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brought them from some place at 5 o'clock, and left them in his house, adding that on enquiry of him (Prisoner) about them, he ran away, and that he (1st witness) produced them, whereupon I searched for the Prisoner, but did not find him. I apprehended the Prisoner who came near his house at 10 o'clock at night, and took him to the Choultry. On Monday at 8 o'clock A. M., the Prosecutor came to the Choultry and stating that the portraits may have been stolen from his master's house, he identified them as the property of Chithumbrum Modeliar, his employer. The Prisoner has been insane for 2 or 3 months past, and wanders about the town.

(Signed) MAHOMED GHOUSE.

(„) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 3rd Witness, Venkiah, son of Ramiah, of the Dasaree caste, occupation School-master, aged 26 years, resident of Bellary, makes the solemn affirmation, &c.

In Telugu.

Q. What do you know regarding the likenesses before the Court?

A. I keep a school on Chithumbra Modeliar's pial, and impart instruction to boys. I have often seen the two portraits, before the Court, suspended to the wall of a room there, I am able to identify them, they belong to the Prosecutor's master, Chithumbra Modeliar. I heard on Sunday last that some person had stolen them.

(Signed) VENKIAH,

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 4th Witness, Madhar Saib, son of Puttay Homed, Mussulman, occupation horsekeeper, aged 35 years, resident of Bellary, makes the solemn affirmation, &c.

In Telugu.

Q. Look at the pictures Nos. 1 and 2, and state to whom they belong.

A. I have been employed by Chithumbrum Modeliar for the last 2 years. The pictures were always placed in a room of my master's house, I can identify them well. They are the property of the Prosecutor's master.

Mark of MADHAR SAIB.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 5th Witness, Syed Homed, son of Jaffer Saib, Mussulman, occupation a Peon, aged 50 years resident of Bellary, makes the solemn affirmation, &c.

In Telugu.

Q. Were you present when the Police Ameen of Bellary examined the Prisoner before the Court?

A. Yes, the Prisoner admitted that he stole from the house of the Prosecutor's master, (Chithumbrum Modeliar) the 2 pictures before the Court, and gave a deposition to that effect. The Prisoner was of unsound mind, and used to talk different stories at different times. I have heard the deposition read; it is correct. The Prisoner stated first that he took the pictures away, and afterwards averred that he brought them by permission. The Prisoner made the last statement after the deposition was written.

(Signed) SYED HOMED,

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

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The 6th Witness, Saramusthoo, son of Imam Saib, Mussulman, a Peon, aged 30 years, resident of Bellary, makes the solemn affirmation, &c.

In Telugu

Q. [The same as to the 5th Witness.]

A. Yes: the Prisoner stated that he had brought the two pictures, now before the Court and gave a statement to that effect. I have affixed my attestation thereto, I have heard the deposition read to me, and it is the same as that given by the Prisoner. The Prisoner is a lunatic. He stated once that he brought the said portraits by permission, but afterwards alleged that he had stolen them. He made the former assertion after the deposition was written.

(Signed) SARAMUSTHOO.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

Q. Prisoner Bheema Dasaree, you have heard what the Prosecutor and Witnesses have stated, have you any thing to urge in your defence?

A. I have no witnesses, I will act agreeably to the orders of the Court.

(Signed) BHEEMA DHASAREE,

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 7th Witness, J. Lovell, Esq., Zillah Surgeon of Bellary, on solemn affirmation.

Q. On the 16th March, you were requested to visit the Prisoner * at the Bar daily, with * Bheema Dasaree. a view to deposing whether he be a lunatic or not, his conviction or acquittal depending on that fact; what is your opinion on the subject?

A. I have seen the man agreeably to the request, daily, and I do not consider him to be insane. I have visited him daily ever since that date.

(Signed) J. LOVELL,

Garrison and Zillah Surgeon.

Solemnly affirmed before mein open Court, this 1st day of April 1857.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 8th Witness, Hussain Khan, Acting Jailor, son of Porthul Khan, Mussulman, aged 35 years, resident of Bellary, makes solemn affirmation, &c.

In Telugu.

Q. Look at the Prisoner, Bheema Dasaree, before the Court, and report on the state of his mind since he has come to the Jail.

