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PAPERS RELATING TO THE CONFINEMENT OF CERTAIN POLITICAL PRISONERS ON THE HILL FORT AT GOOTY.

Letter—from R.W. DICKENS.
To—the Colonel Munro, Anantapur.
Dated—Gootty, the 8th September 1806.

I beg leave to state to you that two nights ago a man who it appears is a servant of the Ghut Rajah, one of the Prisoners on the Hill, was brought to me by a naique of the 1st Battalion, 16th Native Infantry. It seems he applied to the naique for some ammunition, who finding from his conversation that he had in possession test ball and blank cartridge very properly apprehended him and he is now a prisoner in the main guard. I have a letter from General Campbell desiring that the naique may have a reward of fifty pagodas, and the man be kept a prisoner till I hear from you. I had all the other servants on the hill, as well as the prisoners examined, but nothing suspicious was found in them.

Letter—from the Magistrate, Chicacole.
To—the Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—the 9th December 1826.

Agreeable to the instructions conveyed in the enclosed extract from a letter from the Government under date 21st November last I have the honour to forward Moodoo Soorlingh Mahartah in charge of an Officer Commanding an escort furnished from the 34th Regiment to be confined in the Hill Fort of Gootty under your charge. Two peons of my establishment are also sent with the prisoner and to whom Rupees 200 has been advanced to defray expenses on the road.

Letter—from Lieut. Col. G. WIGHT, Commanding, Gootty.
To—the Principal Collector, Bellary district, Kumplee.
Dated—Gootty, the 13th April 1828.
No.—176.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, along with an extract of a letter from the 1st circuit judge, centre Division, and in reply, beg leave to state, that I should consider it unsafe to unfetter the Prisoner Mahartah, as from the numerous old buildings, redoubts, etc., which are on the Hill Fort of Gootty it would be almost impossible to secure him, if he once escaped from the eyes of the sentries for a moment, and he would be enabled from such concealment to evade his opportunity of descending from the Hill, which is perfectly feasible at many points without any other assistance than what a small piece of rope might afford.

In conclusion I beg leave to remark that his irons are of such a light nature as to incommode him very little.

Account particulars of the charges proposed for the performance of the annual ceremonies of the deceased father and mother, etc., of the prisoners imprisoned in the Hill Fort at Gooty.

RS. A. P.

Amount proposed by both brothers Madusoodana Mahartah and Bessbeer Mahartah for the performance of the ceremonies of their deceased father, mother and brother—

For their father's ceremony on 7th decreasing moon of Visakabahulam, viz.

2 sets of dovadies at Rs. 3 each	6	0	0
1 puncha	0	8	0
Ready cash.			
Mustard seed and common seed, etc.	1	8	0
Duchana or alms	10	0	0
10 seirs of rice	0	8	0
2½ seirs of dhaul	0	2	0
5 seirs of ghee	0	6	0
	19	0	0

For their mother's ceremony on the 5th increasing moon of Magasuddam.

1 woman cloth	4	0	0
1 choly	0	14	0
Ready cash			

Mustard seed and common seed, etc.	1	8	0
Alms	10	0	0
	11	8	0

Rice, dhaul and ghee as above	1	0	0
	17	6	0

For their brother's and his wife (who died in his bed) on the 14th decreasing moon of Jaistabahulam

2 sets of dovadies at Rs. 4 each	8	0	0
1 puncha	0	8	0
1 woman cloth	1	0	0
1 choly	1	0	0
15 seirs of rice	0	12	0
½ seir of dhaul	0	3	0
8 seirs of ghee	0	10	0
Ready cash			

Mustard and common seed, etc.	4	0	0
Alms	20	0	0
	24	0	0

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Amount proposed by Booja Huttu Mahartah for his father's ceremony on 5th increasing moon of Jaistasuddam (the same charges as above stated for the father's ceremony of Madusoodana Mahartah and Bessbeer Mahartah).

For his mother's ceremony on the 2nd decreasing moon of Ashadabahulan (the same charges as above stated for the father's ceremony of Madusoodana Mahartah and Bessbeer Mahartah).

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5th May 1828.

CONDAL ROW.
Head of Police, Gooty.

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Letter—from Mr. H. R. TRAPOND, Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Principal Collector of Bellary.
Dated—the 29th June 1833.

I have the honour to acquaint you that I this day received charge of three prisoners who have arrived from Vizagapatam under charge of Lieutenant Taylor of the 47th Regiment, N.I., for the purpose of being confined on the Hill Fort of Gooty.

I have to request that you will take the necessary steps for providing them with their sustenance and with money.

