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14th March 1868.

No. 144. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 4th March 1868, No. 186.

In accordance with the 5th paragraph of the Order noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward reports upon the state of health and behaviour of the life-convict George Baker, for the quarter ending 31st December 1867.

Judicial Department, 10th July 1867, No. 1095.

2. It appears that his health has been, and continues good, and that his conduct has been more satisfactory than heretofore; but he is still kept in irons and subjected to the separate system, and the Superintendent is not prepared to recommend any relaxation at present.

From the Superintendent, European Prison, Ootacamund, to the Inspector General of Jails, Madras; dated Ootacamund, 8th February 1868, No. 241.

In forwarding the enclosed report\* of the Officer in Medical charge of the European prison, on the physical condition of life-convict George Baker, for the quarter ending 31st December 1867, I have the honor to state that the conduct of convict Baker, during the period for which the Report is furnished, has been on the whole more satisfactory than heretofore; there are three entries against him in the "Defaulters Book" during the period in question, one on the 20th October for refusing to take the medicine ordered him by the Medical Officer, and two on the 23rd idem, one for refusing to allow the Dresser to dress the seton in his neck, the other for using improper language with reference to the Medical Officer. His health has been very good, and so far as the Keeper and Warders of the prison are concerned, they have seen no tendency in him to epilepsy during this quarter.

\* Letter No. 3, dated 1st February 1868.

2. Convict Baker is still kept in chains, his right hand only being left at liberty during the working hours of the day to admit of his being employed at needle-work in making prison clothing. Since the 21st of December 1867, he has been permitted to take exercise with other prisoners during the half hour allowed for recreation by the Prison Rules, with this exception, he has been constantly subjected to the discipline of the separate system.

3. The discipline to which he has been subjected has apparently had a salutary effect; he has frequently requested the Keeper to allow him free communication and intercourse with the rest of the prisoners, and to remove from him the sense of constant watchfulness and mistrust on the part of the Warders, to which he feels he is subjected.

4. I am not prepared to recommend any relaxation at present in the discipline to which he is subjected. Should he, however, show himself deserving during the next three months of being treated less rigorously, I may then be able to recommend some relaxation in the discipline.

5. It is a very serious matter allowing freedom in the prison to a life-convict of Baker's murderous disposition. He has already murdered one man, and did his best to murder Mr. Bailey, the Keeper, so that with safety to the lives of the prison officers and the other prisoners I confess I see little chance of much freedom being recommended to him whilst confined in the European prison at Ootacamund.

No. 1094, 18th December 1867.

6. The Order of Government, that he should have the lash in the event of violence or insubordination, was duly communicated to Baker.

From the Senior Medical Officer, Neilgherries, to the Superintendent of European Jail, Ootacamund, dated Ootacamund, 1st February 1868, No. 3.

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Government Order in Proceedings, No. 1095, of date 10th July 1867, that convict Baker has been in good health since last report; has had no

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fit, though once or twice threatened with one, on account of which I took the precaution of giving him a course of the medicine which seems always to ward off his illness, and he has just now no complaint.

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ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1868, No. 442.

To be recorded.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,  
Chief Secretary.

From Lieut. Col. H. J. Graham  
Inspector General of Jail.

To The Honble Mr. S. Ellis, B.  
Chief Secretary to Government  
Madras.

Sir, In accordance with the 5th paragraph of the order noted in the margin I have the honor to forward Reports upon the state of health and behaviour of the late convict George Baker for the quarter ending 31st December 1867.

2 It appears that his health has been, and continues good, and that his conduct has been more satisfactory than heretofore, but he is still kept in irons and subjected to the separate system, and the Superintendent is not prepared to recommend any relaxation at present.

I have the honor to be

Sr  
Yours most obedient

H. J. Graham

Inspector General of Jail.

Madras  
14th March 1868.

No. 241.  
From.

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Lt. Col. W. Rose Campbell  
Superintendent European Prison  
Cotacamund

To.  
Lt. Col. St. J. Wilson  
Inspector General of Jails  
Madras.

Sir

In forwarding the enclosed Report of the  
Officer in Medical Charge of the European Prison on the  
physical condition of Life Convict George Baker for the  
Quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1887, I have the honor to  
state that the conduct of Convict Baker during the  
period for which the Report is furnished, has been, on  
the whole, more satisfactory than heretofore; there are  
three entries against him in the Default Book, during  
the period in question, one on the 20<sup>th</sup> October, for refusing  
to take the medicine ordered him by the Medical Officer,  
and two on the 25<sup>th</sup> idem, one for refusing to allow the  
keeper to dress the scab on his neck, the other for using  
improper language with reference to the Medical Officer.  
His health has been very good, and as far as the keeper  
and warders of the Prison are concerned, they have seen  
no tendency in him to Epilepsy during this Quarter.

II. Convict Baker is still kept in chains, his  
right hand only being left at liberty during the working  
hours of the day to admit of his being employed at  
needlework in making prison clothing. Since the 21<sup>st</sup>  
of December 1887 he has been permitted to take exercise  
with other prisoners during the half hour allowed for  
recreation by the Prison Rules, with this exception he has  
been constantly subjected to the discipline of the  
separate system.

III. The discipline to which he has been subjected  
has apparently had a salutary effect, he has frequently

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Medical Officer  
The Chief Secy. of Jails  
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Forwarded Report

upon the convict Baker

for the quarter ending

31<sup>st</sup> December 1887

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W. A. Wilson

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frequently requested the Keeper to allow him free communication and intercourse with the rest of the prisoners, and to remove from him the sense of constant watchfulness and mistrust on the part of the warders to which he feels he is subjected.

IV. I am not prepared to recommend any relaxation at present in the discipline to which he is subjected. Should he however show himself deserving during the next three months, of being treated less rigorously, I may then be able to recommend some relaxation in the discipline.

V. It is a very serious matter allowing freedom in the Prison to a life convict of Barker's murderous disposition. He has already murdered one man, and did his best to murder Mr Bailey the Keeper, so that with safety to the lives of the Prison Officers, and the other prisoners, I confess I see little chance of much freedom being recommended to him whilst confined in the European Prison at Rotarumund.

VI. The Order of Government that he should have the lash in the event of violence or insubordination, was duly communicated to P. Aker.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient servant  
W. Ross Campbell  
Superintendent European Prison

Rotarumund  
European Prison Office  
8th February 1868

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 From Surgeon J. Donaldson M.D.  
 Senior Medical Officer Mysore.  
 To Lieut Col. W. Ross Campbell  
 Superintendent of Corroplan  
 Ootacamund.

Sir  
 I have the honor to report in  
 accordance with Government Order in  
 Proceeding No. 1095 of date 10 July 1897  
 that Convict Baker has been in good  
 health since last report, has had no fits etc.  
 Once or twice threatened with one, on ac-  
 count of which I took the precaution of  
 giving him a course of the medicine  
 which seemed always to ward off his ill-  
 ness, and he has had now no complaint.

I have the honor to be  
 Sir  
 Your Most Obedient Servant

Ootacamund  
 14 February 1898.  
 J. Donaldson  
 Senior Medical Officer Mysore

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 Ootacamund  
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 Lieut. Col. W. Ross Campbell  
 Ootacamund

Dated 8th  
 Received 15th February 1898.  
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Forwarding Medical Officer  
 on duty (Lieut. Col. W. Ross Campbell)  
 for the Quarter ending 31st  
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