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FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
 HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit the annexed copies of a letter from the Inspector General of Jails, dated 24th ultimo, No. 435, and of its enclosures, and to request that the Government of India may be moved to pass such orders, as they may deem fitting, for the relief of the five licensed convicts in question, if they are still at Moulmein awaiting passage to Port Blair. These convicts are the holders of the licenses received under cover of your letter, dated 22nd June

Letter to the Commissioner of the Tenasserim Division of
 British Burmah, dated 19th July 1864, No. 1050.
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last, No. 867. It will be seen from the papers referred to in the margin, copies of which are enclosed, under what circum-

stances they were sent to Moulmein, and that they arrived there in July last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
 11th January 1865.

Chief Secretary.

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,
 Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund,
 24th December 1864, No. 435.

Dated 10th December 1864, No. 127, (in original).

I have the honor to submit a letter received from the Officer in charge of the European Prison, relative to the case of

Robert West,
 William Hawkins,
 William Vickery,
 and

John Freeman,

who were forwarded to Madras on the 18th July last, preparatory to their receiving a license to proceed to Port Blair, but who, it appears, never reached their destination, but were landed at Moulmein, where they are in a very destitute state.

2. I trust the Government will use its best endeavours to secure to the persons named proper attention and support, until they are in a condition to avail themselves of the terms on which the license was proposed, namely, employment on salaries at Port Blair.

From L. C. INNES, Esq., Session Judge in charge of the European Prison, Ootacamund, to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; dated Ootacamund, 10th December 1864, No. 127.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter received from Thomas King, formerly a convict in the European Prison of this place, who was released, with other convicts, on the 18th July of the current year, under license granted to Port Blair.

2. They have not, as yet, been conveyed to Port Blair, but were landed intermediately at Moulmein. Their clothes have, meantime, as appears from this letter, been worn out, and they have no means of providing themselves with other clothing. In other respects also their condition, as described in this letter, is anything but what they were led to expect, and they are probably far worse off than they were in this prison. For although they have now a right to greater liberty, the circumstances under which they have been placed render it impossible for them to make use of it.

3. The amounts to the credit of the Prisoners are as follows, and have been already remitted to Port Blair:—

Robert West.....	Rupees. 69 0 8
William Hawkins.....	„ 5 1 11
William Vickery..	„ 36 5 6
Thomas King.....	„ 23 7 6
John Freeman.....	„ 8 0 10

4. I think it would be well if the Magistrate, in charge of the Jail at Moulmein, had immediate instructions to provide the prisoners with clothing, and, if necessary, to recover the cost from the sums to the credit of the prisoners at Port Blair; but I trust that the Government will see fit to provide them, at the public expense, with such clothing as may be necessary during their enforced stay at Moulmein, so that they may, on arrival at Port Blair, enjoy the full benefit of their earnings here.

COPY.

MOULMEIN, November 11th 1864.

KIND SIR.—You remember when we left Ooty, we were to proceed direct to Port Blair; but in place of that we have been landed here in this sickly place, where the people are dying, 30 and 40 per month. The small supply of clothes you gave us on leaving Ooty are now all in rags in fact, sir, we are almost naked. We have made several applications for a supply, but cannot get any more than one cotton shirt; they tell us that we are only birds of passage, and they have nothing to do with us. The Magistrate, being the Officer in charge of the Jail, has kindly granted us permission to take a walk around every day; but we are ashamed to go out, for we have no clothes to put on. He tells us that if he could only find out that we had money due to us or not, he would advance us some to get clothes with; but he has no papers to that effect. The fact of the matter is sir, we are here, and here we are likely to remain for the rest of our time, unless it is the gracious will of the Great Ruler of this world to take us from this stage of life altogether. What little navigation I learned from the books that you kindly got for me I have almost forgotten, and I have no money to get any more. Now, sir, I hope you will forgive the liberty I have taken to send this letter to you; but stern necessity compelled me to do it. Knowing that you were very kind to me, when I was under your charge, and believing you still to remain the same, made me take the liberty to address you. Permit me now, sir, to say goodbye, with a heartfelt wish that you may live long among those whom you love and that love you, and that the Lord will bless you in all your undertakings.

OOTACAMUND, EUROPEAN JAIL OFFICE,
19th December 1864.

(Signed) THOMAS KING.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) L. C. INNES,
Session Judge.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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dated 19 July '64

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to from 27 July '64

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