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*Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 4th August 1857.*

Read the following papers.

No. 1. From H. A. BRETT, Esq., Magistrate of Salem; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th July 1857, No. 255.

SIR,

With reference to your Circular letter, No. 798, dated the 10th Instant, I have the honor to transmit for the information of Government copy of two\* letters entered in the margin, dated the 9th Instant, relative to three Faqueers and two other persons, the one an Arab named Mavuthkhan, and the other a Musselman named Rahimkhan.

\* Letter from Mr. Sullivan, Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, dated the 1st July 1857, No. 137.  
Letter to do, dated 9th July 1857, No. 248.

2. Mr. Sullivan's letter informed me that three Faqueers would pass through the Salem District, on their way to Bangalore. Two of these persons were brought on to Tripatore by a Police Peon belonging to North Arcot, and were accompanied by the two other persons named above, of whom no mention was made in Mr. Sullivan's letter.

3. As soon as I heard that these two additional persons had come to Tripatore, I sent an order to the Head of Police of Ossoor to detain them, and ascertain for what purpose they were travelling through the country; but before my order reached Ossoor, the Head of Police had forwarded the entire party, viz. the two Faqueers, the Arab, and the Musselman, to the Superintendent of Police at Bangalore.

4. I have to-day written to the Superintendent of Police to request he will inform me what account the two last mentioned persons give of themselves, stating my reason for the request that the circumstances under which the Police had allowed them to pass on from Vellore, might call for further enquiry. I have as yet had no answer from Mr. Sullivan in reply to my letter of the 9th Instant.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,  
*Magistrate.*

From A. W. SULLIVAN, Esq., Joint Magistrate of North Arcot; to H. A. BRETT, Esq., Magistrate of Salem, dated Vellore, 1st July 1857, No. 137.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that the three Bengal Fakeers noted in the margin, were apprehended by me yesterday at this station. Their account of themselves is not altogether satisfactory, but as at the same time, they do not appear to have conducted themselves here in any way warranting more than a strict surveillance, and as they have stated their intention of proceeding to Bangalore via Vaniembady &c., I have sent them in charge of a Police guard to the limits of this District in that direction, and request that you will adopt such measures as you may consider necessary for their further progress.

1 Narasim Doss.  
2 Damodara Doss.  
3 Niraghana Doss.

(Signed) A. W. SULLIVAN,  
*Joint Magistrate.*

From H. A. BRETT, Esq., Magistrate of Salem; to A. W. SULLIVAN, Esq., Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, dated 9th July 1857, No. 248.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 1st Instant, No. 137, stating that the three Bengal Fakeers noted in the margin, had been apprehended at Vellore, and that as they had expressed an intention of proceeding to Bangalore via

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Vaniembady, you had sent them in charge of a Police guard to the limits of your District, I have the honor to inform you that the Head of Police of Tripatore has reported to me, in an Urzee received to-day, that two instead of three Fakeers have arrived at Tripatore, accompanied by a peon named Sunthojee belonging to Pettamboor, and that these two Fakeers have with them two other persons, viz., an Arab named Mavuthkhan and a Musselman named Rahimkhan, two persons to whom no reference is made in your letter, I therefore request you will inform me whether it was with your permission that the two people last named were allowed to travel in company with the Fakeers.

2. I also beg your notice to the fact that the peon from Pettamboor brought on the party to Tripatore. I do not know what instructions you gave on this point. Tripatore is not on the road to Bangalore. I shall be obliged if you will let me know whether the peon in bringing the people to Tripatore has departed from his instructions.

3. I further beg you will send me at once copies of the statements made by Mavuthkhan and Rahimkhan. At present, the fact that no mention of these two persons is made in your letter is of course embarrassing. I have ordered them to be detained, till I obtain further information regarding them.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,  
Magistrate.

P. S.—A copy of a yadost from the Police Ameen at Pettamboor to the Head of Police of Tripatore is enclosed for your information.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,  
Magistrate.

(True Copies)

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,  
Magistrate.

No. 2. From H. A. BRETT, Esq., Magistrate of Salem; to EDWARD MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 15th July 1857, No. 260.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of the 13th Instant, No. 255, relative to three Bengal Faqueers and 2 other persons who accompanied them from Vellore; I have the honor to submit copy of a letter\* from the Joint Magistrate of North Arcot since received, from which it appears that the two persons viz., Mavuthkhan, and Rahimkhan were not suspicious characters.

\* Dated 13th July 1857, No. 150.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,  
Magistrate.

From A. W. SULLIVAN, Esq., Joint Magistrate of North Arcot; to H. A. BRETT, Esq., Magistrate of Salem, dated Vellore, 13th July 1857, No. 150.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant, No. 248, and its enclosure.

2. Immediate enquiries would have been set on foot as to the cause of only two out of the three Fakeers intimated in my letter of the 1st Instant, No. 137, having been delivered to the head of Police of Tripattoor within your jurisdiction, but that I observe on a reference to the enclosure in your letter under reply that it is therein stated that the Fakeer Nurrack Doss or rather Nurghunna Doss (No. 3) has been detained by the head of Police of Vellore on account of sickness.

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3. The two Arabs named, Mortkhan and Rahimkhan, were taken up just as the Fakeers were leaving this, and as they stated they were also proceeding to Bangalore, and as there was nothing suspicious about them, I desired the peons with the Fakeers merely to observe them, and see that they passed on the way they had intimated their intention of pursuing, which has probably led to their being also taken to the head of Police of Tripatore.

4. I desired the gaurd in charge of the Fakeers, if they did not find peons waiting to relieve them at Vaniembady, to take them to the head of Police of Tripatore, who would probably have instructions from you as to their disposal: this in reply to para. 2 of your letter under reply.

5. No statements were taken from the parties mentioned in para. 3 of the same letter, as, though in the Arab garb they appeared on verbal enquiry to be harmless persons.

(Signed) A. W. SULLIVAN,  
Joint Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,  
Magistrate.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, No. 904; dated 29th July 1857.

Government observe that the proper course to have been adopted by the Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, was to detain these suspicious persons in his custody until he had ascertained their real characters by reference to their usual places of abode. The orders of Government were to this effect and it is desired that they may be followed in future.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,  
Acting Chief Secretary.

18<sup>th</sup> 70<sup>th</sup> Judicial Department  
Exact. Mins. of Cons. Dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 1857.

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dated 13 & 15 July 1857.

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To M<sup>aj</sup>r of Salem } D<sup>is</sup>posed 29<sup>th</sup>  
D<sup>ist</sup>r. R. Arcot }

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and the M<sup>aj</sup>s of R. Arcot  
- M<sup>aj</sup>s of R. Arcot  
4. Hence being written  
to the M<sup>aj</sup>s of R. Arcot  
to be given to the M<sup>aj</sup>s of R. Arcot  
account the two last mentioned persons  
pieces of the evidence, stating

See letter to Com.  
24 Dec. 1857

Jan. 27

Sept.

In St. Louis: 7 August  
Federal 1857 8 p.m.

Street. Min. of Con.

1/39. 28. 1857.