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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 1367.

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BRITISH BURMAH.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward, for your information, the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to this Government by the Acting Commissioner of Police at Madras, on the subject of certain Burmese convicts who were received by the Steamer *Busheer* from Rangoon, and re-shipped on board the *Sir Bartle Frere* for Bombay. It will be observed that the Commissioner of Police recommends, with a view to economy, that, when possible, convicts from Burmah to Bombay should not be sent from June to September during the south-western monsoon, but at other periods of the year, when they can be sent by rail from Madras to Beypore and embarked at that port for Bombay.

Dated 12th August 1867, No. 98.

2. The Acting Commissioner of Police also suggests that a saving might be effected by reducing the strength of the Military escort, which, on the occasion referred to, consisted of 21 men. It is observed, however, that an unusually strong guard may in this case, owing to the desperate character of this batch of convicts, have been necessary.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd August 1867.

Acting Chief Secretary.

From the Acting Commissioner of Police, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 12th August 1867, No. 98.

On 3rd August, 38 Burmese convicts embarked at Madras, in the Steamer *Sir Bartle Frere*, for Bombay. The Military Guard which accompanied them amounted to 21 men. The bill of the Agents of the Steamer was as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
38 Convicts to Bombay, at Rupees 50 each.....	1,900	0	0
21 Guards, at Rupees 45 each.....	945	0	0
	2,845	0	0

The return passage money of the Guard (Rs. 945) will thus bring the entire cost of the transport of these convicts up to Rupees 3790.

2. Had they arrived from Burmah a month later, or about the middle of September, they might have been easily forwarded by rail to Beypore, and thence by steamer to Bombay, at about the following cost :—

				RS.	A.	P.
38 Third Class Tickets to Beypore... .....at Rupees	6	5	0=	241	10	6
Guard of 4 Policemen, by train to Beypore and back to Madras.....at ,,	12	11	6=	50	14	0
38 Convicts from Beypore to Bombay by Steamer.....at ,,	15	0	0=	570	0	0
Guard of 7 Policemen, from Beypore to Bombay and back... .....at ,,	30	0	0=	210	0	0
			Total...	1,072	8	6

3. If, however, it is impracticable to send convicts from Burmah save at the time (June to September inclusive) the western ports of this Presidency are closed to the coasting steamers, I would beg to point out that a considerable saving might be effected by sending a reduced Military Guard.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Sept 28/5

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