Letter—from H. R. TRAPOND, Esq., Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Principal Collector of Bellary.
Dated—the 19th July 1833.

I have the honour to report to you, that state prisoner Veerabhadra Ramze, died last night at 8 o'clock p.m. and that the rites of burial agreeably to the edict of his caste have been performed.

Letter—from Mr. F. W. ROBERTSON, Esq., Magistrate, Anantapur.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.
Dated—the 26th July 1833.

I have the honour to submit the enclosed copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Gooty, reporting the arrival of the three prisoners from Vizagapatam, Mookay Veerabhadra Ramze, Narooconda Lutchmoodoo and Passem Ramanapah and of his having received them into his custody.

2. I have also the honour to forward a subsequent communication from the same officer reporting the death of the prisoner Veerabhadra Ramze on the evening of the 18th instant. A separate communication from the Amildar of Gooty mentioning that the prisoner was ill three days and was attended by the native Doctors of the place.

I shall hereafter address you on the subject of the allowances to be fixed for the support of the remaining two prisoners.

Letter—from H. R. TRAPOND, Esq., Lieut.-Ed., Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Principal Collector of Bellary, Anantapur.
Dated—the 10th August 1833.

I have the honour to report to you, that I have this day received charge of a Prisoner named Ranjunnah who has arrived from Vizianagaram under charge of an escort consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue and 12 sepoys of the 47th Regiment N.I. for the purpose of being confined in the Hill Fort of Gooty.

One prisoner is reported to have died on the 19th of June last at Cassamecottah.

I have to request that you will, at an early moment, take the necessary steps for providing him with clothing, sustenance and attendance.

Letter—from Captain E. WILKES, Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Principal Collector in the Zillah of Bellary, Anantapur.
Dated—the 5th July 1837.
No.—141.

I have the honour to report to you that the Prisoner Ananta Bhoopathy, late Zemindar of Golcondah arrived at this station this day and has been confined in the Hill Fort.

The enclosed Official was given to me by the person accompanying the prisoner with the request I would forward it.

Letter—from Captain E. WILKES, Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Principal Collector in the Zillah of Bellary, Anantapur.
Dated—the 9th July 1837.
No.—145.

I have the honour to inform you that the Prisoner Ananta Bhoopathy, late Zemindar of Golcondah who lately arrived from Chicacole has solicited permission for his wife and children to be allowed to visit him occasionally during his confinement on the Hill Fort.

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Such an indulgence not having been hitherto granted to any of the other prisoners and my being without any immediate instructions on the subject I am prevented complying with the request of the Prisoner until it has met your sanction and approval. I therefore request you will be so good as to grant me information on the subject.

I am informed by the Goomustah attached to the Collector of Vizagapatnam and who had charge of the Prisoner that his family received instructions to accompanying him to this station.

I beg to add that the Prisoner Ananta Bhoopathy has also requested to be allowed to remain in the same room with the other Prisoner Coormananda Patrodas which I have acceded to pending a reference to you on the subject.

Letter—from PUNDA PADMANABHA ACHAREE, State Prisoner on the Hill, Fort of Gooty.
To—Captain R. R. Ricketts, Commanding, Gooty.
Dated—the 12th March 1841.

With due respect I most humbly beg leave to bring the following circumstances to your favourable consideration that I was Head Dewan to the late Zemindar of Golcondah in the District of Vizagapatnam in consequence of Honey Padmanabha Dorah and Dauliah Dorah both Palagars having plundered the Honourable Company's Treasury and murdered the Police Ameer of the British Government whom I apprehended afterwards with much pains and delivered them over to the civil power and a proclamation was published by Government to present a reward of Rupees 10,000 and also that some lands would be granted to the person or persons for either apprehending or killing the Palagars named Kistnen Dorah, Appen Dorah and Latchman Dorah who were great enemies to the British Government; when I promised to Mr. Russell, the late Commissioner of those districts, that I would do so within a fortnight. I accordingly took a great deal of trouble and succeeded in killing them and brought their heads to the above Gentleman (Mr. Russell) when that Gentleman promised to fulfil the reward, but which has not been granted to me up to this period; a short time after, I was directed together with my two brothers named Punda Kistnamah Acharee and Randa Ramachandra Acharee by the Magistrate of Vizagapatnam to proceed to Bellary as state Prisoners without being in any way guilty when we were obliged to repair to Bengal and laid our case before the supreme Government who were kindly pleased to direct us to refer our complaints to the Madras Government and on our return to Chicacole a warrant was issued by said Magistrate to send us to Gooty as state Prisoners where our affairs would be settled; under these circumstances, I now most humbly beg leave to solicit your honour will have the kindness to forward with your favourable recommendation the enclosed two Gentoo Petitions, one to the address of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, and the other to the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary, for their kind and earnest consideration respecting our present affairs and painful state, for which kindness I shall ever pray for your long life and prosperity.

