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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 14th July 1857.

No. 9. Read the following letter from C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 1st July 1857, No. 40.

Sir,

Para. 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th May 1857, No. 575, and the orders thereon, that, the Acting Additional Joint Magistrate should report through the Magistrate, the further result of his investigations in the case of robbery committed on the families of the 39th Regiment Native Infantry.

2. Before the receipt of the above Extract Minutes of Consultation, I had relieved Mr. Banbury, the Acting Additional Joint Magistrate, of the Police charge committed to him, and had taken up the investigation of the case in question. Mr. Banbury has, in his letter of the 21st April 1857, stated that one of the four parties apprehended, was recognized by the Sepoy Guna-putty, but it turned out that the Sepoy could only say that the prisoner's voice resembled that of one of the parties who robbed the bandy, and as there was no other evidence against the prisoners, I demanded security from them as vagrants, and in default committed them for 6 months to the Zillah Jail, and they are now undergoing their sentence.

3. It appeared on investigation that the Deloyet who had been sent to discover and apprehend the prisoners, received no assistance from the village authorities of Goondlacuttamuchee, in the limits of which the robbery had been committed. They admitted that they had been aware that suspicious characters had been lurking in the neighbouring villages, yet had taken no steps to apprehend them, or to give information to the Talook Police. I represented these circumstances to the Bungary Poligar, in whose poliem the village is situated, and he has removed the heads of the villages from office. Had these village officers performed their duty, either the robbery would not have been committed, or some of the stolen property would have been discovered, which might have led to a conviction. No further traces of the robbers have been obtained, but it is evident that they did not belong to this district, and were probably of the same gang as the 4 committed to Jail.

4. The attempt on one of the mess bandies referred to in para. 3 of Mr. Banbury's letter, was a theft committed in the village of Darapadavaid, it was not a highway robbery. The perpetrators of this theft, have not been discovered.

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
Magistrate.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 788; dated 8th July 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 16th May 1857, No. 424.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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