

MADRAS RECORD

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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27th February 1865.

No. 268. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 18th February 1865, No. 529.

I have the honor to forward, for your information and that of the Government, an extract from a letter from the Session Judge of Calicut, deprecating the retention in the Jail at that station of convicts of desperate character sentenced to transportation, 48 of whom he remarks are now in Jail.

2. Mr. Cook very properly urges the relief of his Jail before the setting in of the hot weather, as it is now greatly over-crowded, 323 convicts being, he states, confined in the Jail, which the Government directed should be limited to 200 inmates.

3. The daily average for last month was of all classes in the Calicut Jail 375, of whom about 50 are lodged in a thatched building at Poodiangady.

4. I hope to be at Cannanore next week, and I think it probable that from 35 to 40 convicts may be there transferred from Calicut. What is to be done with the rest I cannot say; I have no accommodation for them, nor do I know of any suitable buildings on the West Coast.

5. I do not think myself warranted in moving up more prisoners to the Lawrence Asylum gangs at present, nor is there accommodation for them.

Extract from a letter received from the Session Judge of Calicut, dated 15th February 1865, to the address of the Inspector General of Jails.

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My Jail is too full. There is at present in the Calicut Jail 323 convicts, and amongst them no less than I think 48 under sentence of transportation. Some of those are bad characters, and I confess I don't like keeping so many men in Jail here who are under sentence of transportation, neither do the Police like it.

There are men under sentence of transportation for life, and I am only waiting the result of their appeal before taking steps to have them off. Could you not manage to relieve me of all those 48 convicts, by having them sent to Madras to wait there, until they can be sent away? Or, if that is not possible, could you not send them to some other Jail? and thus relieve me of a very anxious charge, and at the same time decrease the number in Jail, which it is highly expedient to do now that the hot season is rapidly approaching; otherwise we may have an out-break of sickness again. At present all is well. Please give this attention and oblige.

(True Extract).

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector General of Jails.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1865, No. 333.

The Inspector General of Jails requests instructions for the disposal of convicts now under sentence of transportation in the Calicut Jail, which is much over-crowded. The Session Judge's letter shows that 48 convicts are under sentence of transportation, but it is not stated how many of these are under sentence of 14 years and upwards. Under orders of the Government of India, the transportation of those under sentences less than 14 years has been suspended. It appears that in the Penitentiary there are about 71 convicts under sentence of 14 years and upwards, and it is probable that other Jails also contain convicts under sentence of transportation.

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27th February 1865.

2. The Inspector General of Jails being absent from Madras, the Governor in Council directs that the Commissioner of Police will ascertain, by Circular from

Bellary.	Negapatam.
Calicut.	Nellore.
Chingleput.	Nundial.
Chittoor.	Ootacamund.
Coimbatore.	Salem.
Cuddalore.	Tanjore.
Cuddapah.	Tellicherry.
Madura.	Trichinopoly.
Mangalore.	Tinnevely.

officers in charge of the Jails noted in the margin, the number of convicts in each Jail sentenced to transportation for not less than 14 years, and in whose case the time for appeal has expired.

3. Colonel Wilson will report to Government, as early as possible; and if it appears that the number of convicts under sentence of transportation for 14 years and upwards is sufficient to warrant the adoption of such a course, a vessel will be taken up for the special purpose of conveying them to Port Blair.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.

„ Inspector General of Jails.

„ Civil and Session Judge of Calicut.

21 Feb/65 - 12-1/2

My dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. regarding the number of convicts in the Pen^t at this date is 874 of whom 351 are Natives - Of these 71 are under sentence of Transportation for life or for 14 years - The Pen^t is supposed to be capable of accommodating some 350 Native convicts according to present Sanitary Ideas, & we are only 7 below the complement - However, I

think I could receive 50, or
even 100 more without
risk if they are sent to Muller
Long. It must be remembered
that the subscription of letters
sent out for terms under the
years has been suspended
for the present, and such have
and therefore better be kept
in the Museum until
the restriction is removed.

The new House now

just, were intended for the
arrangement which was to have
left on the W., but Dr. Muller
tells me he does not expect
an opportunity until the
beginning of April which is
meaning to rather close
with reference to the time
of year laid down of the
Superior, in Bengal / foot.
I should suggest that the

Whole be requested to in-
-form front of the numbers
of papers & the year men in
all the possible jails
except those in the Western
Division, and that of the
total which adds to that
of the number now here
makes it better while
that a vessel be taken
up for the special purpose
of that the Convicts be

dispatched at once - the
detail of the 25th could be
kept back as a guard.

The Mysore people know
some 16 or 20 convicts they
are ready to send when
opportunities offers. Against
to the time of Appeals &
be necessary in case of
any suggestion being
approved of.

Believe me
Yours truly
J. M. L. G.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

~~read the~~
from Inspector General of Prisons
(Prisons Department, 1865 No. 333)

27 February 1865 No. 333

The Inspector General of Prisons requests
for the disposal of Convicts
now under
detention in the Salient Jail
which is much overcrowded.
The Inspector General states that
that 118 Convicts are under
sentence of transportation for
life and 140 for
now under sentence of
detention.
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and it is probable that other jails also contain Convicts under sentence of transportation.

~~The "Prison" which was to have taken Convicts has been done, which under order of the Inspector of Jails, transportation is not to be carried out later on the 15th April.~~

3. The Inspector General of Jails has indicated that he has no objection to the Convicts being sent to the various jails in the district.

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| Cuddapah | |
| Madura | |
| Mangalore | |
| Nagapattam | |
| Palani | |
| Trichy | |
| Madurai | |
| Chidambaram | |

~~insisting on the fact that the Convicts are not to be sent to the various jails in the district.~~

4. The Inspector will report to Government as early as possible and if it appears that the Convicts under sentence of transportation are not to be sent to the various jails in the district, a warrant will be taken up for the special purpose of conveying them to Fort St. John.

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The Commissioner of Police
Inspector General of Jails
will be the judge of the fact
des^d 27/1/65

Wittich March.

July 1. 1865. Department.

No. 333.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

St. 620.

Dated 27th July 1865.

Lossing orders regard-
ing the transportation
Branch in the field.

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