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2. Copies of the reports of the Settlement Officer appointed to the duty of inspecting them on arrival are herewith appended for information.

3. When the Committee appointed to examine the newly-arrived convicts assembled, four days after their arrival there were nine of the number in hospital and seven more were sent to hospital by the Committee. The Committee, however, report that the convicts are strong and healthy and appear to be likely to stand the climate, with the exception of Madras convicts Madadu, No. 275-B of the Bellary District, and Muthiga Bin Changadoo, No. 320-B of North Arcot, who are reported each to have a stiff elbow joint and are unfit for hard extramural labor, and also convict Tukkejee, No. 280-B of the Bellary District, whose age is given as forty-five in his descriptive roll, but has the appearance of being over fifty years of age.

4. The two convicts marginally named, who have been sent from Madras and whose ages are entered in their descriptive rolls as 17 and who do not look older, have been deported in contravention of the orders of the Government of India conveyed in Home Department No. 5—188-192, dated the 22nd April 1875.

5. I would take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of the Government of India that the only intimation received by me officially of the despatch of the Madras convicts was contained in a telegram from the Superintendent of Prisons, Madras, which has only reached me this day, eleven days after the arrival of the convicts. A reference to the time-table would have shown that by no possibility could the telegram have reached sooner.

The batch of convicts from Madras arrived the day after that from Calcutta and before the latter could be distributed. Had I not, by a mere chance, heard from a private source that a steamer with convicts was coming from Madras, considerable inconvenience might have been caused.

6. The inconvenience caused by sending batches of convicts from Madras without notice was represented to the Government of India by my predecessor in the letters entered in the margin, and the matter was brought to the notice of the Government of Madras in your office letters, Nos. 178 and 292, dated respectively the 6th July 1877 and 5th November 1878.

From J. N. HOMFRAY, Esq., Officer in charge, Ross Island, to the Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobars, dated Ross Island, 4th November 1880, No. 239.

I have the honor to report the arrival at Port Blair on this day's date of 124* native convicts per S.S. *Satara* in charge of Mr. Inspector Hodges from Calcutta.

* Males 113
Females 11

2. I proceeded on board and arranged for the landing of the convicts.

3. I inspected them on board; no complaints were preferred by any of them.

4. The ship was clean and in good order and her accommodation well adapted for the purpose. The arrangement for the latrine and cooking appeared to be good.

5. I have the honor to state that six bags of clothing brought down by these convicts, the property belonging to them, was made over to me to be disposed of in the usual manner.

6. The Harbour Master reports the following measurement of the space allotted to the convicts and guards:—

	Length.	Breadth.	Height.
Space for convicts	48'	26'	7'
Space for guards	15'	15'	7'

From J. N. HOMFRAY, Esq., Officer in charge, Ross Island, to the Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobars (through the Officer in charge Southern Division), dated Ross Island, 4th November 1880, No. 240.

I have the honor to report the arrival at Port Blair on this day's date of seventy* native convicts per S.S. *Asia* in charge of an Apothecary from Madras with a detachment, Madras Native Infantry, under a Subadar.

* Males 66
Females 4

2. I proceeded on board and arranged for the landing of the convicts.

3. I inspected them on board; no complaints were preferred by any of them.

4. The ship was clean and in good order and her accommodation well adapted for the purpose. The arrangement for the latrine and cooking appeared to be good.

5. I have the honor to state that the clothing, &c., brought down by these convicts, the property belonging to them, was made over to me to be disposed of in the usual manner.

6. The Harbour Master reports the following measurement of the space allotted to the convicts and guards:—

	Length.	Breadth.	Height.
Space for convicts	20'	26'	7'
Space for guards	20'	26'	7'

No. 76. From Lieutenant-Colonel T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th January 1881, No. 2.

In returning the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward the explanation from the Superintendent of Prisons for the Town of Madras and to remark that the rules regulating the transportation of convicts to Port Blair are most carefully observed in this Presidency.

2. Convicts under sentence of transportation are, in the first place, examined by Committees composed of a Magisterial and a Medical Officer and are held at the jail in which the prisoners happened to be confined. Such convicts as are pronounced fit for deportation are then transferred by the Inspector-General of Jails to Madras. They are generally kept some little time under medical observation at Madras. Prior to embarkation they are subjected to a careful examination by a Presidency Committee with a view of ascertaining if they fulfil the prescribed conditions or are, by reason of age or other bodily infirmities, disqualified for transportation. Any convict found not to fulfil the prescribed conditions is rejected and sent back to the Provincial Jail. I am not aware what further precautions can be taken by the Madras Prison authorities.