A. I have seen the Prisoner every day for the last 15 days. He speaks rationally at times, but at nights while confined with other Convicts, he shews symptoms of madness by sitting on their chests; by singing and by playing, and throwing off his clothes. He is quite of an unsound mind. He does not behave as a sensible person. He sometimes jumps about. I have carefully watched him, and what I now state is true. He does not do the above wantonly, he does so even at times when there is no one present.

(Signed) HUSSAIN KHAN.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

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The 9th Witness, Meera Naik, son of Hussain Saib, Mussulman, aged 50 years, resident of Bellary, makes solemn affirmation, &c.

In Telugu.

Q. Look at the Prisoner and report on the state of his mind.

A. I have seen the Prisoner ever since he came into Jail, i. e., for the last 15 days. He sings and plays and jumps about like a lunatic. It appears that he is not of a sound mind. He does the above even when he is alone. He sometimes speaks rationally. He appears to me to be quite mad. When he was confined with the other Prisoners, he used to sit on their chests and throw off his cloths, thereby indicating an unsound mind.

I have heard my Deposition read: it is correct.

(Signed) MEERA NAIK.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

(True Translations.)

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

CRIMINAL CASE, No. 42 of 1857.

Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodah of Falgoona of the year Nulla, corresponding in English with the 9th March 1857, Monday, half past 5 P. M., at Bellary.

Examination of Prosecutor Iyodum, son of the Reddy, of the Boya caste, sect Moody, aged 25 years, a Dubash, and a resident of Bellary.

Q. In what language do you wish to depose?

A. In Teloogoo.

Q. What is your complaint?

A. On last Saturday night, whilst I was sleeping in the open yard, in front of my house, I awoke at 3 A. M., and found the sheet which was spread on my bed valued at 8 Annas, missing. I was on the look out for the same. As Bheema Dasaree (Prisoner) now before the Cutcherry, was in the habit of wandering freely about the town, I suspected him of having taken it away and seized him, and on questioning him about the matter, he admitted the crime, and stated that he had kept the cloth in the house of Autchmah, 1st Witness, and took me to the house of the said person, promising to give it. On interrogating her, she alleged that she produced the cloth which the Prisoner had brought to her house, at the Choultry, whereupon I repaired to the Choultry and found it there. The "rajaye" or sheet before the Cutcherry is mine, my sister-in-law Lutchmy is able to prove the same.

Mark of IYODUM, written by Venkunah, a Goomastah.

(Signed) RAMACHUNDRA ROW,

Police Ameen of Bellary.

Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodah of Falgoona of the year Nulla, corresponding in English with the 9th March 1857, Monday, at 6 P. M., at Bellary.

Examination of the Prisoner Bheema Dasaree, son of Hancoomuntoo, caste Dasaree, sect Modee, aged 35 years, a mendicant and resident of Bellary.

Q. In what language, &c.?

A. In Telugu.

Q. You are charged with having stolen the rajayee or sheet belonging to the Prosecutor Iyodum; what say you to this, are you guilty or not?

A. I am not guilty. The Prosecutor gave the said sheet to me on account of my having read to him the Ramayanum.

Signature of BHEEMA DASAREE, written by Venkunnah.

(Signed) RAMACHUNDRA ROW,

Police Ameen.

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Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodah of Falgoona of the year Nulla, agreeing in English with the 9th March 1857, Monday, at 7 P. M. at Bellary.

Examination of the 1st Witness, Autchmah, wife of Chungal Row, of the Setty Bulga caste, sect Modee, aged 50 years, a labourer, and resident of Bellary.

Q. In what language, &c.?

A. In Telugu.

Q. What do you know regarding the Prisoner Bheema Dasaree before the Cutcherry?

A. On the night of last Saturday, whilst I was sleeping on a pial in front of my house, a person pulled off the silver bangles which were worn by me at 12 o'clock, when I awoke and observed a person sitting by the side of my head. I seized him by the sheet which he wore, when he left it and ran away. On the arrival of Tatta Peon, I informed him of the above circumstance, and delivered to him the said sheet. It appears that the Prisoner before the Cutcherry, was the person that left the sheet behind. The people say that he is a lunatic. This is all that I know. None of my property is lost.

Mark of AUTCHMAH, written by Ramunnah.

(Signed) RAMACHUNDRA ROW,

Police Ameen.

Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodah of Falgoona of the year Nulla, agreeing in English with the 9th March 1857, Monday at 7 P. M., at Bellary.

Examination of 2nd Witness, M. Lutchmee, wife of Streerama, of the Boya caste, sect Modee, aged 30 years, occupation, domestic business, and a resident of Bellary.

Q. In what language, &c.?

A. In Telugu.

Q. Look at the sheet before the Cutcherry, and state to whom it belongs?

A. I have looked at it. It is the property of my brother-in-law Iyodum, (Prosecutor). I know it.

Mark of LUTCHMEE, written by Ramunnah.

(Signed) RAMACHUNDRA ROW,

Police Ameen.

SUBORDINATE CRIMINAL COURT.

Prosecutor Iyodum, son of Reddy, of the Boya caste, sect Vistnoo, aged 30 years, a Maty and resident of Bellary.

Q. What complaint do you prefer against the Prisoner before the Court?

A. On the night of Saturday the 7th Instant, whilst I was asleep, some one came and took away the rajaye, or sheet, now before the Court, valued at half a Rupee, with which I covered my person. A short time afterwards, i. e., about 2 o'clock, I heard an alarm in the neighbourhood to the effect that the Prisoner had seized certain fowls. I observed the Prisoner and questioned him regarding the sheet, when he alleged that he took and gave it to Autchma, (1st witness) whereupon I and the Duffadar of the Choultry went to her and asked her (the 1st Witness) who stated that the Prisoner came to her and attempted to snatch away her bangles, that she seized him by the cloth but that he ran away, and that she had sent the said cloth to the Choultry. I repaired to the Choultry and found the cloth there, and identified it as my own. The Prisoner is a lunatic, and wanders about the town. As I slept in the open yard, the Prisoner took away the sheet; I therefore preferred a complaint to the above effect.

Q. If you had questioned the Prisoner at 2 o'clock when you saw him, why did you not apprehend him?

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A. The alarm was raised at 2 o'clock. The Prisoner could not be found then. I went to the Prisoner's house at 4 o'clock and whilst enquiring of him, the Duffadar came, and we apprehended him and went to the 1st Witness who informed us that she had sent the cloth to the Choultry, whereupon we took him (Prisoner) to the Choultry and found the cloth in question there.

Signature of IYODUM.

The Prisoner Bheema Dasaree, son of Hanoomuntoo, caste Dasaree, sect Modee, aged 35 years, a mendicant and Telugu resident of Bellary.

Q. Hear, the charge preferred against you will be read to you, are you guilty or not?

A. I am not guilty. The Prosecutor gave the cloth before the Court as a reward for having read to him the Ramayanum.

Signature of BHEEMA DASAREE.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 1st Witness, Autchma, wife of Chunglrow, of the Setty Bulga caste, sect Modee, aged 50 years, a labourer and resident of Bellary, and makes the solemn affirmation under Act V of 1840.

Q. What do you know regarding the Prisoner and the cloth before the Court?

A. I do not know how many days ago, but last Saturday night whilst I was sleeping near my house, the Prisoner came and sat by the side of my head and attempted to snatch away the bangles from my hands, when I awoke and seized him by the cloth, and he then ran away, leaving the cloth. I delivered the cloth now before the Court to the Tatta Peon, the Prosecutor is my neighbour, therefore I know that the said cloth was worn by him. It is true that it belongs to the Prosecutor. The Prosecutor came afterwards and asked me, when I told him the above circumstance.

The 2nd Witness, Lutchmee, wife of Streerama, of the Boya caste, sect Modee, aged 30 years, occupation, domestic business, and a resident of Bellary, and makes the solemn affirmation, &c.

Q. The same as to the 1st Witness.

A. The Prosecutor is my brother-in-law, the "razaye" or sheet, now before the Court, belongs to him. I have seen him use it for a long time. I know nothing more of the matter. The Prosecutor was saying on the morning, Saturday, that a madman had taken his razaye.

Mark of LUTCHMEE,

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 3rd Witness, J. Lovell, Esquire, Zillah Surgeon of Bellary, on solemn affirmation, &c.

Q. On the 16th of March 1857, you were requested to visit the Prisoner at the Bar daily, with a view to deposing whether he be a lunatic or not; his conviction or acquittal depending on that fact, what is your opinion on the subject?

