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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 29th October 1857.

No. 48. Read the following letter from R. R. COTTON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Guntoor; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 12th October 1857, No. 22.

SIR,

With reference to your Circular No. 798, I have the honor to report the detention, on suspicion of being Bengal Sepoys, of two individuals calling themselves cousins named Harri Ball and Basaud.

They entered the District from the Hyderabad country in company with 6 Ganges water carriers and gave out they were going with them to Rameseram. On the 8 persons appearing * Harri Ball or Sing. before me, I immediately noticed the said two individuals, one of whom* struck me at once from his manner to be a Sepoy; on examining the lotas of all the men, I pointed out two similar to those used by the Bengal Sepoys and which had the remains of marks on them, these also turning out to belong to these two men, I further examined them. Harri Sing had 15 Rupees on him and the small looking glass which I found each of the Bengal Sepoys I stopt at Rajahmundry, had, and also a linen jacket of a peculiar cut and which those Sepoys also had. On examining his head, there appears a dark line round his forehead as if made by a cap, and I am therefore led to suspect he is one of the mutineers from the Saugor country. I cannot say his cousin has the same Sepoy appearance, being somewhat shorter, but well set up. I enclose their statements, from which it will be seen they come from between Hosangabad and Elechapoor; and from personal examination, I am led to think they belong to the village marked in Scott's map as Bhainsaidee on the river $77^{\circ} 23' - 22^{\circ} 30'$, they say their village is on the bank of the river. It appears they did not join the other 6 persons (released) till leaving Hyderabad. You will be able to judge for yourself how far they have satisfactorily accounted for their circuitous route to Hyderabad, and will no doubt if you consider it necessary, make an application to the authorities at Bhaitool to enquire into the truth of their statements.

(Signed) ROBT. R. COTTON,
Acting Magistrate.

My name is Harri Ball, my father's Bhawany Bhuksh. I am a Bramin and cultivator, 20 years of age (now he is at least 30.) I reside in the village of Bhaisdee, Zillah Badanoor, Almeer Purgannah.

I left my village in Ashadhum (July) four months ago. I went to Jaulnah, thence to Pondrapoor and Tooljapoor to Hyderabad, and from thence I came here.

I went to Jaulnah on my way to Ramnad on pilgrimage. Bala Prasad my priest at Hyderabad knows me. I eat my meals with him 2 or 3 days; he lived opposite a great man by name Lala Bahoodoor in the city. I never before went on a pilgrimage to Ramnad. I brought 20 Rupees from my village, the 14 Rupees on me is the balance remaining.

I remained one day at Jaulnah; 17 day at Panderpoor as I was sick, and 8 or 10 days at Hyderabad. My uncle's son Basaud accompanied me all the way from my village. I do not know the names of the Collector or Magistrate of my Purgannah. The small jacket was made in my house, all my people wear similar ones. The small chemboo (lota) was given to me at Hyderabad by Gosaye Prabadgeer who gave one also to my cousin and another. I cannot account for the writing that is on it. The mark on my forehead is from ashes being rubbed on it, which in time makes it black. I intend to go to Ramnad. I do not know who the six men who were with us; we met them on the road.

Taken before me at Guntoor, this tenth of October 1857.

(Signed) R. R. COTTON,
Acting Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) ROBT. R. COTTON,
Acting Magistrate.

Note.—On asking the other men, it seems that the Gosaye at Hyderabad did give these men lotas, but whether the small ones, or the larger ones does not appear.

(Signed) R. C.

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My name is Basaud, my father's name Kissan Sing or Presaud. I am a Brahmin of 26 or 27 years, my village is Baisdahee, Zillah Budnoor, Almeer Purgannah, Bhaitool "Ilaka."

I left my village on the 2nd or 3rd of Ashadum for Ramnad. I went to Elechapoor and then to Jaulnah, thence to Pundapoor and Tooljapoor to Hyderabad. These places are on the direct road from my village to Ramnad, (by direct I mean for a pilgrim who had to visit holy places en route.) Hurri Presaud accompanied me. I was one night at Elechapoor, 2 days at Jaulnah, 17 days at Pundapoor as we were both sick; 2 or 3 days at Tooljapoor and 8 days at Hyderabad, which we left 25 or 30 days ago, travelling 2 or 3 coss a day. We met the other six men at Hyderabad. We got our lotas from Prabadgeer Gosaye, at Hyderabad. I have 9 Rupees now, I left my village with 15 Rupees. I am a "lumbadar," query Mootadar, of 22 villages and pay cist to Sircar 1,100 Rupees. I never went a pilgrimage before. Devajeerow Desmook a Zemindar of my village knows me.

Taken before me at Guntoor, this tenth of October 1857.

(Signed) R. R. COTTON,

Acting Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) ROBT. R. COTTON,

Acting Magistrate.

No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1408; dated 27th October 1857.

The Acting Magistrate of Guntoor will detain the prisoners referred to in the foregoing communication, Harri Bal and Basaud, in custody, until information is obtained from the authorities at Bhaitool, to whom a reference will be made respecting them.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

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Ordered that the following

To Fort St. George, letter be despatched
27 October 1857-3

To the Dy. Commr & Magistrate of
Baitool.

(Here enter initials)

Copy to Magistrate of Guntoor. Disptd 27th