Letter—from Captain R. R. Ricketts, 48th Regiment, L.I. Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.
Dated—the 14th March 1841.
No.—59.

I have the honour to forward to you, the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to me by Punda Padmanabha Acharee a state Prisoner confined on the Hill Fort of Gooty together, with two Gentoo Petitions one to the address of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, and the other to yourself.

2. I have also to state that Punda Padmanabha Acharee, and his two brothers Punda Kistnamah Acharee and Punda Ramachandra Acharee have declared to me that they are wholly guiltless and that they never contemplated the commission of any act inimical towards the British Government; since their arrival at Gooty on the second ultimo they have uniformly conducted themselves correctly and properly, and in a very respectful manner. I would therefore beg to recommend their case to favourable notice.

Letter—from Captain R. R. Ricketts, 48th Regiment, L.N.I. Commanding, Gooty.

To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.

Dated—18th March 1841.

No.—66.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant and to inform you that the state Prisoner named Woopendrah, has been delivered over to the Head of Police at Gooty as requested.

Letter—from W. Knox, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.

To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Magistrate, Bellary.

Dated—Kalaisapaud, the 5th March 1844.

No.—18.

With reference to my letter of the 20th ultimo requesting that the peons escorting the wife of Anantabhopathy on her way to Gooty should be relieved at Taudiputtree on the 28th ultimo, I have now the honour to inform you that I have received letters from the Magistrate of Guntur and from the Joint Magistrate of Nellore stating that her route has been changed and that she comes direct to Cumbum instead of by Ongole. I request therefore that your peons may be in readiness at Taudiputtree on or about the 11th instant instead of the 28th ultimo as originally requested.

Letter—from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalt.

To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary.

Dated—the 12th March 1844.

No.—188.

Upon this report of the Magistrate of Bellary, the Most Noble the Governor in Council is pleased to permit the removal of the state prisoner Ramanapah from the Hill Fort to the Pettah of Gooty.

The Governor in Council observes that in referring to the condition of the prisoner Pausam Ramanapah, the Magistrate of Bellary states that he "has lost the use of one of his legs by a shot wound". In the opening address of the Special Court Martial by which the Prisoner was tried, he is stated to have "received a musket shot wound" which prevented his escaping. In the course of his defence the Prisoner stated that he "was shot in the thigh, for which my leg has since been cut off", and the Court in soliciting the clemency of the Brigadier-General on behalf of the Prisoner, urged it on the ground of the severe wound he received at Peddapilly wakal on the occasion, "and what he has since suffered in the amputation of his leg". In his recent petition to the Judge on Circuit he says that "one of my legs was broken by a ball".

His Lordship in Council desires that an explanation of the discrepancies above noticed may be furnished.

Letter—from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalt.

To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary.

Dated—the 21st March 1844.

Adverting to your letter, dated the 10th January last on the subject of the removal from the Hill Fort at Gooty of the State Prisoner Pausam Ramanapah, I am desired to annex for your information transcript of an order by Government

pointing out certain discrepancies in the statements on record respecting the origin of the wound from the result of which the Prisoner in question has been disabled and to request you will at your earliest convenience furnish the Court with statement of such particulars as will serve if possible to reconcile them.

Letter—from the Officer Commanding, Gooty.

To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.

Dated—Gooty, the 4th April 1844.

With reference to your letter of the 25th Ultimo I have the honour to acquaint you, that I yesterday removed the State Prisoner Passim Ramanapah from the Hill Fort to the Pettah of Gooty.

I have further the honour to inform you, that upon enquiry the Prisoner Passim Ramanapah states "that he had been employed a few days as a Cowry cooly by Paikarowa Poligar, when a Detachment of Troops was sent by Government for the capture of the Poligar, and he the Prisoner received a Musket shot wound a little below the left Knee at Peddapilly Wakal, which prevented his escape. He was sent the same day to the Garrison Hospital at Vizagapatam three days after which the Doctors found it necessary to amputate the limb in consequence of the bone of the leg being so much shattered. Accordingly his leg was cut off about 8 inches above the Knee."

Petition—from PANDA PUDMANABHA ACHAREE and his two brothers confined in the lower Fort of Gooty.

To—the Lieutenant-General the most Hon'ble GEORGE, Marquess of Tweeddale K.F.C.B., Governor in Council of Fort St. George.

