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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 27th October 1865.

No. 196. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 2nd October 1865, No. 2441.

Home Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1247, dated the 5th ultimo, and to state, with regard to the petition of the convict James Ford, that the Governor General in Council does not consider it necessary to comply with his application for a license to be at large at Port Blair.

2. With regard to the Convict Watson, I am to observe that no general rule has been laid down as to the proportion of a term of sentence which should be completed before a remission can be granted; and though, under ordinary circumstances, two-thirds would seem a proper proportion to require to be passed in confinement before a ticket-of-leave is given, it is not perhaps necessary that such a limit should be rigidly adhered to in the case of ticket-of-leave to the Andamans. On the other hand, before a ticket is given in any case to the Andamans, it is important that full information should be given as to the character and habits of the convict, and the crime of which he was convicted: for it is most undesirable to send any European Convict to Port Blair, who cannot be depended on to conduct himself quietly and with submission to the authorities, and who is not also capable of making himself useful either as a Clerk, or Mechanic, or Overseer, or in some other capacity.

No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1865, No. 1530.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, with reference to Lieutenant Colonel Wilson's letter of the 19th August last, No. 187. Convict James Ford should be informed of the reply given to his petition in paragraph 1.

2. Convict Watson's petition, in which he prayed for entire or partial remission of the remainder of his sentence, and, in case this was refused, for a license to be at large on the Neilgherries, was, it is observed, forwarded to the Government of Bengal for their consideration, with the remark that the Convict's latter request was considered by the Governor in Council quite inadmissible.

3. No answer from the Bengal Government has yet been received, and copy of the letter of this Government to the Supreme Government, and of their reply above recorded, will now be communicated to the Government of Bengal.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 198. To the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort Saint George, 27th October 1865, No. 1531.

In continuation of my letter of the 5th ultimo, No. 1248, forwarding an application made by the European Convict Henry Watson, of the Ootacamund Jail, for the entire or partial remission of the remainder of the sentence passed upon him by the late Supreme Court of Calcutta, I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the annexed copy of a letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, dated the 2nd instant, and of the letter to which it is a reply.

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2. I am to observe, in reference to paragraph 2 of Mr. Howell's letter, that the petition of Convict Watson was not referred by the Madras Government for the orders of the Government of India, and that their remarks, with respect to that individual's prayer, were probably induced by the circumstance of their having had before them the letter from the Inspector General of Jails of 19th August last, which contained a report on the case of Watson, as well as on that of another convict, James Ford, referred for their decision.

(Signed) W. HULESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Read letter from the Govt. of India — Dated 2 Oct. '65 No. 2,441.

Order — 27th October 1865 No. 1530.

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Extracts from the Bengal Govt's
letter dated 19th ult. & copy of the letter of this Govt. to the
Govt. of Bengal dated 19th ult. noticed in the margin
were laid before the Board & ordered to be communicated
to the Govt. of Bengal.

The Inspector Genl.
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Judicial Department.

No. 1531.

To

The Secretary to the Government

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Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 5th Ultimo No. 1246, forwarding an application made by the European Convict Henry Watson of the Cotacamund Jail, for the entire or partial remission of the remainder of the sentence passed upon him by the late Supreme Court of Calcutta, I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the annexed copy of a letter from the Under Secy to the Government of India dated the 2nd instant and of the letter to which it is a reply.

I am to observe in reference to para: 2 of Mr Stovell's letter that the petition of Convict Watson was not referred by the Madras Govt. for the orders of the Govt of India, and that their remarks

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