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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 453

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st April 1857.

No. 60. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated Beypoor, 3rd April 1857 No. 54.

SIR,

In forwarding the accompanying letter from the Joint Magistrate of Cochin, I beg that I may be favored with early instruction on the subject.

2. The Indian labourers are most of them Travancore and Cochin Circar subjects, and are unable to give security for their appearance, or I should at once have directed the release of those against whom there is no evidence and who are not likely to be prosecuted; but as the case is in the hand of the Advocate General, and I am not sure what course he might deem expedient in regard to allowing any to become evidence against the others, I am unwilling to run the risk of their unconditional release.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From E. CULLIN, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Cochin; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar, dated 1st April 1857, No. 61.

SIR,

Letter from the Joint Magistrate of Malabar, dated 20th February 1857, No. 442.
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, under date the 11th February 1857, No. 180.

With reference to the papers noted in the margin, I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to bring to the notice of the Government, that there are at present in custody at Cochin, the undermentioned Indian labourers who returned from the Six Islands to the Malabar Coast in September 1856, per Schooner "Alexander Auguste."

17 men in the Jail at Cochin, 3 women and 2 children in charge of the Police.

2. The above persons complain to me of the long time they have been kept in confinement. Some of them have been Prisoners since the 29th of December 1856, and I deem it proper to bring the case under observation.

3. I explained in a former letter that they could not furnish security for their appearance when required, and that, consequently, I had no choice, pending the orders of the Government, but to keep them in Jail.

Letter from the Joint Magistrate, dated 26th February 1857, No. 30.

(Signed) E. CULLIN,
Joint Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

No 61.

ORDER THEREON, No. 453; dated 21st April 1857.

Resolved that the foregoing communication be referred to the Honorable Company's Solicitor with the previous papers for the early opinion of Mr. Dale, as to the course that should be adopted by the Joint Magistrate in respect of the Coolies under confinement.

From Acting Magistrate of Malabar, 5th January 1857, No. 2, (with Enclosures.)
Extract Minutes Consultation,..... 22nd January " " 88,
From Acting Magistrate of Malabar, 15th January " " 5, (with Enclosures.)
Extract Minutes Consultation,..... 23rd January " " 105,
Extract Minutes Consultation,..... 11th Febry. " " 180,
* From Acting Magistrate of Malabar, 9th March " " 38, (with Enclosures.)
* From do. do..... 27th March " " 51, (with Enclosure.)
* Accompanied Ext. Mins. Cons..... 7th April " " 410.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 453

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 21st April 1857

Read the following letter
from the Acting Magistrate
of Malabar.

(Here enter 8th April 1857 No 54.)

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communication be referred
to the Honble Company's Soli-
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of Mr Dale as to the course
that should be adopted by the
Joint Magistrate in respect
of the coolies under confine-
ment.

[Signature]

From A. Magistrate of Malabar
5th June 57 No 2 (with rule)
E. M. C. 22nd June 57 No 85
F. M. Magistrate of Malabar 15th
June 57 No 5 (with rule)
E. M. C. 23rd June 57 No 100
E. M. C. 11th Feb 57 No 100
* F. M. Magistrate of Malabar 9th
May 57 No 88 (with rule)
* F. M. 27th March 57 No
57 (with rule)

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* with accompanying E. M. C. 7th
April 57 No 410.

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