

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1549	Press Mis.
Dated	13-10-	1871.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
13th October 1871.

No. 50. Read the following letter from the Acting Commissioner of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 28th September 1871, No. 58 :—

On behalf of the Committee of Management of the Government Workhouse, I have the honour to request you will obtain the sanction of Government to the deportation of the one vagrant, whose name is given in the margin, to be sent to the Australian Colonies under the provisions of the Vagrancy Act.

Thomas Lee.

2. Thomas Lee, of London, aged thirty, labourer, came to this country as a fireman on board the *Burmah* to Calcutta in 1861, remained there for a few months, joined an American ship and went to Ceylon, left the ship and became Barman at a liquor store; after a time he went as passenger again to Calcutta, and opened a Sailor's Coffee House in Flagg Street; this place he kept for about fourteen months. Joined the East Indian Railway as Fireman, and remained there three years. Left to go tea-planting in Assam, at which he remained eighteen months; his services being no longer required there found his way as far as Vizagapatam; applied to the Magistrate, who forwarded him to Madras under the Vagrancy Act.

3. He was admitted on the 5th of August and, on the evening of the 20th, was sent to jail for drunkenness and gross insubordination. He wishes to be sent to the Australian Colonies, where he states his relations have been for the last six years.

4. I have further to recommend that one man, Charles Deasy, should be expelled the Workhouse under Clause 2, Section 16, Act XXI. of 1869.

5. This man's father was a Conductor in the service of Government. Went to Singapore and was employed at an Hotel for about four years; came back to Madras and obtained employment on the Madras Railway as a Guard in April 1865. After a series of suspensions and fines for two-and-a-half years, he was finally dismissed for drunkenness on duty in August 1867. His father died in December 1870, and he was without employ. Was sent to Workhouse by the Magistrate of Salem. There is no prospect whatever of finding employment for this lad. He is lazy and not anxious to earn his livelihood. It would not be advisable to deport him as he is born in the country.

6. There will be a difficulty connected with these men turned out of the Workhouse, which I must bring to the notice of Government. The authorities who have to deal with vagrants in the Mofussil will not be able to recognize, in men arrested by the Police, any of those who, having been set at liberty, assume a false name, and are found begging their way through the country. They may, instead of being dealt with under Sections 23 and 30 of the Act, be sent down to the Workhouse under various *aliases* till they become pretty well known throughout the Presidency, and Government may suffer loss in consequence.

7. As one safeguard against this, the vagrant might be photographed and a copy sent to each district, and I intend proposing to the Committee, who are now drawing up rules for management and discipline of Workhouse to be submitted to Government, that one rule shall be to the effect that the inmates shall be obliged to have their photographs taken when required by the Governor; the cost of each photograph will be Rupees 11.

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8. It will be further expedient to print descriptive rolls of these men and circulate them freely throughout the Presidency, and send a few copies to the Commissioners of Police at Bombay and Calcutta.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1871, No. 1549.

The Government sanction the provision of a free passage to Thomas Lee to the Australian Colonies.

2. Charles Deasy will be released from the Government Workhouse under the provisions of Clause 2, Section 16, of the European Vagrancy Act of 1869.

3. The Government will await the report of the Committee on the proposals contained in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the foregoing letter.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Acting Joint Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Committee for the Management of the Government Workhouse.

„ Accountant-General.

„ Master Attendant, Madras.

„ Inspector-General of Police.

Ed. J. Wright.

Public Department.

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To.

The Committee of Manage-
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Accountant General
Master Edmund Madron,
High Street, London

Sept 29/69

Boat. of 1871 J. J. Adams.

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To
The Hon. the Judge & Magistrate
of the Court of the County
of the State of New York.

Dated Oct. 13. }
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