the score of the length of time for which they have undergone the punishment of transportation and their uniform good conduct.

No. 1.

No. 133. To the Secretary to Government Straits Settlements, dated Fort Saint George, 15th June 1864, No. 875.

I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th March last, forwarding a roll of convicts sentenced in this Presidency to transportation for life, but who are now recommended by the Superintendent of Convicts at Penang for the indulgence of a free pardon.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Governor in Council having given the recommendation of the Superintendent his most careful consideration, does not consider himself justified in complying with it. It appears to His Excellency in Council that while the reasons for granting the pardons urged by the Superintendent, namely, the great age of the convicts, and the length of time for which they have undergone the sentence of transportation, make it questionable whether their restoration to their native country would in reality be a boon to many of the convicts themselves, the release of so large a number on the mere ground of length of servitude might form a most inconvenient precedent, and could scarcely fail to give rise to expectations on the part of other convicts, which it might not be found desirable to fulfil.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Extract from the Bengal Judicial Department Proceedings of the 1st and
Superannuated Lists of Convicts in the Settlements of Prince of Wales Island Singapore and Malacca recommended for Free Pardon

No.	Mark	Names	Castes	Crimes	Tried	Date of Conviction	Sentence	Date of Arrival in the Settlement	Age	Remarks
1.	3.	Geeriah	Bot Mariar	Murder	Madras	Life	5 1/2	Nov. 1807	Not mentioned	
2.	5.	Ishinnaparadaly	Do	Murder & Robbery	Do	33 1/2	March 1812	18 1/2	July 1812	
3.	9.	Camara Veetelbhutapa Nair	Do	Murder	Malabar	Do	29 1/2	July 1810	18 1/2	August 1810
4.	11.	S[illegible]	Do	Murder, Commutation	Tinnevelly	Do	30 1/2	Dec. 1813	18 1/2	Aug. 1813
5.	11.	Kanoo	Do	Murder	Malabar	Do	22 1/2	March 1813	18 1/2	Ditto
6.	21.	Mullapen	Do	Murder	Combaconum	Do	14 1/2	Dec. 1819	15 1/2	May 1820
7.	38.	Gurtagatto Vellaba Narah	Do	Arson & Robbery	Vagalatur	Do	21 1/2	Jany. 1821	27 1/2	Aug. 1821
8.	65.	Sodunghy Christnanah Sonnadoo	Do	Robbery by open violence	Chicacole	Do	31st	March 1824	23rd	April 1825
9.	66.	Soolacoola Gungadoo	Do	Ditto	Cuddapah	Do	11 1/2	Septr.	28 1/2	Ditto
10.	68.	Condoo Gurvapah	Do	Ditto	Ditto	Do	15 1/2	Ditto	28 1/2	Ditto
11	70.	Viddoogandoo	Ditto	Highway Robbery attending wounding	Chittle	Do	30 1/2	Ditto	23rd	Ditto
12	72.	Sunjeevoogan	Ditto	Robbery by open violence	Cudd[illegible]lah	Do	17 1/2	Dec. 1824	23rd	Ditto

Mark signifies Do.

Strongly recommended for free pardon on account of great age, long term of penal servitude, and uniform good behaviour during residence in the Settlement. No entries of any punishment having against

	Nos.	Names.	Castes.	Where tried	Date of Sentence	Date of arrival in the Straits	Sentence & age	Remarks.
		Veeroogandoo	Kolmendy	Robbery by open violence				
		[illegible] alias Soobadoo	Ditto	Gang Robbery				
		Cullan alias Sadasseenoodoo	Gentoo	Gang Robbery &c				
16	18	Curpen	Malabar	Highway Robbery				
		Allagappen	Malabar	Gang				
		Chookka Singandoo	Gentoo	Robbery by open Violence				
		Kanden	Gang	Upon Suspicion with an intent				
21	83	Vellachee alias Kroonan	Gentoo	Do	Do			
21	83	Vengadoorry alias Cayarangandoo						
		Peralan alias Periaoo Murgen	Malay	Gang Robbery	Malacca	23rd April 1824	Life	against any of these persons of Foreman in the
		Masulipatam	Do	10½	Dec. 1824	23rd	Ditto	
		Do	Do	29½	Octr. 1822	11½ June 1825	68	Defaulters Books of the
		Madaroo	Do	20½	Dec. 1823	11½	Do	70 Convict Department.
		Combaconum	Do	30½	April 1824	11½	Ditto	64
		Masulipatam	Do	25½	April 1823	11½	Ditto	66
		Chittoor	Do	29½	Octr. 1822	11½	Ditto	64
		Ditto	Do	24½	January 1823	11½	Ditto	69
		Malabar	Do	29½	Octr. 1823	11½	Ditto	64
		Masulipatam	Do	29½	Octr. 1822	11½ June 1825	69	

Singapore
1st March 1864.

Captain
Offg. Secretary to Government
Straits Settlement

Rec'd per Peterhoff
Nov 5th 1864

Duplicate acknowledging
receipt of Secretary to
Government Straits
Settlement
Dated 8th March 1864
No. 56.

To Lieut Governor Cavenagh
Straits Settlement
Penang.

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Secretary to Government
Straits Settlements

Sir,

I have the honor to
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Governor in Council, to acknow-
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give to expectations
... the heart of other convicts,
which it might not be found
desirable to fulfil.

Capt. B. George
14th Jamestown. E

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To
The Secy to Govt
Straits Settlts

Dated 14 June 1854

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