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peons appear, however, to have been bent on the capture of one or both, and nothing disheartened, continued residing in the adjacent villages under various disguises, at one village passing off as cattle doctors, at another pretending they had come to purchase cattle and so on, many weeks passing away while they were thus employed, they (the peons) being obliged to exercise the greatest caution in their enquiries regarding the robber, for it was well known that a search was on foot, and so great an influence had Vamoolah Nauncharegadoo acquired over the villagers, who dreaded more than they disliked him, that they would more willingly have betrayed the peons than have delivered up the robbers. However the peons one day having heard casually from a washerman of the conjerlee village, that Vamoolah Nauncharegadoo was residing in Laulapoor, they set out there, and one of them (Golla Ramoodoo) disguising himself as a beggar peeped into the hut of the robber, and observed him there alone. He (Ramoodoo) returned and reported this to Guffoor Beig, who leaving Golla Ramoodoo to watch the hut, went to the Jageerdar of the village, and demanded assistance. The Jageerdar accorded this sending three Rohillas with Guffoor Beig. Some caution had now to be exercised, for the desperate character of the robber was well known; but Guffoor Beig placing the Rohillas to watch two entrances of the hut, went to the third, and on the robber coming out stooping, he caught him by his top knot, seizing hold of at the same time, the knife he wore at his side. The others now gave their assistance, and effectively secured their prisoner, by binding him with cloths. He was then lodged in the house of the Jageerdar, and on Guffoor Beig reporting the capture to the Nundegamah head of Police, that officer sent out a guard of 10 peons and hand-cuffs, and the prisoner was marched into Bunder. Such is a detail of the circumstances attending the capture of one of the most daring of Narasa Naick's followers, a miscreant, for whose capture alone Government paid the liberal reward of 1190 Rupees. The prisoner himself stood charged with being implicated in five gang robberies by open violence, and was known to be of so desperate a character, that his capture was not attempted until these two peons set about it; stimulated perhaps, with the hope of securing a reward as liberal as that paid for the capture of Narasa Naick, and after an anxious period extending over six months, during which time they were obliged to exercise the greatest tact and caution, they very skilfully effected his capture. Such tact and zeal so uncommon among our peons, should be met with a reward of more than 25 Rupees, for Guffoor Beig, moreover, lost during these six months, the whole of his pay which was given by my predecessor to Guffoor Beig's substitute. Golla Ramoodoo was a Guntoor peon, and I do not know whether he also lost his pay; but Guffoor Beig even if paid the reward of 25 Rupees, will be actually a loser by his praiseworthy conduct.

Further with great regret, I have to bring to your notice that Vamoolah Nauncharegadoo with several others, effected their escape from the Jail on 23rd Instant, and that I despair of his recapture if the peons whose conduct I have endeavoured faithfully to represent, and which in my opinion, is deserving of all praise, instead of being handsomely rewarded, are actually losers thereby.

I have therefore the honor to suggest that not only according to your proposal to the Inspector of Prisons, dated 6th April 1857, you be authorized to provide each of the captors with a handsome belt and badge, dividing among them the balance that may remain of 100 Rupees, after the payment of such decorations, but that Guffoor Beig and also Golla Ramoodoo (if the latter has not received it) be paid in his full salary* for the 6 months he was employed in his useful and praiseworthy exertions.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. J. KNOX,
Acting Magistrate.

From T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, dated 8th June 1857, No. 210.

SIR,

I have the honor in reply to your letter,† dated 8th May 1857, to enclose copy of a full report from Mr. Chase. I do not agree in the proposal in the last para. of this report, as I

*Rupees 30 at 5 Rs. per mensem.

† No. 164.

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Consider the reward I proposed ample, and if as I trust you will now see the propriety of granting the enhanced reward, I beg sanction may be speedily sent me that by a judicious parade of these rewards, I may tempt people to exert themselves for the recapture of this same notorious thief.

(Signed) T. J. KNOX,

Acting Magistrate.

From T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Masulipatam; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, Chicacole, dated 6th April 1857, No. 97.

SIR,

* Dated 16th February 1857.

† Dated 28th March 1857.

‡ Vamoola Nauncharegadoo.

I have the honor to annex an extract from the annual criminal report* for 1856, submitted by the Acting Joint Magistrate in charge of Masulipatam, to the Foujdaree Udalut, and in reply thereto an Extract† from the Proceedings of the Foujdaree Udalut,‡ and to state that the convict alluded to therein, was the most daring of the followers of M. Nursa Naik, the noted sirdar of gang robbers, for whose capture alone the Government paid a liberal reward of Rupees 1190.

Although the captors were 2 Police peons and it may be said they only did their duty, I think it would make a most favourable impression on a body of men, whose pay and zeal are equally small, if they saw these men rewarded with liberality, and I beg to propose that I be authorized to provide each with a handsome belt and badge, and to divide between them the balance that may remain of 100 Rupees after the decorations are paid for.

(Signed) T. J. KNOX,

Acting Magistrate.

Extract from the Annual Report of the Acting Joint Magistrate of Masulipatam, dated 16th February 1857.

Para. 23. I avail myself of the present opportunity to recommend that a higher reward than 25 Rupees set opposite the name of Vamoola Nauncharegadoo in the list of escaped convicts, furnished by the Inspector of Prisons, be bestowed on his captors. He was a daring and notorious robber, and was charged with having been implicated in 5 robberies by open violence, though there was no adequate proof to substantiate his guilt, a long time having elapsed since the commission of these outrages.

