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No. 270. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 28th August 1865, No. 3049.

I have the honor to inform you that, from a demi-official communication received from the Acting Inspector of Jails, I learn that there are now 570 Native convicts awaiting transportation to Port Blair. The Master Attendant at Calcutta has telegraphed that the *Tubal Cain,* which vessel is expressly fitted up for convicts, cannot be spared, but that the *Dalhousie* might be sent on the service about the 20th proximo. This last named vessel would hardly take more than 150 at a time. Her employment would, therefore, not be economical.

2. Under these circumstances, I solicit permission to engage a vessel, or vessels, for the transport of the convicts, in communication with the Acting Inspector of Jails, and the Commissioner of Police.

3. I would propose to restrict the embarkation to 300 convicts in one vessel.

No. 271. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1865, No. 1215.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Superintendent of Marine to engage a vessel, or vessels, for the transport of the convicts referred to in the foregoing letter to Port Blair.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Marine.
" Inspector General of Jails.
" Commissioner of Police, Madras.
" Accountant General.
" Examiner of Claims.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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