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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
16th July 1867.*

No. 165. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 6th July 1867, No. 62.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government noted in the margin, directing that all convicts proposed to be sent to Port Blair should be inspected by a Medical Officer, and that certificates of health should be sent with them.

Judicial Department, 27th June 1867, No. 1028.

2. It has hitherto been the practice to detain any convict suffering from serious illness, or from any complaint requiring the postponement of his embarkation, but the fact of a man's being old and infirm, or of his being afflicted with any disease in a chronic form, not coming under the description given above, has not been allowed to interfere with the carrying out of the sentence of transportation.

3. The tenor of Doctor Gamach's letter, however, taken in connection with the Order of Government above specified, leaves me in doubt as to the standard of health and physical ability which may be required henceforth before a convict can be embarked, and I, therefore, request you will favor me with the views of Government upon the subject, in order that I may issue instructions to the Superintendents of Jails, previous to the biennial despatch to the Penitentiary of convicts under sentence of transportation, so that the expense of sending down unfit persons may be avoided.

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1867, No. 1124.

The Inspector General of Jails in this letter asks for instructions as to the standard of health and physical ability which may be required henceforth before a convict can be embarked for Port Blair.

2. Hitherto, the fact of a prisoner being old and infirm, or of his being afflicted with any disease in a chronic form, has not, the Inspector General of Jails states, interfered with carrying out the sentence of transportation, provided that the disease is not such as actually to prevent embarkation.

3. With reference to the high death rate which has recently prevailed among convicts sent from Madras to Port Blair, and to the recommendation of Doctor Gamach, the Officiating Senior Medical Officer, Port Blair, the Governor in Council is pleased to order that none but healthy convicts shall be embarked for transportation, to the exclusion of those who, by infirmity, would, on arrival at Port Blair, be incapacitated for any useful labor.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.

„ Superintendent of Jails, Presidency.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Letter from Supr General of jails

Dated 6 July 1867 No 62.

Order thereon 15 July 1867

No 1124

The Director General of jails in this letter asks for instructions as to the standard of health and physical ability which may be required henceforth before a Convict can be embarked for Port Blair.

2 With reference to the fact of a man being old and infirm or of his being afflicted with any disease in a chronic form has not the Director General of jails states interfered with carrying out the sentence of transportation provided that the disease is not such as actually to prevent embarkation. A. Gamaeh the Medical Officer Port Blair suggests that more but healthy prisoners should be despatched

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a large mortality among the
Madagas prisoners at Port Blair,
owing to the bad condition ^{of health} in
which they were sent, and it
would seem desirable that no
prisoners who are old and infirm
or suffering from any chronic
disease should be sent to Port
Blair. Prisoners suffer consi-
derably in health, at first,
at Port Blair until acclima-
tized and persons arriving either
in an infirm state or suffering
from chronic disease must
be peculiarly liable to these
climatic influences.

1. I would submit that the
Inspector General of Prisons should
be instructed that none but
healthy prisoners should be
sent to Port Blair, to the ex-
clusion of prisoners who by
age or infirmity would, on
arrival, be incapacitated for
any useful labor.

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With reference to the
high death rate which
has recently prevailed
among convicts sent from
Madagascar to Port Blair
and to the recommendation
of Dr. Jamrach, the medical
officer, ^{at Port Blair} ~~that no more~~ ^{that no more} ~~prisoners should be sent~~
~~to the Andaman Islands~~
My former informant is
pleased to note that none

I do not think that age
under 18 years of age - should be
recognized as an objection to
transportation of a prisoner.
It is difficult to fix a
standard of health as a
rule, but I think, who, however
by age, I think, he is sound
in the term (age) as a rule
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I will not of course make
these restrictions are likely
to be in favor of the older
and of the younger places of
prisoners.

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be embarked for trans-
portation, to the exclusion
of those who by infirmity
would on arrival be
incapacitated for any useful
labor. -

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I agree

To the Secy of State
Dept of India, Calcutta
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