A. I have seen the man agreeably to the request, daily, and I do not consider him to be insane. I have visited him daily ever since that date.

(Signed) J. LOVELL,

Garrison and Zillah Surgeon.

Solemnly affirmed before me in open Court, this 1st day of April 1857.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

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Q. Prisoner Bheema Dasaree, you have heard what the Prosecutor and Witnesses have stated, have you anything to say in your defence?

A. I have no witnesses for any point. I have nothing to urge; there are two witnesses residing in Bellary, namely, Ramakah and Tippakah to prove that I read the Ramanyam to the Prosecutor.

(Signed) BHEEMA DASAREE.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 4th Witness, Hussain Khan, Acting Jailor, son of Porthul Khan, Mussulman, aged 35 years, resident of Bellary, makes solemn affirmation, &c.

In Telugu.

Q. Look at the Prisoner Bheema Dasaree before the Court, and report the state of his mind since he has come to the Jail.

A. I have seen the Prisoner every day for the last 15 days. He speaks rationally at times, but at night while confined with other Convicts, he shews symptoms of madness by sitting on their chests; by singing and by playing, and throwing off his cloths. He is quite of an unsound mind. He does not behave as a sensible person. He sometimes jumps about. I have carefully watched him, and what I now state is true. He does not do the above wantonly, he does so even at times when there is no one present.

(Signed) HUSSAIN KHAN.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 5th Witness, Meera Naik, son of Hussain Saib, Mussulman, aged 50 years, resident of Bellary, makes solemn affirmation, &c.

In Telugu.

Q. Look at the Prisoner and report on the state of his mind?

A. I have seen the Prisoner ever since he came into Jail, i. e. for the last 15 days. He sings and plays and jumps about like a lunatic. It appears that he is not of sound mind. He does the above even when he is alone. He sometimes speaks rationally. He appears to me to be quite mad. When he was confined with the other Prisoners he used to sit on their chests and throw off his cloths, thereby indicating an unsound mind. I have heard my deposition read, it is correct.

(Signed) MEERA NAIK.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

(True Translations.)

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, No. 677; dated 12th June 1857.

Before passing orders on the case reported in the foregoing letter, the Government desire to be informed whether the father of the Prisoner is willing to take charge of him as recommended by the Court of Foujdaree Udalt.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 3. Read the following letter from G. ELLIS, Esq., Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd June 1857, No. 28.

SIR,

1. With reference to Act IV of 1849, I am directed by the Judges of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, to submit to be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Report Cases, Nos. 41 and 42 on the file of the Subordinate Criminal Court of Bellary, in which the Prisoner, Bheemadasaree, charged with house-breaking and theft, was acquitted by the Subordinate Judge on the ground of insanity.

2. As it appears from the accompanying depositions that the Prisoner is more an idiot than a confirmed lunatic, and is stated by the Zillah Surgeon to be harmless and inoffensive, the Judges beg to recommend that the Prisoner be released from confinement and made over to the care of his father, who should be desired to watch him carefully, and prevent him from committing further mischief.

(Signed) GEORGE ELLIS, *Register.*

A.

Report of persons apprehended in the Zillah of Bellary, and delivered to the Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge, in the month of March 1857.

