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No. 235. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel B. E. BACON, Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department; dated Fort William, 13th June 1865, No. 256.

I am directed to transmit copy of two Petitions submitted by William Buckley, late a Private in the 102nd Madras Fusiliers, and to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to cause the Government of India to be informed, as early as possible, whether the man has any claim to a free passage to England, and under what circumstances he was allowed to remain in India at the completion of his term of imprisonment, in order that his case may, if necessary, be submitted, without delay, for the orders of the Governor General in Council.

To the Honorable G. LOCH,
Honorary Secretary Central Committee District Charitable Society, Calcutta.

The humble petition of W. BUCKLEY.

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That your petitioner is a pauper in the House of Industry at Calcutta, in consequence of not being able to obtain any honest employment.

That your petitioner has been a soldier, and served his Queen and country faithfully for a period of (13) thirteen years. That he served in the Burmese War of 1852-53, and in the suppression of the Mutiny in Bengal in 1857-58. That your Petitioner was with General Havelock's Force at the actions of Futtypoor, of Aoung, Pandoomuddy, Chooke, Cawnpore, Boorbeak, Bittoor, and Busseratgunge - crossed into Oude on the 19th September 1857, and was present at the actions of Mungerwar at the Alumbaugh, and at the entry into Lucknow, 25th September 1857, from which time he was employed with the Force in the defence of the Residency.

That your petitioner was with Sir James Outram's Army of observation at the Alumbaugh; with Sir Colin Campbell's Force at the capture of Lucknow; with Sir James Hope Grant's column at Sultanpore, during his campaign in Oude from June to December 1858; and with Lieutenant Colonel Galwey's Force at the fortified village of Koolie.

That your petitioner was discharged from the service by a General Court Martial, and sentenced to four years penal servitude, for in an evil hour, he, with a boot, and unpremeditatedly, struck Lieutenant Alexander Cuppage, against whom he has nought to say, but for whom, on the contrary, he entertains the greatest respect, and believes that he was not unfavorably looked upon by that officer. That your petitioner received an injury on the head, when entering into Lucknow, by a piece of a spent shell, which often caused a thoughtlessness in his mind, and which he thinks was the case at the time he committed the offence, for which he has suffered so dearly.

That your petitioner is unable to get any employment, not having any testimonials, and most earnesly entreats your Lordship to look kindly on his case, and interpose in his behalf with the Committee or Local Government to send him to England, or the Colonies, where he thinks there are hopes of his being employed.

That your petitioner is most ready and willing to earn his own bread, if he can only obtain employment.

Your petitioner throws himself entirely on your clemency and benevolence, and rests in the hope that you will aid him in being sent to England or the Colonies, for which charity on your part your humble petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) W. BUCKLEY,

House of Industry,
18th May 1865.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
30th June 1865.

To the Honorable GEORGE LOCH,

Honorary Secretary Central Committee District Charitable Society,
Calcutta.

My Lord,

The Statement of your humble Petitioner WILIAM BUCKLEY.

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That what your petitioner has stated in his petition of the 18th instant, is undoubtedly true.

2. That your petitioner enlisted on the 10th of November 1847, at Cork, in the Honorable East India Company's service, embarked in the ship *Kent* on the 7th April 1848, for Madras.

3. That your petitioner served 13 years, as stated in his petition; was tried by a General Martial on the 29th September 1860, and sentenced to four (4) years' Penal Servitude; that he was released from the Jail at Ootacamund on the 28th September 1864.

4. Your petitioner certifies that, during this period of imprisonment, he never once asked of those placed in authority over him either to be sent to England or the Colonies; neither was he asked if he would wish to do so or not.

5. That your petitioner, in consequence of his dismissal from the Army, is unable to support himself, and has failed to obtain any employment.

6. He, therefore, throws himself entirely on your Lordship's charity, earnestly praying that you will cause him to be sent to England, where he has two brothers and a sister, who will put him in the way of supporting himself.

7. That what your petitioner states in this, and in his petition of the 13th instant, is true and should your Lordship require any reference it can be had from Her Majesty's 102nd Regiment, formerly the 1st Madras Fusiliers, or from the Civil authorities of Madras, or Ootacamund, and your Lordship will find that, No. 2854, William Buckley has not deceived you.

For which act of kindness your humble petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

House of Industry
31*st May* 1865

(Signed) W. BUCKLEY.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) B. E. BACON,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

Fort Saint George,
26*th June* 1865.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Col.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 236. Order thereon, 30th June 1865, No. 923.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Jails, who is requested to furnish, as early as possible, the information required by the Government of India, regarding William Buckley, late a Private of the 102nd Madras Fusiliers.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No. 92 June 1865.

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To Inspr. Genl. of Jails