Dated—Gooty, the 5th April 1844

That your petitioners most humbly and respectfully crave your Lordships most gracious consideration to the following subject already brought to notice by petition from your humble petitioners and your petitioners earnestly hope the prayer will be granted.

That to your petitioners' several applications to the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary for a release from confinement in reply and under the instructions from Government, your petitioners were informed that unless six securities were found at a Thousand Rupees your petitioners' release cannot be sanctioned, this your petitioners beg respectfully to state they cannot procure being in a foreign place and beg your Lordship will be the justice of granting the following prayer.

That only your petitioner Padmanaba Achari or the whole three of your petitioners be permitted to go to their Native Country Berhampoor where they will find securities required by the Magistrate as above stated, or that one instead of six securities for Rs. 10,000 be found at Berhampoor, for the release of your petitioners. Your petitioners are induced from various family caresses such as the marriage of a daughter too numerous to relate, to earnestly implore your Lordship will be pleased to grant of the above prayer, for which and all other kindness received from your Lordship and Government your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Letter—from the Officer Commanding, Gooty.

To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.

Dated—Gooty, the 8th April 1844.

No.—57.

At the request of the state Prisoners Punda Pudmanaba Acharee and his two brothers confined in the lower Fort of Gooty. I have the honour herewith to enclose two Petitions.

Petition—from DOORA BISSAYEE alias Veerabulpanthradoo, late Prisoner confined on the Hill Fort of Gooty.

To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.

Dated—31st May 1844.

That your petitioner with all due respect and submission beg to lay the following circumstances for your honour's kind consideration, that your petitioner had about five Villages under the Raja of Goomsur producing an income to the amount of Rs. 12,000 per annum, which was in the possession of your petitioner's family for about 57 generations past, which lands were taken back by Stroegrabauja Itanjoo, through insinuation of some of your petitioner's enemies. On your petitioner's several applications to Spott, Esq., the Collector of Ganjam districts on the above subject who ordered to be restored the same to your petitioner; immediately a short time after, Mr. Russell arrived there with some British Troops, to take the Countries,

when the Dannaia Bunjoo then the Ranjah of Goomsur who deserted into jungle, and expired there, when as Mr. Russell ordered some of the sirdars of the place to be hanged, supposing that your petitioner would be one of the member, when your petitioner deserted with his family and put himself under the protection of Tagathiaiah, Zamindar of Unnugulu Talook of the Zillah of Cuttock, and forwarded an Urzee through the above Zemindar to the address of the Commissioner of the above Zillah stating that your petitioner Doora Bissayee is there, if he promise himself to protect your petitioner without any injury; your petitioner call upon that Gentleman, he accordingly sent an order to your petitioner in reply, that he will do so, when your petitioner gave himself up; when your petitioner was kept in close confinement there till about one and half a month, and in accordance with the instructions received from the supreme Government your petitioner was sent to the Collector of Ganjam for being tried where your petitioner likewise was confined for the period of 15 months and from thence your petitioner was sent to Gooty as a State Prisoner, where confined on the Hill Fort. Since your petitioner left his country, your petitioner's family are very much distressed for want of a maintenance, and in consequence of your petitioner's advanced age, and sight nearly lost, your petitioner most humbly solicit your honour, will be graciously pleased to recommend him to Government for a removal of your petitioner from hence to Berhampur and allow your petitioner to remain there with his family, or if not, to make an allowance of some kind for the subsistence of his family to enable them to maintain themselves, as there are several families of the state Prisoners of his classes who have already been allowed some allowances for their livelihood, according to their respects; by granting this boon, an act of charity will as in duty bound ever pray for your health, wealth and happiness.

Petition—from ANANTA BHOOPATHY, late Zemindar of Golconda and state Prisoner confined in the Hill Fort of Gooty.

To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.

Dated—1st June 1844.

That your petitioner with all due respect and humbly submission, beg leave to lay the following circumstances for your honour's kind consideration, that since your petitioner's arrival at this station from Vizagapatam, suffering very much with Rheumatism as the water on the Hill does not agreed with your petitioner's constitution, and also in consequence of your petitioner's advanced age, and sight nearly lost, your petitioner most humbly solicit your honour will be graciously pleased to recommend him to Government for a removal of your petitioner from the Hill to the lower Fort and allow your petitioner to remain with his family, who are now in the latter place under your custody, as your petitioner might pass the rest of his life in rest and comfort.