3. From the explanation afforded by the Superintendent of Prisons and the Medical Officer of the Penitentiary, it appears that the convicts who are reported by the Superintendent of Port Blair as having stiff elbow joints underwent a careful examination prior to their embarkation, and that the bodily infirmities described by Colonel Cadell were not discovered by either the medical officers up-country or the Presidency Committee at Madras. One of the tests applied was the lifting by sheer strength of the arms a square stone weighing 125 lb., and the convicts performed this feat successfully without the fact of the stiff elbow being noticed.

4. With regard to the objections raised on account of age, the Medical Officers in this Presidency considered that the two convicts were above eighteen years old and that convict Tukkejee was not more than forty-five years of age. Lieutenant-Colonel Cadell, however, is of opinion that the two convicts are seventeen years of age and that convict Tukkejee is over fifty years of age.

5. In the matter of age with natives there always exists doubt, but I submit that the Medical Officers and Prison authorities of this Presidency, who possess considerable experience in regard to the physique and general condition of the natives of Southern India, are as capable of forming a correct opinion on these points as the authorities at Port Blair. If a mistake has been made, we can but regret it, but I respectfully submit that there are no grounds for the allegation that these convicts have been deported from Madras in contravention of standing orders.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. A. SYMONDS, Esq., Superintendent of Prisons for the Town of Madras, to the Inspector-General Jails, dated Madras, 7th January 1881, No. 14.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 7270, dated 27th December 1880, calling for a report on paragraphs 2 and 3 of letter No. 428 from the Government of India regarding matters connected with the batch of convicts despatched to Port Blair from Madras on the 27th October last, I have the honor to inform you that, owing to the difficulty in finding a sufficient number of transport convicts to make up a batch for Port Blair qualified under existing rules for deporta-

tion, great uncertainty was experienced as to whether a draft would be despatched or not, and it was not until the 23rd of October that the last available party reached Madras from the mofussil, and after the Committee had sat on the 24th idem it was found that a total of 70 convicts only were available instead of 125 as ordered. It was thus clearly too late to communicate with the authorities at Port Blair by letter, as no steamer except the *Asia*, which vessel was to sail on the 27th, was bound for that port. I, therefore, despatched a telegram on the day the convicts embarked, and I certainly was under the impression that a telegram was a sufficient and effectual manner of communicating the departure of the convicts in this instance as it was found to be on former occasions; why the telegram was so long in reaching Port Blair I cannot say.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the letter above referred to, I beg to state that the two convicts from the Bellary Jail said to have stiff elbow joints were in the Penitentiary for fourteen days previous to the assembling of the Final Committee; that during that time they made no complaint of any ailment; they were carefully examined by the Medical Officer before the assembling of the Committee, and when passing the Final Committee they underwent a severe test, i.e., lifting a square stone weighing 125 lb. direct from the ground by sheer strength of the arms; that they performed this feat successfully and that these convicts passed all these examinations and tests without bringing the fact of the stiff elbows to notice; and that they must have succeeded in concealing the stiff elbow joints from the Local Committee at Bellary must be taken for granted, or they would not have been despatched to Madras.

3. Hence it must be inferred that these convicts are either feigning the disease, or that the stiff elbows were contracted on the voyage.

4. Convict Tukkajee of the Bellary District appeared to be of good physique and not above the age of forty-five and quite fit for hard labor when passing the Committee.

5. Convicts Perumal and Seewan of the Cuddalore Jail were especially noted by the Madras Committee, who unanimously agreed that the convicts were eighteen years of age or more, but decidedly not under. They have a youthful appearance, but a careful examination left no doubt about their being eighteen years of age and quite capable of performing a man's work. The Cuddalore Local Committee must have held the same opinion. I attach the Medical Officer's professional report on the subject of the above convicts. The entry of seventeen years as the age of these two convicts was copied from the roll received from Cuddalore and by an oversight was not altered here.

