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4th April 1865.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from Major H. N. DAVIES, Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Fort William; dated Rang March 1865, No. 96.

I have the honor, by direction of the Chief Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Under Secretary Howell's letter, No. 1277, dated the 8th ultimo, regarding five convicts transferred last year from the Madras Presidency to Port Blair, and their detention for a length of time at Moulmein.

2. In respect to the delay in forwarding the men to their destination the Chief Commissioner observes, that it was unavoidable, owing to the scruples of the owners of the steamer *Ava* to receive convicts. When, however, the Government Steamer *Arracan* proceeded thither on the 8th December last the men were despatched on board of her.

As regards the way in which the men were treated while at Moulmein, there is no reason to believe that they suffered any hardship. They were in receipt of a daily allowance double that usually given to European convicts; they arrived, it would seem, well provided with clothing, and obtained what else they needed when they asked for it. A full report upon the subject of their treatment is herewith enclosed as furnished to the Chief Commissioner by the Magistrate of Moulmein.

4. Since Mr. Fallon's letter was written, a communication has been received from Mr. Under Secretary Monteth, No. 1721, dated 22nd February, stating that the men had been supplied with clothing and clothing by Government. I beg, however, to enclose duplicates, as received from the Magistrate, in order to show what the prisoners were supplied with while in the Moulmein.

From ALLON, Esq., Magistrate in charge of Moulmein Jail, to Major H. N. DAVIES, Secretary to the Chief Commissioner British Burmah; dated Moulmein, 24th February 1865, No. 281.

With reference to your Judicial

I have the honor to report that the five European convicts, as per margin,* therein referred to, arrived here on the 26th of July and were despatched to Port Blair on the Government Steamer *Arracan*, on the 8th December 1864, which was the first suitable opportunity that occurred of sending them.

2. The Steamer *Ava* belonging to Messrs. Todd, Findlay and Co.

Port Blair during the time; but the owners refused, under any condition, to take convicts. Their detention here during the period named was therefore unavoidable.

3. As regards the clothing of the men, they arrived here with a good supply of clothing, which I kept until near the time of their departure, and then on their representing to me that they required some articles of under-clothing and shoes, I, at once, after a careful inspection, ordered for them what was necessary. They took their daily walk through the town, and attended divine service, and appeared to me to be respectably dressed.

4. The usual allowance made to European convicts at Moulmein is 1000 Rs. per annum, but these men, however, received double that amount and they never once complained to me on that score. One of them once asked me to get for him and for the others the money due to them at Ootacamund, which he said had been forwarded to Port Blair by the Ootacamund agent.

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Intendant Blair on the subject, but he informed me in his letter, No. 1202,

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No. 1226, of the 8th instant. A similar

1864, but has not been paid.

To Moulmein Jail for the underme

Materials at full market rate

of five European convicts, from the 26th July to the 7th

the voyage, for four days, at 2 Ru

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rupees five hundred

T. J. FALLON

Magist

EMBER 1864.

's Government of India...

Moulmein Jail for the undermentioned Articles.

Jail materials at full market rate.

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Payment.

(Signed) T. J. FALLON,
Magistrate in charge of Jail.

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No. 2618:

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to Mr. Chief Secretary A. J. Arbuthnot's letter No. 54, dated 11th January last, and with a remark that the explanation herein submitted seems satisfactory.

By Order.

FORT WILLIAM,
HOME DEPARTMENT,
The 22nd March 1865.

(Signed) A. P. HOWELL,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1865, No. 515.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, with reference to his letter of the 24th December last, No. 435.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Ind. 1865 Dept
From
Haden' & Co. of India
, House Dept
6.26.18.

dated 22nd } March 1865
Dec 28th

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Forward. correspondence
from the authorities at
British Borneo Expla-
-nation of the treatment
given to 5 Eur. Convicts
sent from Macassar to Port
Blair, who lodged at
Manukhin, En route.

With Order.

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Communicated to the Director.
General of Jails with reference to his
letter of the 24th Dec. last N^o 435.

The Director Genl. of Jails. 24/12/64

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