Number of the case.	Names of the Prisoners.	Abstract of the crime or charge.	Date of			Reasons for punishment or release or date of commitment.	Explanation of delay and remarks.
			Apprehension.	Leaving the Talook.	Arrival.		
41	Bheemadasaree.	House-breaking with Theft. The Prisoner is charged with having on the night of the 7th March 1857, in the Town and Talook of Bellary, entered the Prosecutor's house by turning the handle of the lock of the door thereof, and stolen therefrom 2 pictures valued at Rupees 4, the property of the Prosecutor. Date of charge, 8th March 1857.	8th March 1857.	11th March 1857.	12th March 1857.	The Prisoner pleaded "Guilty" before the Police, but retracts before the Court, but admits that he had possession of the pictures which he borrowed from the woman in Prosecutor's house. The evidence of the 1st witness who is father of the Prisoner is corroborated by the 2nd witness who deposes to the 1st having brought the pictures to the Choultry, saying his son who was a lunatic, had brought them to his house. The 2nd witness alleges that the Prisoner is insane; on the ground above specified, the Prisoner is found guilty, but in consideration of the 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th witnesses, proving him to be a lunatic, he is acquitted, notwithstanding the Zillah Surgeon's statement to the effect that he is sane. 1st April 1857.	
42	Bheemadasaree.	Theft. The Prisoner is charged with having, at 1 A. M. on the 7th March 1857, in the Town and Talook of Bellary, stolen from the Prosecutor while he was asleep outside of his house, a Rajayee, or sheet, valued at 8 annas, belonging to the Prosecutor. Date of charge, 8th March 1857.	8th March 1857.	11th March 1857.	12th March 1857.	The Prisoner pleaded "Not guilty," but admits having had possession of the cloth, stating that the Prosecutor had given it to him. The 1st and 2nd witnesses identify the cloth, and the former declares that it was left in her possession by a person who dropped it. On her discovering him in the act of trying to take off one of her armlets, and that she sent it to the Choultry, where as stated by Prosecutor, it was found on his arrival. The Prisoner is found guilty of the charge, but owing to the evidence of the Prosecutor, 3rd 4th, and 5th witnesses, who declare the Prisoner to be a lunatic, he is acquitted, although the Zillah Surgeon is of opinion that he is not. 1st April 1857.	

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,

Actg. Sub. Crimnl. Judge.

Subordinate Criminal Court, Bellary, 2nd April 1857.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) GEORGE ELLIS, *Register.*

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I hereby certify to having examined the man named in the above Memorandum by the Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge, (Bheema Dasary) and tested as well as circumstances permitted the state of his mind, and by enquiries also, the state of his bodily health, to all which he gave satisfactory replies, and in no way indicating him as a man of unsound mind.

(Signed) J. LOVELL,
Zillah Surgeon.

13th March 1857.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,
Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

Examination of J. LOVELL, Esq., Zillah Surgeon of Bellary, on solemn affirmation, this 19th day of May 1857.

Q. You have read the translation of the Depositions in Criminal Cases Nos. 41 and 42 of 1857, state whether you consider the inferences drawn by the Witnesses in regard to the Prisoner's state of mind well grounded?

A. From the allegations of the Witnesses, I have no doubt, that at the time the thefts were committed, the Prisoner was insane, as the acts ascribed to him are indicative of unsoundness of mind at the time alluded to; knowing none of his antecedents at the time of my granting the Certificate and giving the Deposition, I simply spoke from personal observation derived from visits while he was under surveillance and brought daily for my inspection; he appears harmless, inoffensive and of weak intellect, but I should say addicted to dissipated habits resulting from his profession.

(Signed) J. LOVELL,
Garrison and Zillah Surgeon.

Solemnly affirmed before me in open Court, this 19th May 1857.

(Signed) R. C. LEWIN,
Acting Sub-Criminal Judge.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. COTTON LEWIN,
Acting Sub-Criminal Judge.

CRIMINAL CASE No. 41, 1857.

Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodha of Falgoona of the year Nulla, corresponding in English with 9th March 1857, Monday, at 6 P. M., Bellary.

Examination of the Prosecutor Soobramaniam, &c.,

Q. In what language do you wish to depose?

A. In Telugu.

Q. What is your complaint?

A. The portraits of the Rajah of Tanjore and of his wife, which are now before the Cutcherry, were placed in a room situated in the verandah of Chithumbrum Modeliar's house. These two likenesses were suspended to the wall, and may be of the value of 4 Rupees. I saw them last at 10 o'clock on Saturday night, the 7th Instant, afterwards we closed the door of the room, bolted it and then went and slept inside the house. I arose the next morning and observed the door of the said room opened, and the portraits missing: it was not known who had taken them. Last night at 8 o'clock whilst the peon attached to the Choultry, named Mahomed Ghouse, (2nd witness) was passing by my house, I informed him of the above circumstance, when he replied that the said two likenesses were at the Choultry. I went to the Choultry this morning, and found them there. On enquiring as to how they came there, the Cutwal informed me that the Prisoner Bheema Dasaree, now before the Cutcherry, and who is a mad man, brought

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and left them in the house of the 1st Witness, and that his (Prisoner's father) Hanoomunthoo, produced them at the Choultry: hence I think, that the Prisoner now before the Cutcherry might have opened the door (which was shut) at 10 o'clock on Saturday night, and stole the portraits. No one saw him at the time. There are two Witnesses, namely, Bramin Venkiah, (3rd Witness) and Madhar Saib, (4th Witness) to identify the said likenesses as the property of Chithumbrum Modeliar. I preferred this complaint on behalf of the said Chithumbrum Modeliar. There were some other pictures and articles in the room, but none of them were taken away.

