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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th September 1857.

No. 21. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Canara; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalore, 28th August 1857, No. 37.

SIR,

With reference to your Circular No. 798, of the 10th July last, I have the honor to forward for the consideration and instructions of Government an original letter from the Acting Joint Magistrate, as that Officer does not state therein, whether he has, or has not reported the matter direct; and request you will be good enough to communicate the orders of Government direct to Mr. Græme, at Sircy, favoring me with a copy of the same for my future guidance in such cases.

2. Taken in connection with recent doings at Kolapoor and elsewhere in the Bombay Presidency, the case is sufficiently suspicious to warrant the man's detention in custody, until the wishes of Government are ascertained, and as this is probably only one of numerous cases of the kind with which we may have to deal, I should be glad to be favored with the early instructions of Government on the subject.

3. The rebellion having come nearer the frontier, I have considered it necessary somewhat to augment the Police force along the Goa border near Sedashegur, where there are several Bombay pensioners and a considerable resident Mahomedan population of a doubtful and turbulent character. My reports from the district, I may here mention, are satisfactory, and at this place the Mohorum promises to pass off quietly.

4. Mr. Græme has been requested to forward direct to your office a translation of the man's deposition and descriptive roll, both of which have been omitted to be sent with the letter herewith enclosed.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From H. M. S. GRÆME, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate of Canara; to J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Canara, dated Sircy, 24th August 1857, No. 126.

SIR,

With reference to the Circular Order of Government, No. 798, dated the 10th Ultimo, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that one Lulta-prusad alias Mudhoora-prusad, has been apprehended in the sub-division.

2. This individual was apprehended near Mulghy on the 5th Instant, and sent to me at Yellapoor on the 15th, on which day his case was enquired into. In consequence of the state of the river, he was only able to be brought into Sircy on the 22nd.

3. He states, he was formerly a Sepoy of the Bengal Army, served as such for twenty years, resigned his post some five years ago, turned a Byraghee, two years after that, and left his Native country, Millia of the Lucknow Nabob, 12 months ago, as a pilgrim.

4. He asserts that he has travelled through Dwarka, in Cutch, Indoor, Woojuny, Bombay, Poonah and Belgaum, and is now on his way to Gokurn.

5. On questioning him as to the No. &c., of the Regiment to which he belonged he declares that it was the 76th Regiment of the Bengal Infantry, his Company was the 2nd, but he does not know his individual No. in the Regiment, but that he heard it was 4th or 5th. He served 20 years in the Army, but receive no pension, and his pass has been left at his village. His Commanding Officer's name is *Major Colonel Foster.*

6. There are many suspicious circumstances attending this statement of the Sepoy's.

7. In the first place there are only 74 Regiments in the Bengal Army, whereas he asserts he belonged to the 76th, and his mode of explaining this is most unsatisfactory, viz., that Regiments are sometimes broken up, that is, sent on detachment duty and hence the additional number.

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8. Again, if his conduct in the Regiment had been commendable he must have received a pension after so protracted a service.

9. It is also, I think, impossible that he should not have known his number in the Regiment, as to learn this, is one of the first duties of a Sepoy on enlisting.

10. Under these circumstances, I have kept him in confinement in the Sircy Jail, until I receive the further orders of the Government on the subject.

(Signed) H. M. S. GRÆME,
Acting Joint Magistrate.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, No. 1142; dated 3rd September 1857.

Government direct this individual Lulta Prusad alias Madhoora Prusad and any others of a similar character, to be carefully kept in custody until further orders.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

N° 126

Joint Magistrates
Cutcherry
Sircy, 24 August 1857.

From H. M. S. Graeme Esqre
A. Joint Magt of Cuddd

To
J. D. Robinson Esqre
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10. Under these circumstances I have kept him in confinement in the Civil Jail until I receive the further orders of the Government on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed Servt.

H. St. Quentin
Lt. Col. Commt.

No 1142.

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Government direct this individual Lalla Prasad alias Madhoodhasa and any others of a similar character to be carefully kept in custody until further orders.

Fort St. George
3rd September 1857

Copy to the Chief Magistrate of Canara
Copy to the Asst Magistrate of Canara. Sircy.