At the same time, your petitioner further beg to bring to your notice, that instead of giving with the provisions to your petitioner, out of his monthly subsistences your petitioner earnestly hoping that the same may be paid to him with ready cash, as well as his family, if not it becoming a great loss to him from the practice of giving with the provisions, by granting these indulgence act of charity, and benevolence, your petitioner as in duty bound, shall ever pray for your honour's long life and prosperity.

Letter—from the Officer Commanding, Gooty.

To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.

Dated—the 6th June 1844.

No.—96.

At the request of Ananta Bhoopathy, late Zemindar, and Doora Bissayee, state Prisoner confined on the Hill Fort at this station, I have the honour herewith to enclose two petitions to your address.

Petition—from PUNDAH PUDMANABHA CHARY and his two brothers, confined in the lower Fort of Gooty.

To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.

Dated—the 11th August 1844.

That your Petitioners having on the 8th April 1844, addressed through your honour's channel to the Most Noble the Governor in Council regarding your Petitioners' release on giving security and not having as yet received a reply 5 months

nearly having elapsed, your Petitioners beg your honour's interference less your Petitioners' appeal may have been forgot and beg you will excuse the trouble so often given by your Petitioners which is caused from various family wants. So saying your Petitioners with all respect beg to remain.

Letter—from the Officer Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.
Dated—the 17th August 1844.
No.—140.

At the request of Ananta Bhoopathy, ex-zamindar of Goleonda and Punda Pudmanaba Achary, state Prisoners confined on the Hill and lower Fort at this station, I have the honour herewith to enclose two Petitions to your address.

Petition—from ANANTA BHOOPATHY, Ex-Zamindar of Goleondah confined in the Hill Fort of Gooty.
To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.
Dated—the 17th August 1844.

That your Petitioner having on the 6th June 1844, addressed a Petition to your address regarding your petitioner's removal from the Hill to the lower Fort and to allow your petitioner to remain with his family, and also to grant him ready cash instead of giving him provisions out of his subsistence which was granted to him monthly by Government and not having as yet received a reply three months nearly having elapsed your petitioner beg your honour's interference less your petitioners appeal may have been forgot, and beg your honour will excuse the trouble so often given by your petitioner, which is caused from your petitioners infirmities and ill health from age, for which act of Charity your petitioner will as in duty bound ever pray.

Letter—from the H. DALLAS, Lieut., Officer Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.
Dated—the 21st July 1845.

With reference to my predecessor's letter of the 7th instant, regarding the removal of state Prisoners to a Government Building in the lower Fort, no reply having yet been received, I have the honour to request you will be pleased to inform me at your earliest convenience whether there is any Objection to the Prisoners being removed into the Public Building therein mentioned or that you will give me instructions how they must be disposed of, as the owner demands his house for the purpose of Renting it to the Apothecary at this station.

Letter—from H. DALLAS, Esq., Lieutenant, Officer Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.
Dated—the 15th August 1845.

I have the honour to inform you that several complaints having come to my knowledge regarding the conduct of the servants of State prisoner Boojahathee I have ordered the Tahsildar to investigate them and report the matter if necessary to you.

It having also come to my knowledge that the goomustahs were in the habit of supplying at an exorbitant price to the abovementioned prisoner (who is not sufficiently sensible to manage his own affairs) I applied to the Tahsildar for a list of the articles which had been last furnished to the prisoner together with the price that he had fixed for them. I received in answer a list of which the column marked No. 1 is a copy. I then proceeded to examine the cloths which had been supplied but a few days and discovered that in some instances the price charged was more than 100 per cent above that charged in the bazaar.

Upon returning from the Fort I sent the cloths under charge of a sentry to the Tahsildar with a request that he would value them and send a list of the proper prices to me.

The list I received is copied in the column marked No. 2 and it will enable you to judge of the extent to which the system of raising the prices has been carried.

I have the honour to inform you that I have given orders that pending instructions from you no cloths are other articles, except those required for daily use,

should be supplied to any of the State prisoners without first being submitted together with a list of the prices to the Officer Commanding.

In consequence of the doubts expressed by one of the prisoners I have further ordered that an account be furnished to each of the prisoners of their monthly supply and the balance remaining in the Tahsildar's hands.

I cannot avoid bringing strongly to your notice that the Tahsildar is the responsible person and that such open misapplication of the funds of a prisoner could hardly have occurred but by the grossest neglect or a participation in the fraud.

Awaiting further instructions from you.

Letter—from H. DALLAS, Esq., Lieutenant, Officer Commanding, Gooty.
To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.
Dated—the 1st September 1845.

