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No. 266. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Acting Inspector General of Jails, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bangalore, 24th August 1865, No. 206.

I have the honor to forward a petition from John Albert Newton, late Inspector of Mofussil Police, and now a convict in the European Prison at Ootacamund, praying for a remission of a portion of the period of his sentence, which will expire on the 1st April 1866.

2. Newton was in a situation of trust when he committed the offence for which he is now imprisoned, and I do not know of any thing in his case which entitles him to the favorable consideration of Government.

3. Copy of the covering letter of the Officer in charge of the Jail is herewith annexed.

From A. W. PHILLIPS, Esq., Officer in charge of the European Jail, Ootacamund, to Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Acting Inspector General of Jails; dated 22nd August 1865.

I have the honor, herewith, to submit a petition received from J. A. Newton, a convict in the European Jail at Ootacamund. The convict's behaviour while here has been uniformly good.

(True Copy).

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Acting Inspector General of Jails.

To His Excellency Sir W. T. DENISON, K. C. B.,
Governor in Council, Madras Presidency.

The humble petition of J. A. NEWTON, a prisoner in the Ootacamund European Prison, and late Inspector of the Mofussil Police, attached to the South Arcot District, Cuddalore,

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Excellency's humble petitioner was, on the 23rd July 1864, charged with Criminal Breach of Trust, for the sum of Company's Rupees 137-10-4, before J. Grose, Esquire, Head Assistant Magistrate of Cuddalore, who, after an examination of the case, committed me for trial at the High Court of Judicature at Madras. Consequently your Excellency's humble petitioner had to await his trial till November, thereby causing a lapse of 3 months and 9 days, between the dates of my arrest and trial, and was afterwards sentenced to 17 months' imprisonment. I beg most respectfully to state, that my case has not arisen from any dishonest intentions, but through mere want of experience. My imprisonment has left my aged mother, together with a wife and child destitute, who are sadly struggling to obtain the bare necessaries of life, and are looking to me for their support. Therefore I trust and beg most humbly that your Excellency will be pleased to give this sad case of mine your most valuable and charitable consideration, and relieve me of my distress by any small remittance of my sentence which may prove adequate to your kind approval, in consideration of the length of time I have awaited my trial, for which act of clemency, your Excellency's humble petitioner shall feel ever grateful.

Ootacamund,
European Prison,
11th August 1865.

(Signed) J. A. NEWTON.

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No. 267. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1865, No. 1213.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to remit any portion of the sentence passed upon the prisoner in question.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

30 August 1865 No. 1213.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to permit any portion of the sentence passed upon the prisoner in question.

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To the Inspr. Genl. of Jails. dcstd 1/9