6. With regard to giving notice to the authorities at Port Blair, I wish to impress upon you that I am at all times careful to communicate with them so soon as I am certain of the number of convicts to be despatched. The present occasion was exceptional, and the delay could not be avoided.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Surgeon-Major S. B. HUNT, in Medical Charge, Her Majesty's Penitentiary, to the Superintendent of Prisons for the Town of Madras, dated Madras, 30th December 1880, No. 31.

With reference to memorandum, dated 27th instant, from the Inspector-General of Jails, I have the honor to inform you that I carefully examined the two convicts said to be under eighteen years of age, and that I felt perfectly satisfied from their appearance that they were above that age. The man said to be over age did not seem to me, after careful examination, to be more than forty-five years of age. These three men lifted with ease a stone weighing 125 lb. in the presence of the Committee of which I was a member, and we were all perfectly satisfied with their fitness for deportation and their capability of performing hard labor. The two men who are said to have stiff elbows, as well as every man passed by the Committee, lifted the stone weighing 125 lb., which they could not have done had they suffered from a stiff elbow joint at the time.

2. I beg to bring to your recollection that every convict sent from this to Port Blair is carefully and separately examined by me and that he is again seen by me when he comes before the Committee.

No. 77.

ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1881, No. 108.

Ordered that the following reply be sent.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Gobt. of (1881) Madras.

JUDICIAL.

Dated January, 20th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 20th January 1881, No. 100

JANUARY.

Nos. 75-78.

Convicts—Port Blair.—Letter from Inspector-General of Jails reporting on the incapacity for work, from such causes as bodily infirmity and immature and advanced age, alleged by the Superintendent at Port Blair to have existed in the case of five convicts received in the Island on the 4th November 1880 from Madras, forwarded to Government of India with remarks.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Convicts—Port Blair.

No. 109.

FROM

THE HON. R. DAVIDSON, C.S.I.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 14th December last, No. 428, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor-General in Council, a letter from the Inspector-General of Jails, dated 8th January, No. 2, reporting on the incapacity for work, from such causes as bodily infirmity, immature and advanced age, alleged by the Superintendent at Port Blair to have existed in the case of five convicts received in the Island on the 4th November last from Madras.

2. It will be observed that, prior to deportation, the convicts are subjected to a very careful examination, both by a District and a Presidency Committee, to see that they fulfil the conditions required by standing rules; but in the matter of age there is no doubt that, as the Inspector-General asserts, uncertainty will always exist in the case of natives and that the Prison and Medical authorities acquainted with the natives of this Presidency ought to be the best judges of the fact. It is, however, to be regretted that the entry of 17 years made in the roll received from the District Jail was not altered by the Madras Committee, who considered that the right figure was 18.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

20th January 1881.

Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

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From the Government of
Fort St. George.

Dated 20th Jan. 1880.

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No.

Convicts—Port Blair.—Forwarding, with remarks, letter from Inspector-General of Jails, reporting on the incapacity for work from such causes as bodily infirmity, immature and advanced age, alleged by the Superintendent at Port Blair to have existed in the case of five convicts received in the Island on the 4th November 1880 from Madras.

R.D.
27/1/80

From

The Honorable C. Grant,
Offg Secy to the Govt of India,

The Secretary to the Government
of Madras.

Fort William, the 14th December 1880.

From R. H. D. to
Port Blair.

Sir,
I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the officiating Superintendent of Port Blair and the vicars, No. 780, dated the 15th ultimo, reporting the arrival at the settlement on the 3rd and 4th ultimo of two batches of convicts from Calcutta and Madras.

2. With reference to the remark of the Superintendent that notice was not received by him of the despatch of the Madras convicts until eleven days after their arrival at Port Blair, I am to invite attention to the correspondence marginally noted, and to say that it is most necessary that timely notice should be sent of.

Govt of Madras
20/1/80
From L. No. 109
27/1/80

District

district, whose age is given as 45 in his Descriptive Roll, but has the appearance of being over 50 years of age.

4. The two convicts marginally named who have been sent from elladras & whose ages are entered in their Descriptive Rolls as 17, and who do not look older, have been deported in contravention of the orders of the Govt. of India conveyed in Home Dept. No. 5-188-192, dated the 22nd April 1875.

Prumal. No. 2185 } both after
Sewan. No. 298 } Dist.