I have the honour to inform you with reference to your letter, dated 27th instant that the first intimation I received regarding the cloth supplied was from Prisoner Doara Bessoyee who stated to myself personally that the price which he believed to have been charged to his fellow prisoner Boojahathee for cloth was much more than the value, and more than he himself paid for the same kind of articles, that I caused inquiries to be made by the Garrison Writer of this place Mayandy Pillay first as to whether cloth had been supplied and secondly whether it was supposed to have been given at the fair value, I was led to believe from his statement that Doara Bissayee's supposition was correct, and therefore sent to the Tahsildar for a list of the prices charged. I examined the cloths myself in presence of a Naique of the guard, some sepoys and other persons all present agreed that many of the things were marked at double their value and upon this statement I placed the cloths under the charge of the Naique to be conveyed to the Barrack Guard; from thence I sent them under charge of a sentry to the Tahsildar's cutcherry. The Tahsildar kept them and sent the sentry away but returned me the cloth on the following day: since that time until the receipt of your letter, dated 19th August the cloths were kept in the Barrack Guard of this place after which finding that the steps I had taken did not meet with your approval I returned them to the prisoner who has, I believe, placed them under the charge of the Hill Guard.

I have the honour to observe that I have before forwarded the only evidence in my possession namely the two lists of the Tahsildar and that the only persons who could give any material evidence are the Naique and one or two of the sepoys who could recognise the cloths: the prisoners' servants could of course do this also.

Petition—from Mr. VENERABOOPATHY, son of late ANANTHABOOPATHY, Zamindar of Goleonda in the Zillah of Vizagapatam.

To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.
Dated—Gooty, the 3rd January 1846.

HUMBLY SHOWN—

That on the night of the 29th ultimo between 12 and 1 o'clock p.m. your petitioner's property of value of about little more or less Rs. 1,000 gold and silver jewels and cloths was robbed away from your petitioner's quarters which your petitioner has been brought to your favourable notice: under these circumstances your petitioner humbly trust your honour will be extremely pleased to issue such strict order to take every steps in discovering the loss of your petitioner's property.

Your petitioner beg leave to state, that your petitioner has this day forwarded a Gentoo Urjee to your address through the Tahsildar of this place, soliciting to grant the leave of absence for six months, to your petitioner's aunt Paupumamah and sister Sunnassumamah to proceed to your petitioner's native village for the purpose of celebrating his sister's marriage, and allowing at the same time Rs. 150 to defray the road expenses and marriage, as your petitioner is much distressing for want of expense since the death of his late father, therefore your petitioner most humbly request your honour will be kindly pleased to grant these indulgence, as your petitioner is much depend upon your honour by doing this, an act of charity, shall in duty bound ever pray.

Letter—from H. STOKES, Esq., Magistrate of Guntur.
To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Dindy, the 16th June 1846.
No.—98.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo requesting my opinion, for the information of Government, as to whether there is any danger to be apprehended from the liberation on security of Pasum Ramanapah a native of this district, now in confinement in the Fort at Gooty.

2. In reply I beg to enclose the accompanying copy of an arzee from the Head of Police of Guntur with statement of villagers of Goonjenagoandah, from which it does not appear that, as far as this district is concerned any danger is to be apprehended from the release on security of the prisoner in question; or that such a measure will in any way affect the tranquility of this part of the country. I have however not been able to obtain here, any information as to the circumstances under which Ramanapah was sentenced to imprisonment; his offence appears to have been committed in some other district.

Petition—from Mr. VEERABOOPATHY, son of late ANANTHABOOPATHY, Zamindar of Golconda.
To—A. MELLOR, Esq., Collector and Magistrate, Zillah of Bellary
Dated—Gooty, the 8th October 1846.

HUMBLY SHOWETH—

That your petitioner presented a petition during the time of jamabandi last year begging leave of absence to your petitioner's aunt Paupummah, and sister Sunnassamah to proceed to Cherlak near Bhadrachalam belonging to Hyderabad country for the purpose of celebrating your petitioner's sister's marriage, for which no reply has been favoured. Your petitioner regret to state, that your petitioner's sister is now grown up to the age of 14 years, and it is very improper in your petitioner's caste to let her remain unmarried. Six servants of bridegroom, the Zamindar of Cherlak have been sent here six months ago, to accompany the bride to the above-mentioned place, who are still waiting here, under these circumstances, your petitioner humbly trust your honour will be graciously pleased to grant this indulgence, and allowing at the same time, some money to defray the road and marriage expenses, as you deem proper, by doing this act of charity shall in duty bound ever pray.

Letter—from P. B. SMOLLETT, Esq., Agent to the Governor.
To—the Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—the 2nd June 1849.
No.—52.

