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No. 107. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 22nd December 1865, No. 651.

I have the honor to forward, although I do not feel justified in recommending, an application by the Superintendent and Surgeon of the Jail of Tranquebar, for the release of two prisoners, on the ground that they are in a bad state of health, and that the only chance of prolonging their lives is their immediate release, though recovery even in that case is improbable.

2. I must say I think that, in such acase as that of Chinnasawmy Padyachy, sentenced only in September last to three years' imprisonment for robbery, it would not only have a bad effect on the public, should he be released, but that the very knowledge that release may be thus obtained will induce hopes and pinings to obtain release, which will, in all probability (unless release becomes the rule) induce real sickness and mortality. We had this abundantly evidenced at the Lawrence Asylum Jails a year ago. When once men made up their minds that there was a prospect of release, every devise that could be resorted to was used to aid the mental depression in subduing bodily health; men who had borne up became suddenly depressed as their comrades succeeded in their object, and, though I cannot say to what extent, the heavy death rate was due to this cause.

From the Civil Surgeon and Superintendent of Jail, Tranquebar, to the Inspector General of Jails, Ootacamund; dated Tranquebar, 15th December 1865, No. 40.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the state of health of the two convicts, the particulars of whose cases are noted in the accompanying Memorandum.

2. Since the commencement of their imprisonment, both these convicts have been steadily falling off in health, atrophy and general dropsy being the most prominent symptoms of constitutional decay. In fact, they have been kept alive up to the present date, solely, by the free use of stimulants, and the most nutritious kinds of food.

3. In any case there is little probability that either of the two men will ultimately recover; but it is beyond all doubt that they cannot survive much longer if their imprisonment continues. On these grounds, therefore, I have the honor to recommend that you will take the matter into your favorable consideration, with a view to taking the necessary steps to obtain their release from Jail.

4. I may mention that the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, saw both the men on the 12th instant, and he fully concurs with me in considering that nothing short of release from Jail will afford them any chance of recovery.

MEMORANDUM.

Number and case.	Names.	Offence charged.	By whom sentenced.	Date of sentence.	Period of sentence.	Date on which the sentence expires.	Remarks.
S. C. No. $\frac{38}{1864}$	Savu.	Dacoity.	Session Judge.	8th Nov. 1864.	4 years.	8th Nov. 1868.	
S. C. No. $\frac{42}{1865}$	Chinnasawmy Padyachy	Robbery.	Do.	8th Sept. 1865.	3 years.	8th Sept. 1868.	

TRANQUEBAR,
15th December 1865.

(Signed) J. MURRAY, M. D.,
Civil Surgeon and Supt. of Jail.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
16th January 1866.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1866, No. 64.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction the release of either of the prisoners referred to in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
„ Superintendent of the Jail at Tranquebar.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Judicial Department

No. 2750.

From the Inspector General of Jails Octacamund

Dated 22d December 1865.

For Orders.

I would not release either of these men. As shown by the Board's Minutes liberation might have an evil influence on others—

If Govt consent ask which Jail they are confined in.

Jail Govt would take the charge of the Jail disappearing with these Brinjaries men are not likely to live if released—Then they release them? JP HOR

order thereon. 16th January 1866 No. 64.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction the release of either of the prisoners referred to in the foregoing letter.

Inspector General of Jails.
Superintendent of the Jail at Tranquebar } Dec. 18/

Ed. J. H. Burns.