(Signed) M. C. CHASE,

Acting Joint Magistrate in charge.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Foujdaree Udalut, under date the 28th March 1857.

Read letter dated 9th Instant, from the Session Judge, of Masulipatam, forwarding annual criminal statements for the year 1856.

The Court of Foujdaree Udalut direct that the Acting Magistrate be informed with reference to para. 23 of his letter to the Session Court, dated the 16th Ultimo, that he should apply to the Inspector of Prisons for the grant of a higher reward for the re-apprehension of the escaped convict, Vamoola Nauncharegadoo.

Ordered that Extract from these Proceedings be sent to the Session Judge of Masulipatam for his information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) GEORGE ELLIS, *Register.*

(True Copy.)

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

Masulipatam Session Court,
31st March 1857.

To the Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. J. KNOX,
Acting Magistrate.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 726; dated 25th June 1857.

The Government authorize the payment of a reward of Rupees (100) one hundred to the Peons who apprehended the notorious robber Vamoola Naunchareegaudoo together with Guffoor Beig's salary in full for the six months he was engaged in this duty. It is highly unsatisfactory, that the exertions of these Peons have been rendered unavailing by the Prisoner being afterwards allowed to escape from the Masulipatam Jail. Government desire to be informed how this happened and what steps have been taken to punish the Jail servants to whose misconduct the escape is owing.

2. Guffoor Beig should have been considered as having returned to duty so soon as he joined the other Peon in searching for the robber, and the Magistrate should then have dismissed the substitute who had been employed during his absence on leave.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 25th June 1857

Read the follow-
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Inspector of Prisons.

/ Here enter 15th June 1857
N^o 216/

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Handwritten signature/initials

Underwritten by dated 20th June 1857

Deputy Secy to Govt dated 25th June 1857

In By Arms: 30th June
Judicial 1857 Department

By the Inspector of Prisons

The Chief Secy to the Govt

For Mr. George

Dated 15th

Read 17 June 1857

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Enclosure 3rd Dec.

In forwarding letter
from Mr. George regarding the
donation of Rs 100 for two Peons who apprehended
the notorious robber Vamoo-
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Account General
Civil Auditor
Mag: of Masulipatam

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No. 26. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 15th June 1857, No. 216.

SIR,

* Originals. I have the honor to forward 4 letters* from Mr. T. Knox, Magistrate of Masulipatam, requesting a donation of Rupees 100 for two peons who succeeded in effecting the capture of an escaped convict of notoriously bad character.

2. Mr. Knox's first letter did not shew any grounds for this request. I therefore required further information regarding the capture; this was received yesterday, and is detailed in Mr. Chase, the Joint Magistrate's letter, also forwarded.

3. The details as given by Mr. Chase, shew that the peons did make extraordinary exertions to effect the capture of the prisoner, and I would recommend that Mr. Knox's proposition to place 100 Rupees at the Magistrate's disposal for the reward of the peons be complied with.

4. I do not know any thing about the loss of pay the peons suffered, that is an arrangement that the Magistrates themselves direct, and can form no apology for a demand for reward. The prisoners for whose capture this reward is solicited, has, it appears, again escaped, with 10 others, from the open ground behind Masulipatam, the circumstances under which that escape took place, were most disgraceful to the peons over the party, they have been, I believe, imprisoned.

5. The absolute necessity for secure buildings beyond the walls of which such prisoners should not be allowed to stir, is apparent in this and numerous similar cases.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,

Inspector of Prisons.

From M. C. CHASE, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam, dated 2nd June 1857, No. 25.

SIR,

In reply to your Official Memo. No. 162, dated 11th May 1857, forwarding copy of correspondence which had passed between yourself and the Inspector of Prisons, relative to the capture of a notorious robber, one Vamoola Nauncharegadoo, and calling on me to narrate in detail, the circumstances attending his capture, with a view of recommending to Government, if deemed necessary, an enhancement of the reward of 25 Rupees offered by the Inspector of Prisons to his capture, I have the honor to submit the following narrative.

2. Guffoor Beig, one of the Daloyets of the Sub-Collector, was residing in Nundgama during a period of leave of absence granted to him on account of ill-health, when he was informed by Golla Ramoodoo, a peon of the Guntoor district, that Vamoola Nauncharegadoo and Tame-setty Pitchegadoo, notorious robbers, were residing in a village (Laulapoor) in the Nizam's territory, and that their capture might be effected, if they (Guffoor Beig and Golla Ramoodoo) proceeded quietly to effect it. The two accordingly went together to the said village, and making the acquaintance of two of the villagers, offered them a reward if they would assist them in the capture. These villagers consented, provided they were shewn the order of the Magistrate authorizing the two peons to attempt the capture, and they also required the assurance of the Magistrate that they (the villagers) would be protected by Government against the enmity of the robbers and their friends, should their plan for their capture miscarry; this assurance, and the authority of the Magistrate being afforded them, and a promise also of reward being held out if they assisted in the capture, they, though not until some weeks had elapsed, owing to a reference on these subjects having to be made to the Magistrate through the head of Police of Nundgamah, proceeded to work, telling the peons to remain quiet in the adjacent villages, which they did; but after a lapse of above 20 days, the wife of one of the villagers came crying to the peons and told them that Vamoola Nauncharegadoo had been informed that her husband was attempting his capture, and that he had come to him and threatened his life, if he (the husband) persisted in his attempt, and had sworn he would mutilate them (the peons) if they came across him; that her husband had then feigned ignorance of the matter, and had made a feast to Vamoola Nauncharegadoo; that the following day the husband came and begged the peons to desist from any further attempt. The