Having had a occasion to make some arrangement for the maintenance of the family of the late Golconda zamindary, I do myself the honour to request you will be good enough to let me know what members of the family of the late Anunta Bhoopaty are still detained at Gooty, and what is the amount of their allowance.

Letter—from N. J. DORRIS, Esq., Superintendent of Chittledroog division.
To—C. PELLY, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Toomoor, the 16th July 1849.
No.—188.

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 9th instant; I have ample information from the servants of the Poligar Veeramaddekerray Naik, that there has been no wedding in his family for many years, the last wedding contemplated, four years ago, was with a daughter of Hoontal Naik of Niddagul.

I have the pleasure to forward a deposition to this effect, also a statement this day taken from another servant of the Poligar regarding two Poligars (whose names the witnesses do not recollect) of the Tellogur caste who came from Baidrong to Chillakaray some days before the outbreak, also of a Poligar called Rungapa and a Dulway whose name is not known from Sunkarkal of the Mudaksyrah taluk who lived in Maddekerray Naik's house up to the very day of the outbreak.

Letter—from M. MURRAY, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Cuddapah.
To—C. PELLY, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Rauyachoty, the 19th July 1849.
No.—48.

I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to issue the necessary orders for the escort of the individuals referred to in the annexed copies of letters from the Magistrates of Guntur and Masulipatam received this day.

Letter—from H. STOKES, Esq., Magistrate of Guntur.
To—the Joint Magistrate of Cumbum.
Dated—the 9th July 1849.
No.—68.

I have the honour to request you will have the goodness to order a guard of two peons to be in readiness at Chintalacheruvu on or about the 15th instant to receive charge of the individuals referred to in the annexed copy of a letter from the Magistrate of Masulipatam.

Letter—from K. T. PORTER, Esq., Magistrate of Masulipatam.
To—H. STOKES, Esq., Magistrate of Guntur.
Dated—the 7th July 1849.

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to keep a guard of two peons in readiness at Mungalageery on or about the 9th instant to keep charge of Paupummah, a widow of late Anunta Bhoopaty Zamindar of Golconda and her son Veera Bhoopaty who were proceeding from Cherlak to Gooty. I also request that you will intimate to the intermediate authorities between your District and Gooty to keep similar guards within their jurisdiction.

Letter—from M. MURRAY, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Cuddapah.
To—J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah.
Dated—Royachoty, the 19th July 1849.
No.—47.

In annexing copies of letters from the Magistrates of Guntur and Masulipatam received this day, I have the honour to inform you that I have issued the necessary orders to the Heads of police within the subdivision and also to the Doovoor Tahsildar to prevent unnecessary delay.

Letter—from H. STOKES, Esq., Magistrate of Guntur.
To—the Joint Magistrate of Cumbum.
Dated—Mungalageery, the 9th July 1849.
No.—68.

I have the honour to request you will have the goodness to order a guard of two peons to be in readiness at Chintalacheruvu on or about the 15th instant to receive charge of the individual referred to in the annexed copy of a letter from the Magistrate of Masulipatam, dated 7th July 1849.

Letter—from R. T. PORTER, Esq., Magistrate of Masulipatam.
To—H. STOKES, Esq., Magistrate of Guntur.

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to keep a guard of two peons in readiness at Mungalageery on or about the 9th instant to keep charge of Paupummah, a widow of late Anunta Bhoopaty, Zamindar of Golconda and her son Veerabhoopaty who were proceeding from Cherla to Gooty. I also request that you will intimate to the intermediate authorities between your district and Gooty to keep similar guards within their jurisdiction.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah.
To—C. PELLY, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Muddenpalle, the 21st July 1849.
No.—809.

I have the honour to forward copy of a letter received from the Joint Magistrate at Cumbum and of its accompaniments and to inform you that as the above communication was received too late to admit of my peons in charge of the State

prisoners in question being relieved on the Borders of this district by communicating with you on the subject, I have directed the Head of police of Coilgoontlah taluk to make arrangement for the safe escort of the parties to Gooty and for their delivery to the authorities at that place.

Letter—from the Officer Commanding Gooty.
To—the Magistrate in the Zillah of Bellary.
Dated—the 24th July 1849.
No.—106.

With reference to the 5th paragraph of your letter No. 146 of the 5th March last, I have the honour to inform you, that during the time I have been in command of this station the State prisoner Doara Bissayee conducted himself in every way to my entire satisfaction.

Letter—from N. I. DORNA, Esq., Superintendent, Chittledroog Division office.
To—C. PELLY, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Toomcoor, the 26th July 1849.
No.—200.

