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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 8. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th February 1859, No. 25.

SIR,

1 Jeeonath.
2 Gooroopaudial.
3 Narraindoss.
4 Chittumberam.
5 Ramiah.

1. I have the honor to report the arrival on the 16th Instant, of the five vagrants named in the margin, referred to in Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date 13th January 1859, No. 45, Judicial Department, and to recommend that passage to Bengal be engaged for the three following, viz.,

1 Jeeonath.
2 Gooroopaudial.
3 Narraindoss.

the remaining two, Chittumberam and Ramiah, will be sent to their respective homes, as ordered in the Extract Minutes of Consultation under reference.

4 Chittumberam.....South Arcot.
5 Narraindoss.....Travancore.

2. I have also the honor to report the arrival on the same day from Cuddapah of the five vagrants whose names are hereunder specified.

1 Lutchmiah, wife of the vagrant No. 4 (Chittumberam) before named, will be sent with her husband to South Arcot.
2 Ramachendra.
3 Ramasook.
4 Ramaboyee.
5 Janakee.

3. All four of whom I beg permission to release, to enable them to proceed to Ramesveram, under the depositions which have been taken from Nos. 2 and 3 by the Magistrate of Cuddapah and the statement of No. 5 before my Deputy Mr. Campbell, copies of which are herewith enclosed.

4. Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, all express a wish to go on to Ramesveram, but I conclude the Government will not give permission for these men, inhabitants of North India, to wander about our Provinces; I propose to keep them in restraint until the orders of Government are received about them. I would recommend in their case, as in the previous instances, that passage be engaged for them to proceed to Bengal.

5. In the event however of there being objections to this course, it appears to me that it would be as well to return all of them to Bengal again, by passing them from one Talook to another, until they reach their respective places of abode.

6. A Descriptive Roll of each of the vagrants, will be forwarded with them, with a request that they may be passed on from one district to another, until they reach their respective homes.

No. 2.

Translation of a Deposition given before the Magistrate of Cuddapah on the 22nd January 1859, by Ramachendra, son of Toojaram, inhabitant of Pundrapoor, caste Tailor, sect Siva, about 40 years of age, lives by begging.

With the intention of proceeding to Ramnad, I set out from Pundrapoor about 2 months ago and came to Kisheindah, thence to Bellary and thence to Cuddapah, where I was apprehended and brought before you, 2 men and 2 women accompanied me from Pundrapoor who were also proceeding to Ramnad, and we five earned our food along the way by begging, but I do not know their names and the country whence they came. If you will release me I will go to Ramnad.

Q.—While you accompanied them for so long a time, how is it you do not know their names?

A.—I did not ask their names but called each other "Bavajy." I live in a monastery in Pundrapoor and no one in this part of the country knows me, but Nanathundoty residing in Pundrapoor. I do not know any officer in Pundrapoor. I went to Benares 7 years ago, and thence returned to my village prior to my setting out on my present tour, which is nearly 2 months ago and no one gave me a paper nor did I bring any with me.

I heard this Deposition in Hindoostanee, it is correct.

× the mark of RAMACHENDRA.

I stated above that 2 men followed me but it is not so, only one man followed.

Q.—Name the Military station near your village?

A.—I don't know.

× the mark of RAMACHENDRA.

Taken before me this 22nd January 1859.

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

(True translation.)

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Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 3.

Translation of a Deposition given before the Magistrate of Cuddapah on the 22nd January 1859, by Ramasook, son of Daloo, caste Themary Brahmin, sect Vishtnoo, about 45 years of age, profession cultivation, residing in a Village named Seecaroy, belonging to the Rajah of Jeyapoor.