5. I would take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of the Govt. of India that the only intimation received by me officially of the despatch of the elladras convicts was contained in a telegram from the Supt. of Prisons, elladras, which has only reached me this day, eleven days after the arrival of the convicts. A reference to the time-table would have shown that by no possibility could the telegram have reached sooner.

The batch of convicts from elladras arrived the day after that from Calcutta & before the latter could be distributed. Had I not, by a mere chance, heard from a private source that

a steamer with convicts was coming from elladras, considerable inconvenience might have been caused.

6. The inconvenience caused by sending batches of convicts from elladras without notice was presented to the Govt. of India by my predecessor in the letter entered in the margin, and the matter was brought to the notice of the Govt. of elladras in your office letters No. 178 & 292 dated respectively the 6th July 1877 & 5th November 1878.

* No. 133 d/30th May 1877
- 24 d/31st May 1877
- 557 d/17th Sept. 1878

Have &c.
J. Kadell, Lt. Col.
Offg. Chief Commr. & Supt. of Ct. & Ct. Islands

No. 239
To, The Chief Commr., Andaman & Nicobar
Islands, Port Blair.
Sir,

* Males - 112
Females - 11

I have the honor to report the arrival at Port Blair on this day's date of 124 native convicts per S.S. "Satara" in charge of Mr. Insp. Rogers from Calcutta.

1. I proceeded on board & arranged for the landing of the convicts.
2. I inspected them on board, no complaints were preferred by any of them.
3. The ship was clean & in good order, and her accommodations

accommodation well adapted for the purpose. The arrangement for the latrine & cooking appeared to be good.

2. I have the honor to state that 6 bags of clothing brought down by these convicts, the property belonging to them, was made over to me, to be disposed of in the usual manner.

3. The Harbour Master reports the following measurement of the space allotted to the convicts and guards.

	Length	Breadth	Height
Space for convicts -	14'6"	26'	7'

Space for guards -	15'	16'	7'
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I have &c

3d J. E. Tison	{	3d J. M. Hemphay
Officer-in-Charge S ^d Dist		Officer-in-Charge Ross Island.

A^d 240

To The Chief Commr, Madras & Nicobars

Ross Island, the 21st November 1850

Thro' the Officer
in Charge Southern
Division.

Sir

I have the honor to report the arrival at Port Blair on this day's date of 71 native convicts per S.S. "Aria" in charge of an Apothecary from Madras with a detachment of Madras Native Infantry under a Subadar.

Males - 66
Females - 4

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2. I proceeded on board and arranged for the landing of the convicts. 8/108

3. I inspected them on board, no complaints were preferred by any of them.

4. The ship was clean and in good order, and her accommodation well adapted for the purpose. The arrangement for the latrine and cooking appeared to be good.

5. I have the honor to state that the clothing brought down by these convicts, the property belonging to them, was made over to me, to be disposed of in the usual manner.

6. The Harbour Master reports the following measurement of the space allotted to the convicts & guards:-

	Length	Breadth	Height
Space for convicts -	20'	26'	7'

Space for guards -	20'	26'	7'
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I have &c

3d J. M. Hemphay,
Officer-in-Charge, Ross Island

True Copy

John A. Smith

Registrar, Home, Res. & Agril. Dept.

No 2

Madras 8th January 1881

And

Lt Colonel T. E. Tennant

Inspector General of Prisons

To

The Honble R. David and Co. Ltd.

Chief Secy to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

In returning the Correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward the explanation from the Superintendent of Prisons for the town of Madras and to remark that the rules regulating the transportation of convicts to Port Blair, are most carefully observed in this Presidency.

Convicts, under sentence of transportation are, in the first

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place, examined by Committees, composed of a Magisterial and a Medical officer, and are held at the jail in which the prisoners happened to be confined. Such convicts, as are pronounced fit for deportation, are then transferred by the Inspector General of Jails to Madras. They are generally kept some little time under Medical observation at Madras. Prior to embarkation they are subjected to a careful examination by a Residing Committee, with a view of ascertaining if they fulfil the prescribed conditions, or are by reason of age or other bodily infirmities disqualified for transportation. Any convict found not to fulfil the prescribed conditions

is rejected and sent back to the Provincial jail. I am not aware what further precautions can be taken by the Madras Prison authorities, but as complaints are not unfrequently received from Port Blair, in spite of all these precautions, I have the honor to submit that the Government of India may be moved to favor this Government with distinct instructions as to how it wishes the medical officers and jail authorities should act in future & whether any change is desirable in the constitution of the examining Committee.