I have the honour with reference to my letter of the 16th instant No. 188 to forward copy of an Urzee from the Amildar of Doddairy with enclosures by which you will observe that two individuals calling themselves poligars of Sunkurgul passed through the village of Monecoontay on the day of the outbreak at Chella-kerray.

Letter—from M. MURRAY, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Cuddapah.
To—C. PELLY, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Cumbum, the 3rd August 1849.
No.—56.

With reference to my letter to you, dated 19th ultimo, I have the honour to request you will have the goodness to inform me whether the persons named in the margin have arrived at Gooty.

The Cutcherry of my establishment being on circuit the letter of the Magistrate of Guntoor did not reach me until very late and although an express was sent up to have peons waiting to take charge of them at Porvomammitla they did not arrive in time and the parties had gone on towards Gooty of their own accord.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRAN, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah.
To—C. PELLY, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Muddenpally, the 7th August 1849.
No.—324.

With reference to my letter of the 21st ultimo intimating the arrangement made for the safe escort of the State prisoners returning through this district to Gooty, I have the honour to forward the accompanying copies of Urzees from the Heads of Police of Doovoor and Koilgoontlah. The former it will be perceived has represented that in consequence of gross neglect of duty on the part of the peons in the subdivision (who allowed the parties to proceed on their journey without accompanying them to his Taluk) they passed through his Taluk without his knowledge. The latter officer has reported that the orders I had issued to him, in which I made the arrangements referred to did not, though forwarded by express, reach him in time to have enabled him to act up to the same. Under the circumstances detailed, I shall feel obliged by your informing me if the State prisoners in question have arrived at their destination.

Letter—from L. D. DANIELL, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Bellary.
To—C. PELLY, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Hindoopoor, the 13th August 1849.
No.—25.

With reference to your letter dated July 20th, No. 534, enclosing copy of statement given by Boocha, late gollah in Pangur taluk I have the honour to inform you

that the two persons alluded to are Rungapah Nayudu, Poligar of Senkarakul, and his delavoy Veerahuobah Naick and to forward copies of two statements taken from them.

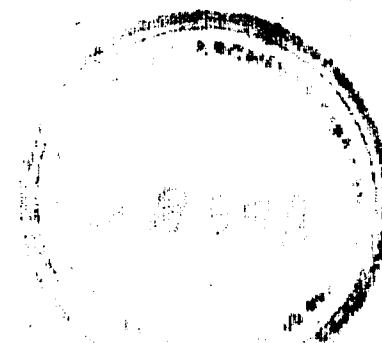
2. In these statements the Poligar and his delavoy admit that they remained in Rajah Veeramadakaru Naick's house for a period 23 days, but state that they went there under the impression that a marriage was to be celebrated, a messenger having been sent to call them for that purpose, and their statements, if true, would lead to the interference that they left the Poligar's house some time previous to the outbreak. They however differ as to the period of departure from their village and from Veerahuobah Naick having in the first instance mentioned this to have taken place about two months since and afterwards stated two and a half or three months I am of opinion that in this respect their statements are not to be relied upon, but that they very probably left Chella-kerray about the period mentioned in the statement enclosed in your letter; should this be the case, it is improbable that they would have remained in Rajah Veera Madakaree Naick's house for the period stated and not have it in their power to give further information than conveyed in their statements.

3. Beyond the statements above alluded to there is no evidence before me to criminate the Poligar and his delavoy. They are both persons in indigent circumstances, without influence or followers. The Poligar has an Inam assessed at upwards of sixty pagodas, which I am given to understand is usually cultivated to the extent of twenty pagodas and a moiety given by him to his delavoy, and that beyond this and occasionally obtaining assistance from the Poligar of Ratnagherry and small quantities of grain, from the ryots at the time of harvest, he has no other sources of livelihood.

Letter—from A. ROBERTSON, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor.
To—C. PELLY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Vizagapatam, the 7th October 1850.
No.—84.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th June last to the address of Mr. Smollett, relative to the release of the members of the Bhooapaty family from Gooty, in accordance with the orders of Government dated 3rd January 1850.

2. Considering the character of Canjatchy one of those parties, as gathered from the records of this office, I consider it highly objectionable to allow them to remove to Rajahmundry a place so near to the scene of their former rebellious career, and where they would not be under the same rigid surveillance, as if they were in a proper locality in this District. I would therefore suggest that they be prevailed upon to come to Vizagapatam town where they are well known and could not easily enter into intrigue without being detected. It would be still more desirable if they could be persuaded to remain at Gooty until their debt is liquidated.



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