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No. 86. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 6th December 1865, No. 601.

I have the honor to request that, in the case noted in a letter* from Dr. Busteed, herein enclosed, mercy may be extended to the prisoner referred to, and that he may be at once released, as it appears that having undergone 14 years of his original sentence for Highway robbery, and 15 months of a two years sentence for escape, he is now in a state of health in which his only chance of recovery is in immediate release.

* Dated 1st December 1865, No. 262.

2. I have called Mr. Busteed's attention to his having neglected to furnish the prisoner's name, and to the probability that an earlier application would have been justifiable.

3. I would beg that orders on the subject may be communicated direct.

From Assistant Surgeon W. J. BUSTEED, M. D., Superintendent of the Jail at Chingleput, to the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund; dated Chingleput, 1st December 1865, No. 262.

I have the honor to request that you will inform me whether, or not, it is possible, under the existing rules, to liberate a convict who is in immediate danger of dying if not liberated. As far as I understand the old rules, they do not permit such a step; but the new rules (not yet sanctioned I believe) do admit of it.

2. The case in point at present is that of a convict sentenced to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment for Highway robbery, and two years extra for escaping, who has already passed 15 years and nine months of his time, and who is very likely to die of diarrhœa and debility within the remaining three months.

3. I do not say that liberating him would restore his health, though it might do so; but it would at all events satisfy his longings for a sight of his home and family before his death.

4. As the nature of the case does not admit of very much delay, I have the honor to request that, if possible, you will give me, or get for me, sanction to liberate the man as soon as possible.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1865, No. 1767.

The Governor in Council authorizes the immediate release of the prisoner referred to in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
" Superintendent of Jail, Chingleput.

Exd. J. H. Burns

12 December 1865 & 1767.

The Governor in Council authorizes the immediate release of the prisoner referred to in the foregoing letter.—

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