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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th November 1857.

No. 40. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 6th November 1857, No. 464.

SIR,

I have the honor to state, that the Sessions Judge of Masulipatam has applied* to me for sanction for the payment of (100) Rupees one hundred, reward to two Sepoys of the 24th Regiment, who apprehended a Convict Hoossain Shah, who escaped from a guard of, I presume, the same Regiment, under command of Captain Young, when at Nawabpetta, on the way from Secunderabad to Masulipatam. Captain Young, it appears, on learning that the Convict had escaped offered 100 Rupees reward for his re-apprehension and has placed the sentries, through whose negligence the escape was permitted, in arrest, pending the orders of the Military authorities.

* Originals forwarded.

2. The prisoner was re-apprehended in the morning, about 3 hours after his escape by the two Sepoys, near some bandies, in which, Captain Young thinks, he must have been concealed; Mr. Cotton states that on Captain Young's representation he paid the money as the Detachment was about to embark.

3. On reference to Mr. Cotton's letter of 29th September and its enclosure, I find that the prisoner Hoossain Shah, was one of the two sentenced to transportation, at Bolarum, under Section VII, Act XIV of 1857, and lodged in the Jail of Masulipatam under orders of Government, 23rd September No. 1216. Mr. Cotton considered that the circumstances of the case justified his paying the reward, an opinion that I think he was fully justified in acting on.

4. I trust the Government will sanction the disbursement.

5. Nawabpetta is the second stage in the Company's territory on the road from Hyderabad, but I suppose that this and other charges connected with these prisoners will be chargeable to Hyderabad.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

From J. J. COTTON, Esq., Session Judge of Masulipatam; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, Calicut, dated 23rd October 1857, No. 504.

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter dated 29th Ultimo, No. 454, reporting the arrival of two Convicts under sentence of transportation by the Military authorities at Secunderabad, for the crimes stated; one of them named in the margin,* appears to have effected his escape from the guard who had charge of him, on his journey down here, but was re-apprehended shortly afterwards.

* Hoossain Shah.

2. Captain Young the Officer in charge of the Detachment who had charge of the above Convicts, as soon as the escape of the Convict was reported to him, immediately offered a reward of Rupees (100) one hundred, for his re-capture, and in reporting the circumstances applied to me to supply him with the amount in question, for payment to the captors. As the re-apprehension of a person of the acknowledged character of the above named Convict was of very great importance, especially in the present times. I considered that Captain Young was justified in his proceedings, and being also of opinion that the amount of reward offered was not excessive, I formally applied to the Acting Magistrate for the disbursement of the sum in anticipation of sanction from the higher authorities.

3. As the Detachment commanded by Captain Young was under orders for immediate embarkation for service in Bengal, there was no opportunity to obtain this sanction previous to acceding to Captain Young's request.

4. I have the honor therefore to request, that you will be good enough to procure the necessary sanction for the payment of the reward in question, in order that the same may be properly adjusted in the public accounts.

5. Copies of the correspondence between me and Captain Young on the above subject, are forwarded for your information.

(Signed) J. J. COTTON,
Session Judge.

To the Civil and Sessions Judge of Masulipatam, dated 21st September 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to report, that I have two Convicts in my charge, whom I have been instructed to deliver over to you upon my arrival at Masulipatam.

At Nawabpettah, cn the morning of the 19th Instant, one of the Convicts contrived to make his escape at about 3 o'clock A. M., and as his re-capture was of much importance, I immediately offered a reward of one hundred Rupees to any Sepoy or Villager who apprehended him, and I am glad to say that two Privates of the 24th Regiment N. I., were fortunate enough to find him at about ½ past 6 o'clock, not very far from some bullock bandies, and my impression is that he must have been concealed in one of them and that my searching them must have caused him to quit his place of concealment.

The two sentries over the Convict when he contrived to make his escape are in confinement, and await the orders of the Officer Commanding the Division as to their disposal.

May I request that you will kindly furnish me with funds to pay the promised reward.

(Signed) F. YOUNG, Captain,
Commanding Detachment, Madras Rifle Battalion.

From J. J. COTTON, Esq., Session Judge of Masulipatam; to Captain F. YOUNG, 24th Regiment N. I., Commanding Detachment Madras Rifles, Masulipatam, dated 29th September 1857, No. 449.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 21st Instant, I have the honor to forward Rupees (100) one hundred, for the purpose of being paid to the Privates alluded to under your Command as a reward for re-apprehending the Convict, who effected his escape on the morning of the 19th, as intimated in your communication now under acknowledgment, and to request a receipt for the amount.

(Signed) J. J. COTTON,
Session Judge.

To the Sessions Judge of Masulipatam, dated 29th September 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Company's Rupees (100) one hundred, forwarded with your letter No. 449 of this date, as a reward for the two men of my Detachment, who re-captured the Convict on the morning of the 19th Instant.

(Signed) F. YOUNG, Captain,
Commanding Detachment Madras Rifles.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. J. COTTON,
Session Judge.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, No. 1516; dated 20th November 1857.

The Government sanction the payment of the reward of Rupees (100) one hundred, for the apprehension of Convict Hoossain Shah, and direct that the amount be debited to the Hyderabad Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 1516

The Government sanction the payment of the reward of Rupees (100) one hundred for the apprehension of Cowasji Hoossain Shah, and direct that the Amount be debited to the Hyderabad Government.

Fort St George
20 November 1857

Copy to Inspector of Prisons
" Accountant Genl.
" Civil Auditor.

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