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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 6th October 1857.

No. 14. Read the following letter from C. R. BAYNES, Esq., Session Judge and Commissioner at Madura; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 26th September 1857, No. 381.

SIR,

1. As directed by para. 6 of the instructions conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation, under date 27th July last, No. 822, in the Judicial Department, I have the honor to submit the "Nos. I & II of 1857. record" of two cases of gang robbery, tried by me as Commissioner, under Act XIV of 1857, which I hope will be found to contain all that is necessary or wished for. Not supposing that the Government, after inspecting, will care to encumber its record-room with such papers, I have not had copies made, and would beg that if there be no objection, the papers may be returned for record here.

2. The offences in themselves may perhaps not appear of a very grave character, but I consider the Acting Joint Magistrate to have exercised sound discretion in committing them under Act XIV of 1857. Owing to prevailing scarcity, and the prospects of its increase and continuance, I regret to say, that this banding together for the purpose of sweeping off flocks and grain, prevails to a serious extent, and has diffused a considerable feeling of insecurity and alarm, which I am led to believe, will be greatly allayed, by such manifestation of additional promptitude and vigour in the administration of justice, as the constitution of the Commission Court allows. Not to mention other advantages, I would observe that, had I tried these cases under the ordinary regulations, the result would have been unknown probably for two days; the spectators would have departed in ignorance of it, and the prisoners themselves would have learnt it only through the Subordinate Judge, after I had obtained from the Foujdaree Udalt, permission to sentence them to a less punishment than 14 years' imprisonment. One great end at least of punishment would thus have been defeated, whereas the summing up at the time, the explanation of the grounds of conviction, the prompt award of punishment, the occasion taken to point out the necessity of the people co-operating with the Police, for their own protection, and the apprehension of such offenders, and the bestowal of reward upon the parties who appeared to have meritoriously exerted themselves, evidently made a most favorable impression on the numerous spectators who watched the proceeding with evident interest, and being circulated throughout the country will, I believe, produce a most beneficial effect.

(Signed) C. R. BAYNES,

Session Judge and Commissioner

under Act XIV of 1857.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 1269; dated 2nd October 1857.

Government approve of the proceedings of the Commissioner in these 2 cases.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

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From the Sepion Judge
and Commissioner
at Madura.

To
The As Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 26th Sept 1857
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No 381

Enclosures - Three

No 1590.

Submitting the Record of
two Cases tried as Com-
missioner under Act XIV
of 1857.

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With an Order

Govt approve No 1269 of the proceedings
of the Commissioner in these 2
cases.

Mr

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By

Fort St. George,
23 October, 1857.
To C. P. Ramesh Esq. &c
Commr under Act XIV of 1857. Madura.
with 3 Encls.

Disptd 26th

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