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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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21st September 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 186. From the Superintendent of Marine, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 14th September 1866, No. 3580.

I have the honor to inform you that, having received a requisition from the Commissioner of Police for the provision of passage to Port Blair for about 200 Convicts, who were expected to arrive at Madras about the end of the current month, tenders were called for, and the following were yesterday submitted:—

Agents.	Ship's name.	Tons.	For Con- victs.	To carry on guard.
Bainbridge, & Co.	"Northumberland"....	571	3,800	0
Do.	"Sir Robert Sale"....	704	3,975	0
Do.	"York"....	940	6,000	0
Shand, & Co.	"Amersham"....	742	4,990	1,000
Parry, & Co.	"Rockliff"....	688	3,400	600
Dymes, & Co.	"Cestrian"....	...	3,500	300

2. The *Northumberland* is a coal ship without ventilation, and is unfit for the service, and the *Cestrian* is not at Madras. The next lowest tender, that of the *Sir Robert Sale*, was, therefore, accepted.

3. It will be necessary to place a guard on board of 30 to 40 Sepoys, under the command of an European Officer, and the vessels tendered offered to land them at Rangoon, Moulmein, the Straits, or Calcutta, as their advices might lead them to one of those ports for loading. An arrangement has, however, been made with the Agents of the *Sir Robert Sale* that she shall return to Madras with the guard, for an additional sum of 1000 Rupees, which is considerably less than would have to be paid for their passage from any of those ports above named.

No. 187. From the Commissioner of Police, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 12th September 1866, No. 92.

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Superintendent, Marine, stating that it is indispensable that Warders and Toties should be provided for the transported Convicts (about 200 in number) to be sent to the Andamans early next month.

2. Such provision has never been made before, but there is no doubt it would be useful. There are, however, no Native Warders in the Penitentiary (the duties being performed by the Police), and there might be difficulty in sending hired Toties back to the Coast. I propose to appoint four of the best behaved Convicts to act as Warders, and four of the lower caste Convicts to perform the work of Sweepers on board. The first will willingly undertake the post, in consideration of the privileges afforded. I think it might be well to offer a present of Rupees 4 per man to the latter, to be handed over to the Superintendent, Port Blair, for payment to the Sweepers on arrival, provided they have worked well.

3. The expenditure can be met from the Penitentiary Contingent Estimate, and I request sanction for the payment of 4 Rupees per man to Convicts employed as Sweepers on board transports, both on this and future occasions.

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of Police
Jail of Jail
occasions.

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21st September 1866.*

From the Superintendent of Marine, to the Commissioner of Police; dated Madras, 29th August 1866, No. 3392.

I have the honor to inform you that, when large bodies of Convicts are embarked, it is absolutely necessary that Warders and Toties, or Scavengers, should accompany them. It has been reported to me, more than once, that it was impossible to keep a ship clean without them. I will thank you, therefore, to inform me if you are prepared to send any such persons with the batch of Convicts (upwards of 200) to be forwarded to Port Blair in October.

2. For this number, I consider that two Warders are necessary and four Toties.

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1866, No. 1466.

The arrangement reported by the Superintendent of Marine for the transport of the convicts referred to is approved. Application will be made, through the Military Department, for a guard of thirty Sepoys, under the command of an European Officer, to proceed in charge of the Convicts to Port Blair.

2. The Governor in Council also approves of the proposal made by the Commissioner of Police, in paragraph 2 of his letter, and sanctions the payment of 4 Rupees per man to Convicts employed as Sweepers on board transports, both on the present and future occasions.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Marine.

- " Commissioner of Police.
- " Military Department.
- " Accountant General.
- " Examiner of Claims.
- " Inspector General of Jails.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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From the letter
written in the letter of
the Supt. of Marine,
the lowest tender would
appear to have been
that of Messrs Parry
& Co for the Rockliff,
and it is not ex-
plained why it was
not accepted.

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