About 5 years ago, I and my wife Ramaboyee, left our Native Village and went to Haredwar and Gungotry, thence bringing Ganges water, returned to proceed to Ramnad via Pundrapoor, and reached Cuddapah, where we were apprehended, and brought before you with two others, one (a man) named Ramachendra and a woman named Jankee, who accompanied us from Pundrapoor; but whose residence I do not know. If we are now released we will go to Ramnad. No one knows me in this part of the country. My Village is 500 coss or 1,250 miles distant from Pundrapoor, which is under the English Government. I do not know the name of the Rajah, nor the name of any officer in my village. There are my paternal uncles, Natha Sookha Dowla, my mother Deema and my brothers Govindu Baladiva and Mungala, earning their livelihood by cultivation. A person named Manna is the Reddy or Head of my Village. I do not know what the distance from my Village to Benares is, as I brought the Ganges water only from Haredwar. Meerut is 60 or 70 coss distant from my Village in the vicinity of which there are Manapoor and a Purgana of Davasa, and Delhi is 60 or 70 coss distant from it. From Pundrapoor I came here via Kishkindah, Bellary, and Annagondhy crossing the Kristna river.

I heard this Deposition read in Hindustany, and is quite correct.

(Signed) RAMASOOK, in Davanagry.

Taken before me this 22nd January 1859.

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

(True translation.)

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 5.

Madras to wit. The statement of Janakee taken this 17th day of February 1859, before me the undersigned Deputy Commissioner of Police and Justice of the Peace in and for the Town of Madras aforesaid.

Who saith as follows:

My name is Janakee, my husband's name is Pabbaroo a Sookool Bramin, a native of Breendavanum, three coss from Matherd. He was a servant on Rupees three per month under Mahum Low a dealer in Brass and Copper Utensils. My husband died twenty years ago, and I left Breendavanum six years after for Dwaraka, it took me a year to go and then to return, I remained in Breendavanum three months, and set out three times for Juggernath and returned in nine months, staying on each occasion of my return to Breendavanum three months. I went to Oude afterwards, and was three years on that journey to and fro. Then I set out for Pundrapoor, remained five months to visit the Idols and shrine there, and then went to Cuddapah on my way to Ramaiswaram, on my entering Cuddapah my companions were placed into custody, and I would not part from them, so was also taken into custody. The names of those who accompanied me are Ramachendra, a tailor, and Ramasook and his wife Ramaboyee, they are now in custody.

If I am permitted I wish to go to Ramaiswarum. I had four sons who are all dead, two daughters died unmarried and I have no relations.

Taken and acknowledged at the Madras Police Commissioner's Office, before me, the day and year above written, the contents having been first explained by the sworn Interpreter.

The mark + of JANAKEE.

(Signed) R. P. CAMPBELL,
Deputy Commissioner of Police.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 314; dated 10th March 1859.

The Commissioner reports that the five vagrants referred to in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 45, dated 13th January, have now arrived from Cuddapah. Colonel Boulderson will take the means he proposes to send them on to their respective Districts, as ordered in that Extract.

2. Five other parties have also, it seems, been received from Cuddapah. No. 1 is the wife of one of the five above referred and will accompany her husband. The other four are from the North of India, on a pilgrimage to Ramesweram. Two are women (Nos. 4 and 5) and No. 4 is the wife of No. 3. The whole form apparently one party. In para. 3 of his letter the Commissioner suggests that they be released, and in para. 4 that they be shipped for Bengal. The Government consider that they may be set at liberty.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Ent. D/ 10th March 1859.

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D. Ft. C 20/2/59.

To the Commr of Police - Dispd 15th

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Enclosed is a Precis (printed) of the orders about vagrants, issued since the beginning of the mutiny. Officers are empowered to "detain all such, pending orders of Govt" This seems the most proper mode of proceeding in the present case.

Yes it might be detained - but Magistrates are directed to write their opinion now if they think any criminal punishment necessary.

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Directing the Commr. of Police to take the measures he proposes to send the five persons mentioned to in R. M. C. No. 5 & 13th January who have now arrived from Cuddapah to their respective districts and issuing certain orders respecting the other five parties from Cuddapah.

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