3. And the explanation afforded by the Superintendent of Prisons and the Medical officer of the

Penitentiary, it appears that the
convicts who are reported by the
superintendent of Port Blair as
having stiff elbow-joints underwent
a careful examination prior to
their embarkation and that the
bodily infirmities described by
Colonel Cadell were not dis-
covered by either the medical
officers of Country or the Presi-
dency Committee at Madras.
One of the tests applied was the
lifting by sheer strength of the
arms a square stone weighing
125 lbs and that the convicts
performed this feat successfully
without the fact of the stiff
elbow being noticed.

44. With regard to the
objections

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objections raised on account
of age - The Medical officers,
in this Presidency considered
that the two convicts were about
18 years old, and that convict
Tukhaye was not more than
45 years of age. Lt Colonel
Cadell however is of opinion
that the two convicts are 17 years
of age and that convict
Tukhaye is over 50 years of
age.

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doubt, but I submit that the
medical officers and Prison authori-
ties of this Presidency who
possess considerable experience
in regard to the physique and
general condition of the natives

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of Southern Indians are as
capable of forming a correct
opinion on these points as the
authorities at Port Blair. If
a mistake has been made, we
can but regret it, but I respectfully
submit that there are no
grounds for the allegation that
these convicts have been deported
from Madras in contravention
of standing orders.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. E. Munn.

Inspector General of Prisons

No. 14

HER M.'S PENITENTIARY OFFICE,
Madras, 7th January 1881

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS
FOR THE TOWN OF MADRAS,
TO THE Inspector General
of Jails
Madras

SIR,

With reference to your Memo
No. 7270 dated 27th December 1880, calling for a
report on paras 2 & 3 of letter 122 from the Govern-
ment of India, regarding matters connected
with the batch of convicts despatched to Port
Blair from Madras on the 27th October last,
I have the honour to inform you, that owing to the
difficulty in finding a sufficient number of
transports to carry the male convicts for Port
Blair, qualified under existing rules for deportation,
great uncertainty was experienced, as to whether a
draft would be despatched or not, and it was not
until the 23rd of October that the last available
party reached Madras from the Mysore,
and after the Committee had sat on the 24th idem,
it was found that a total of 70 convicts only were
available, instead of 125 as ordered. It was thus
clearly too late to communicate with the authorities
at Port Blair by letter, as no steamer except the
Aria which was to sail on the 27th was
found for that port; I therefore despatched a
Telegram on the day the convicts embarked, and
certainly was under the impression that a Telegram
was

herewith
returned

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10703-15-6-77
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10698-4-1-74
770-22-3-77

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The
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of Jails
to Government
10705-29-1-1881
Madras 11th Jan 81

No. 7270
10705-29-1-1881
Memorandum
regarding convicts, then
sent to Port Blair
with same.

was a sufficient, and effectual manner of communicating the departure of the convicts in this instance, as it was found to be on former occasions, why the Telegram was so long in reaching Port Blair. I cannot say.

2. With reference to para 3 of the letter above referred to, I beg to state that the two convicts from the Bellary Jail said to have stiff elbow joints, were in the Penitentiary for 14 days previous to the assembling of the final Committee, that during that time they made no complaint of any ailment; they were carefully examined by the Medical Officer before the assembling of the committee, and when passing the final committee they underwent a severe test, i.e. lifting a square stone weighing 125 lbs direct from the ground by sheer strength of the arms; that they performed this feat successfully, and that these convicts passed all these examinations & tests without bringing the fact of the stiff elbows to notice, and that they must have succeeded in concealing the stiff elbow joints from the local committee at Bellary, must be taken for granted, or they would not have been despatched to Madras.

3. Hence it must be inferred, that these convicts are either feigning the disease, or that the stiff elbows were contrived on the voyage.

4. Convict Subhajer of the Bellary District appeared to be of good physique and not above the age of 45 and quite fit for hard labour when passing the committee.

