

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1060	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	9-7-1866	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
9th July 1866.

Read again letter from the Commissioner of Police, dated 11th, and recorded in the Proceedings of 26th June 1866, No. 1000.

No. 58. Read, also, the following letter from the Officiating Magistrate of Tanjore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vallam, 25th June 1866, No. 145.

With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, I have the honor to forward two original communications, and their enclosures, from the authorities at Penang, from which Government

To Government, 9th May 1866, No. 101.
From do. 18th June 1866, No. 761.

will see that all doubts as to the identity of the escaped convicts is now set at rest.

2. The 22 Rupees reward would appear to be claimable by Captain Martine, of the *Onega*, who handed the convicts over to us, and who is now on his way back to Penang. Mr. Hutchins remarks, "I have no claim to urge on behalf of any of my subordinates, nor has the Superintendent of Police.

From the Honorable the Resident Councillor and Commissioner of Police, Penang, to the Acting Joint Magistrate, Tanjore; dated 6th June 1866, No. 253.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 21, of the 16th April 1866, enclosing copy of a statement taken before the Sub-Magistrate of Negapatam, regarding two persons, who have been taken up on suspicion of being convicts, that have absconded from Penang. There appears no room to doubt that they are the two men who escaped from the convict Lines on the night of the 16th March last, and who it was believed had embarked on board a vessel which left this Port for the Coast on the same night. As their appearance corresponds with the Descriptive Roll and other particulars, I shall feel obliged by your taking steps for their return to custody at this station, by forwarding them, in charge of Peons, by any vessel leaving for this Port. The Peons will be sent back by the first opportunity.

From the Superintendent of Convicts, Penang, to the Honorable the Resident Councillor, Penang; dated 20th March 1866, No. 86.

I have the honor to report that two 6th class or Invalid convicts, as per margin, were absent from evening muster of the 6th instant. Their Descriptive Roll has been already forwarded to you on the 17th idem.

Siddegaut Curpah.
Hunma Naick bin Babajee.

2. I beg to state that these two convicts had the usual privilege of going in and out of Jail after working hours, only that they had to attend Muster, and remain in Jail from 6 o'clock p. m. till 5. 30 a. m. of the following morning.

3. At the evening muster of the convicts on the 16th instant, the Head Jailer Serjeant Carmoody found that they were absent. He made inquiries from all those who he thought could throw light on their whereabouts, not being able to find them, and being informed by Lakram, Peon, that rumours were rife amongst the convicts in Jail that they were going to embark along with return coolies in one of the ships about leaving this Port. As soon as he was convinced that it was a case of running away, Serjeant Carmoody at once wrote to me, and I proceeded to the Jail;—this was about 8 p. m.

4. On making inquiries at the Jail, I at once proceeded to the Master Attendant of the Port, to make inquiries as to what vessels were leaving for Madras and Bombay, I was informed that the *Onega* Bark, commanded by Captain Martine and a Native vessel were to leave that night, or in the evening. I at once proceeded to inform Mr. Waller, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, but all means have failed to retake the two men up to this hour.

5. These two men were under the charge of no one in particular; they had the privilege of being absent from their lines after working hours.

DISCRIPTIVE Roll of Convicts who have absconded from Penang on the 16th March 1866.

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Names.	Class.	Presiden- cy.	Tried at	Crime.	Sentence.	Date of sentence.	Date of Arrival.	Height.		Age when received.	Particular appear- ance.	Remarks.
								Inches.	Feet.			
Siddegaut Curpah.	6th...	Madras...	Mysore...	Having com- mitted three Gang Rob- beries.	Life...	9th Dec. 1854...	21st Sept. 1855.	5	5	45 years...	Of a robust habit; complexion dark; face broad; eyes slightly sunken; iris light hazel; nose large and pointed; earsordi- nary, right lobe bored in two places, left lobe in one place; breast hairy. Except a small scar between the eye- brows, there are no particular marks about his person. Speaks Tamil only.	
Hunma Naick bin Babajee.	6th...	Bombay...	Belgaum.	Dacoity.....	Do.	27th June 1853.	10th March 1854	4	5	45 years...	Brown; on left of belly marks of marking nuts.	

N. B.—Reward of Rupees 11 will be paid for each convict's apprehension.

PENANG, 17th March 1866.

(Signed) A. BREMNER,
Superintendent of Convicts, Penang.

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9th July 1866.

No. 59.

ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1866, No. 1060.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Magistrate of Tanjore, with its enclosures, be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, and that he be directed to arrange for forwarding the two Prisoners in question, under proper cus- tody, to the authorities at Penang, by the earliest opportunity.

2. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Commissioner of Mysore, with reference to the letter addressed to him on the 26th ultimo, No. 1000.
(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Honorable the Resident Councillor at Penang, with letter No. 1000.
" Commissioner of Mysore.
" To the Commissioner of Police.
" Magistrate of Tanjore.
" Superintendent of Marine.
" Accountant General.

Erd. J. H. Burns.

MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE
WELLINGTON
JUNE 25, 1866

No. 86

The Superintendent of Convicts
Penang

To
The Honble the President Council
Penang

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I have &c.
S/o. A. Bremner
Supt. of Convicts. Penang.

True Copy
Messrs.
Resident Councillor
Penang

was the very vessel they were
captured on at Negapatam
M. H. T.

Judicial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again letter from the Commr of Police dated 11th and accorded in the Proc. of 26th June 1866.

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Order 9th July 1866. N^o 1060.

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To the Commissioner of Police
Commissioner of Mysore
Magistrate of Tanjore
Superintendent of Prisons
Actg General
Resd Commr of Penang.
With letter to Penang.

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The papers to the Penang
Sd/-

Strong July 1866. S^o 145
Letter from the
Superintendent of
Prisons to the
President of the
Committee Penang.
On 26th June 1866.

In a letter
From
The Offg Magistrate
of Tanjore
To the Commr of Police
Madras
Dated 25th June 1866.
S^o 145

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