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*Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th July 1857.*

No. 11. Read the following letter from R. R. COTTON, Esq., Acting Civil and Session Judge of Rajahmundry; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 18th July 1857.

SIR,

1. With reference to the late orders of Government removing me from my appointment of Acting Civil and Session Judge of this District, I would again most respectfully and urgently solicit that some local investigation may be instituted (and with as little delay as practicable) into my late proceedings, which have called down one of the severest punishments that could be inflicted on me by the Government, for the performance of what, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, I then considered was an imperative duty, for the furtherance of public justice.

I am the more urgent in this appeal to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, as from circumstances that are hourly coming to my knowledge, I believe both the interests of Government and the welfare of the District peremptorily call for it.

2. While feeling most deeply the displeasure of Government exhibited in the severe measures adopted, I am supported under the trial, by the facts that not only do the Court of Foujdaree Udalt give me credit for a sincere desire to further the ends of justice, but also by the assurances that I have received from those interested in the welfare of this District, Natives, and Europeans, that my exertions, since I have been here, have greatly tended to destroy the evil influences which have so demoralised our institutions; and that my acts have gone far to render the Courts what they ought to be, a terror to evil doers. A desire expressed by the people of the District to address the Government on the above subject, which came to my knowledge, I have thought it at once my duty to discountenance.

3. In justice to myself, and every one concerned, I cannot believe that the Government will refuse to listen to my request, as in no other way can it be rightly known, how my efforts and exertions to perform some of the invidious duties of my position have been received. A local investigation where all persons aggrieved, or otherwise, can *personally* make known their sentiments, would reveal a state of things, with which both the Foujdaree Udalt and the Government appear totally unacquainted.

4. Confidently trusting that Government will accede to my earnest and reasonable request as above, I refrain from entering into further explanations at present, for I feel assured, that when Government are made fully acquainted with all the circumstances of the case, they will be induced to alter the views they had previously formed of my conduct.

(Signed) ROBT. R. COTTON,  
*Acting Civil and Session Judge.*

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, No. 892; dated 27th July 1857.

The Government observe that Mr. R. R. Cotton's conduct was disapproved because he arbitrarily exercised powers which the law did not vest him with. If he thought there were grounds for searching the house and seizing the papers of Rednum Durmaroydoo, he should have communicated his information to the Magistracy and left the matter entirely in their hands. An Officer of Mr. Cotton's standing ought to have known that this was the proper course, and as far as Mr. Cotton is concerned Government see no occasion to issue further orders.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,  
*Acting Chief Secretary.*

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27<sup>th</sup> July 1857

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From R. A. Cotton Esq 892

Acting Civil & Criminal Judge

Rajahmundry

2<sup>d</sup> E. M. M. Esq

Acting Chief Secretary

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Reiterating his prayer,  
that a Commission for circum-  
stances briefly detailed in his  
letter, be appointed to investigate  
his case.

Copy to R. A. Cotton Esq 892

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