(Signed) SOOBARAMANIAM.
(Signed) RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Police Ameen of Bellary.

Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodha of Falgoona of the year Nulla, corresponding in English with the 9th March 1857, at half past 6 P. M., Bellary.

Examination of Prisoner Bheema Dasaree, &c.,

Q. In what language, &c.?

A. In Telugu.

Q. You are charged with having stolen two pictures which were placed in a room situated in the verandah of Chithumbrum Modeliar's house, what say you to this?

A. I went to the house of Chithumbrum Modeliar's after gun-fire, on the morning of Sunday, and saw the door of the room in the verandah opened. I entered the room and stole two portraits which were suspended to the wall, thinking they would be required for Cauma or Holy feast, and kept them in my house: my father frightened at my conduct, took the portraits and produced them at the Choultry, whereupon the Duffadar and others that were there, came and apprehended me. The said likenesses are now before the Cutcherry, and are the identical ones which I had stolen.

Mark of BHEEMA DASAREE.
(Signed) RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Police Ameen of Bellary.

Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodha of Falgoona of the year Nulla, corresponding in English with the 9th March 1857, Monday, 7 A. M., Bellary.

Examination of the 1st Witness Hanoomunthoo, &c.,

Q. In what language &c.

A. In Telugu.

Q. What do you know regarding the theft which was committed in the house of Chithumbrum Modeliar, Sub-Engineer?

A. The Prisoner, Bheema Dasaree, now before the Cutcherry, is my son: four months have now elapsed since he has turned mad, and ever since he disturbs the people of the town very much: though I take care of him, yet he runs away from my house. On Sunday morning, he brought home the pictures now before the Cutcherry; I produced them at the Choultry, at the same time thinking that he might have brought them from some place. I afterwards learned that they belonged to Chithumbrum Modeliar. It is difficult for me to take care of him: the Government should take care of him for some time. He troubles the people of the town much.

Q. There are certain marks of injury on the person of the Prisoner; state, how they were occasioned.

A. The Prisoner is insane. I used to tie him up while administering medicines to him, when he used to roll about on the floor, and hence the marks, but they have not been caused by his having been beaten by any person.

Mark of HANOOMUNTHOO.
(Signed) RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Police Ameen of Bellary.

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Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodha of Falgoona of the year Nulla, corresponding in English with the 9th March 1857, Bellary, at half past 7 o'clock, A. M.

Examination of the 2nd Witness, Mahomed Ghouse.

Q. In what language, &c. ?

A. In Telugu.

Q. [The same as to the 1st Witness]

A. Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, Hanoomunthoo, the 1st Witness, brought 2 pictures to the Choultry, and stated that his son had brought them to his house after gun-fire and kept them there, and that on being interrogated as to whence he brought them, he ran away. The Cutwall ordered me to apprehend the Prisoner, and I did so, at 10 o'clock yesterday while he was in his own house, and took him to the Choultry. The Prosecutor came this day to the Choultry, and stated that the pictures had been stolen from the house of Chithumbrum Modeliar. The Prisoner is mad, and is always in the habit of committing theft.

(Signed) MAHOMED GHOUSE,

(„) RAMACHENDRA ROW,

Police Ameen of Bellary.

Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodha of Falgoona of the year Nulla, agreeing in English with the 9th March 1857, Monday at 8 A. M., Bellary.

Examination of the 3rd Witness, Venkiah, &c.

Q. In what language, &c. ?

A. In Telugu.

Q. Look at the pictures before the Cutcherry, and state to whom they belong ?

A. I have seen the two likenesses now before me in the house of Chithumbrum Modeliar where I impart instruction to boys. I know them, because I see them daily. They were suspended to the wall of the room in the verandah, and were stolen the night before last, and they were discovered. It is true, they belong to Chithumbrum Modeliar.

