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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 130. Read the following letter from Captain C. S. HEARN, Officiating Commissioner of Police; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 8th September 1865, No. 100.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Master Attendant, requesting me to apply to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for the release of certain European convicts, with a view of their taking service on board an American ship which is in great distress for hands. The Master Attendant points out that, after the commencement of the monsoon, the sailors will be unable to obtain employment.

2. The forced sojourn of destitute seamen at Madras during the monsoon months is doubtless an evil both to themselves and to the community. Section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854 provides for seamen imprisoned for refusal of duty being put on board their own ship before expiration of sentence, but there is no provision for their being put on board any other vessel.

3. I enclose a nominal Roll of the seamen who have volunteered, shewing their offence, period of sentence, and period still unexpired. Convicts Nos. 1 to 4 have already been excluded from this indulgence by G. O. No. 1175 of 24th ultimo, and Nos. 5 and 6 come under the same restriction.

4. The convicts as per margin have been sentenced for refusal of duty only, and the period of their release will occur during the monsoon months. Convict Stephen Pollock has completed four out of six months' imprisonment, and as he too will be released during the ensuing monsoon, I submit his case also for the consideration of Government.

William Noble.	Richard Griffith.
Andrew Nelson.	Peter Clementson.

From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant; to the Acting Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated 7th September 1865, No. 1334.

As the seamen named in the margin, now undergoing their sentences in the Penitentiary, have volunteered for service in the American Ship *Charles Cooper*, now in great distress for hands, I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to make the necessary application to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for their release.

Thomas Parker.	Anthony Hussey.
Stephen Pollock.	William Noble.
Henry Blackgrave.	Richard Griffith.
William Hutchison.	Peter Clementson.
Thomas Foster.	Andrew Nelson.

2. As during the N. E. monsoon few ships enter this Port and consequently there is little chance of obtaining employment for seamen, I think it of great importance that the Jail, if possible, should be cleared of seafaring men during this month.

(True Copy).

(Signed) C. S. HEARN, Captain,
Officiating Commissioner of Police.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 12th September 1865.

Men who have volunteered their services on board the American Ship *Charles Cooper*.

	Names.	Charge.	Sentence.	Date of admission.	Date of expiration of sentence.
1.	Stephen Pollock.....	Broaching cargo.	6 Months.	15th May 1865 ...	14th November 1865.
2.	Thomas Parker. ...	Do.	12 ,,	15th May 1865 ...	14th May 1866.
3.	Thomas Foster	Do.	9 ,,	14th June 1865 ...	13th March 1866.
4.	Anthony Hussey ...	Do.	12 ,,	Do.	13th June 1866.
5.	William Hutchison...	Do.	9 ,,	Do.	13th March 1866.
6.	Henry Blackgrave...	Do.	6 ,,	Do.	13th December 1865.
7.	William Noble... ...	Refusal of duty.	12 Weeks.	30th June 1865 ...	22nd September 1865.
8.	Andrew Nelson.....	Do.	,,	15th August 1865	6th November 1865.
9.	Richard Griffith ...	Do.	,,	11th July 1865. ...	2nd October 1865.
10.	Peter Clementson...	Do.	8 ,,	9th August 1865.	3rd October 1865.

MADRAS POLICE,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
8th September 1865.

(Signed) C. S. HEARN, Captain,
Officiating Commissioner of Police.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1865, No. 1300.

The Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the immediate release from the Penitentiary of the four seamen named in the margin of the last paragraph of Captain Hearn's letter, to enable them to obtain employment on the ship *Charles Cooper*. His Excellency in Council is pleased to extend the same indulgence to Stephen Pollock, with reference to the time when he will become entitled to his discharge from Jail.

2. There are no sufficient grounds for remitting the sentences passed upon the other seamen named in Mr. Dalrymple's letter, who have been convicted of the crime of broaching cargo.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.
" Master Attendant, Madras.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Order ____ 12th September 1865 No. 1300.

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The Commissioner of Police
- Master Attendant, Madras. } dated 12/9

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