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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
30th October 1867.*

No. 279. Read the following :—
To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD FRANCIS NAPIER, K. T.,
Governor of Madras.

The humble Petition of JOHN BERRY, late
a Private in the 1st Madras Fusiliers.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your petitioner enlisted in the Honorable East India Company's Service on the 3rd of December 1846, and served with the late 1st Madras Fusiliers Regiment for 17 years and 2 months.

2. That your petitioner accompanied that Regiment to Burmah during the war of 1852-53-54, and 55, and also during the Indian mutinies in Bengal, where he was present throughout those trying scenes, ending in the relief of Lucknow by General Neill, and its capture under Lord Clyde, Sir Henry Havelock, and Sir James Outram.

3. That your petitioner has received both the Burmese and Indian Mutiny War Medals.

4. That your petitioner had the misfortune to commit a breach of discipline, in having, at Bangalore in 1861, struck a Lance Corporal of his Regiment, for which he was tried by Court Martial and sentenced to Penal Servitude for four years, which he worked out without fault in the European Jail, and was discharged from prison at Ootacamund, in February 1865, completely destitute of all means of livelihood.

5. That since February 1865 your petitioner has, with his wife and child, led a precarious existence, suffering many hardships.

6. That Colonels Simpson, Barrow, and other Officers took the trouble to satisfy themselves regarding your petitioner's statements, and affairs, and finding them to be truly represented helped your petitioner from time to time with sums of money, and by obtaining employment for him, thereby enabling him to keep himself and family from actual starvation.

7. That your petitioner has lately returned from employment on a Coffee Plantation, where his health and that of his wife gave way, and he is now absolutely destitute, and utterly unable to obtain employment.

8. That your petitioner believing that, as a Soldier of the Honorable East India Company, he is entitled on discharge or dismissal from that service to a free passage to England for himself and family, and seeing no prospect of securing the means of existence in this country, humbly solicits your Lordship to use your influence in his behalf, and obtain this boon for him; your petitioner not being able, through ignorance of the proper course, to secure this relief for himself; and being unable to obtain a living in this country; and your petitioner will ever pray.

(Signed) JOHN BERRY.

Transferred to the Judicial Department, with reference to Proceedings of Government in that Department marginally noted.

No. 212, dated 4th February 1865.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th October 1867.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Colonel,
Depy. Secy. to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
30th October 1867.*

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1867, No. 1724.

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2. It is observed that on the 24th December 1864, the Inspector General of Jails requested that a free passage may be granted to John Berry, then a prisoner in the Ootacamund Jail, on the expiration of his sentence; that, after a reference to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, sanction was granted* for the provision of a free passage to England. On his release from Jail, however, John Berry accepted employment in a Coffee Estate in

* G. O., 4th February 1865, No. 212.

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† Letter No. 58.

3. As John Berry now states that he is unable to earn his livelihood in this country, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the grant to him and family of a free passage to England, and directs that the Superintendent of Marine will arrange for his embarkation by the first opportunity that may offer.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Marine.
„ Accountant General.
„ Inspector General of Jails.
„ Commissioner of Police.
„ Military Department.
To Mr. John Berry.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(Recd letter 10th Oct. 1867)

Order thereon 30 Oct. 1867 No. 1724.

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To Mr John Berry.
- the Supt of Marine
- the Supt of Jail.
- the Commr of Police.
- Military Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

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