(Signed) VENKIAH.

(Signed) RAMACHENDRA ROW,

Police Ameen of Bellary.

Police Cutcherry, dated 14th Soodha of Falgoona of the year Nulla, corresponding in English with the 9th March 1857, Monday, at 8 A. M., Bellary.

Examination of the 4th Witness, Madhar Saib, &c.

Q. In what language, &c. ?

A. In Telugu.

Q. [The same as to the 3rd Witness]

A. I have seen the pictures, now before the Cutcherry, when they were suspended to the wall of the room of Chithumbrum Modeliar, Sub-Engineer. I am able to identify them as I am his servant.

Mark of MADHAR SAIB,

(Signed) RAMACHENDRA ROW,

Police Ameen of Bellary.

CASE No. 41 ON THE CRIMINAL FILE FOR 1857.

Sub Criminal Court.

Prosecutor, Soobramaniam, son of Thinnathummoo Moodelliar, Seva sect, occupation, a servant, aged 34 years, residing at Bellary.

Q. What complaint do you prefer against the Prisoner ?

A. On last Saturday night, I remained at the house of Chithumbra Modeliar, who is my master, until 10 o'clock, and saw the two likenesses Nos. 1 and 2, now before the Court, of the

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 16th June 1857.

Rajah of Tanjore and his wife, valued at 4 Rupees, suspended to the wall of the house of the said Chithumbra Modeliar. On Sunday the 8th Instant, I observed that the bolt with which the door was fastened had been removed, and the two portraits missing. By the time I went to the Choultry, which was on Monday, to prefer a complaint, I was told that the Prisoner's father (1st witness) had produced the said two likenesses. They bore the name of my master, by which I recognized them, and stated that they were the identical ones. I therefore preferred a complaint against the Prisoner to the effect that he entered by opening the door of my employer's house, and stole the said pictures. The 1st witness deposed that his son (Prisoner) had brought the likenesses and left them in his house, consequently I say that the Prisoner has stolen them. The 1st witness has stated that the Prisoner is mad; I was not acquainted formerly with the Prisoner. I have heard my statement read, it is correct.

(Signed) SOOBRAMANIAM,

(„) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

Prisoner Bheema Dasaree, son of Hanoomunthoo, of the Setty Bulga caste, sect Vishnu, a mendicant and resident of Bellary.

Q. Hear the charge preferred against you will be read to you; are you guilty or not ?

A. I am not guilty, I took the likenesses with the permission of the females in the Prosecutor's house, on account of the holy-feast. The pictures before the Court are the same.

Q. Hear the deposition which you gave before the Police Ameen of Bellary will be read to you, state whether you gave it ?

A. I did not give the deposition: the Peons and others asked me to give them 4 Rupees to bribe the Amildar, when I told them, I had no money by me. I do not know what they have written.

(Signed) BHEEMA DASAREE.

(„) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 1st Witness, Hanoomunthoo, son of Sree Rama, of the Dasaree caste, sect Vishnu, aged 60 years, and a resident of Bellary, makes the solemn affirmation, under Act V of 1840. In Telugu.

Q. What do you know regarding the Prisoner and the portraits before the Court ?

A. On Saturday the 8th Instant, at 5 A. M., the Prisoner brought the two pictures, before the Court, and left them in my house, whereupon I questioned him as to whence he had brought them, when he ran away; I thought that the Prisoner might have brought them from some place or other, and I took the said two likenesses to the Cutwall's Choultry in Bruce Pettah, at 6 A. M., and delivered them to the 2nd Witness and others who were there. The Prosecutor came afterwards and laying claim to them, he identified them as his property. For the last 4 months, the Prisoner has been a lunatic, and wanders about. I have tried various remedies to effect a cure in him, but without success.

(Signed) HANOOMUNTHOO.

(„) R. C. LEWIN,

Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge.

The 2nd Witness, Mahomed Ghouse, son of Abdool Nabee, Duffadar, Mussulman, aged 40 years, resident of Bellary, makes the solemn affirmation, &c.

In Telugu.

Q. [The same as to 1st Witness.]

A. On Saturday the 8th Instant, between 6 and 7 A. M., the 1st Witness came to the Choultry with the two likenesses before the Court, and stated, that the Prisoner (his son) had