5. Convicts Peruma and Leuan of the Cuddalore Jail were especially noted by the Madras Committee who unanimously agreed that the convicts were 18 years of age or more but decidedly not under. They have a youthful appearance.

appearance; but a careful examination left no doubt about their being 18 years of age, and quite capable of performing a man's work. The Cuddalore local Committee must have held the same opinion. I attach the Medical Officer's professional report on the subject of the above convicts. The entry of 17 years as the age of these two convicts was copied from the RLB received from Cuddalore and by an oversight was not altered here.

6. With regard to giving notice to the authorities at Port Blair I wish to impress upon you that I am at all times careful to communicate with them as soon as I am certain of the number of convicts to be despatched. The present occasion was exceptional and the delay could not be avoided.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. H. Wood
Superintendent of Prisons
for the Town of Madras

Madras, 30th Decr 1880.
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No 31

From The Medical Officer
- H. M. Penitentiary.

To
The Superintendent of Prisons
for the Town of Madras

Sir,
With reference to Memo No. dated 27th Instant, from the Inspector General of Jails, I have the honor to inform you that I carefully examined the two Convicts said to be under 18 years of age, and that I felt perfectly satisfied from their appearance that they were above that age. The man said to be older age did not seem to me, after careful examination, to be more than 45 years of age. These three men lifted with ease a stone weighing 125 lbs in the presence of the Committee of which I was a member, and we were all perfectly satisfied with their fitness for deportation and their capability of performing hard labour. The two men who are said to have stiff elbows, as well as every man forced by the Committee, lifted the stone weighing 125 lbs, which they could not have done had they suffered from a stiff elbow joint at the time.

I beg to bring to your recollection that every Convict sent from this to N. S. S. is carefully and separately

The Superintendent
for the Town of Madras
The Inspector General
of Jails
Madras
Dated 7th 8th January
1881
J. H.
Confidential
Report on the 27th
of letter from the Inspector
General regarding the
fitness of certain convicts
sent for hard labour

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Full kept 16 1/2

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The accompanying letter
from the Govt of India is
14 Decr no. A 420 is forward-
ed to the Inspector Genl
of Jails for report on para
2 & 3.

Respectful J. Adams
for Chepsey

21 Decr no.

To The Inspector Genl of Jails
with J.R. A 420

1880

From the Prison Officer
H. H. Bunting

To the Superintendent of
Prisons for the Govt
of Madras

Dated 30 Decr 1880

Received

No 31

Subject

Explanation afforded
regarding 5 convicts sent
to Port Blair on the 29th
October, referred to in
Memo No. 1 from
Inspector General of
Jails
No. 2425-76-87.

W. H. Bunting
Prison Officer, H. H. Bunting

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to be
your most obedient servant.

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Committee

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for Chaplain

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W. H. Bunting
Prison Officer, H. H. Bunting

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to be
your most obedient servant.

Seen by one who has been
informed.

Just: Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From the Offy. Secy. to the
Govt. of India of 14th Dec/00.

No. 428.

Order thereon 20th Jan'y 1881. No. 108

Ordered that the following
reply be sent.

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From Secy. to the

Govt. of India

Home

Sir.

In reply to your
letter of the 14th Dec last,
No. 428, I am directed
to forward for the info-
rmation of the Govt. Genl.
in Council a letter from
the Dy. of Jails dated
8th Jan'y, 1881, reporting

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SD Secy. ~~108/97/1201~~
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in the incapacity for
work, from such causes
as bodily infirmity
immature and advanced
age, alleged by the
Inspector John Blair
to have existed in the
Case of 5 convicts received
in the Island on the
4th Decr: last from
Madras.

2. It will be ob-
served that prior to
deportation, the convicts
are subjected to a
very careful exam-
ination both by a
Dist: and a Mag:
Committee to see

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that they fulfill the
conditions required by
Standing rules; but in
the matter of age there
is no doubt that, as
the D. L. asserts, uncertainty
will always exist in the
Case of natives & that
the police and medical
authorities acquainted
with the nature of the
Pray: may be the best
judges of the fact.
It is however to be re-
gretted that the ruling

of 11 years made in
the rule received from
the Dist: Jail was not
attended by the Madras
Committee. ^{18/108}
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For so George
20th Jan 1881

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Committed to the
District Jail

Wardens Court
1st May

Boat. of 188 } *Myadras.*

To

Date
Recd.

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Nos.

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