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

No. 10. Read the following letter from H. A. BRETT, Esq., Magistrate of Salem; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 18th July 1857, No. 264.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith translation of a Deposition taken from a discharged Sepoy who was apprehended in the town of Salem on the 16th Instant.

2. The account that the Sepoy gives of himself is not satisfactory, though there is a reason to believe from the facility with which he speaks Teloo-goo that he did not belong to the Bengal Army. I therefore propose to detain him till I have communicated with the Commanding Officer of the 10th Regiment, the Corps from which according to his statement he received his discharge.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,

*Magistrate.*

Deposition given by Rungiah, son of Rungiah Rajoo, caste, Seva sect, aged 38 years, a beggar by profession and a resident of the Cusbah town of Guntoor in the District of Guntoor, before H. A. Brett, Esq., Magistrate of Salem, at McDonald's Choultry, on the 17th July 1857.

Q. Who are you? Where did you come from, and what means of livelihood have you?

A. I am a Native of Guntoor, in the District of Guntoor, when I was 16 years old, my parents and brothers died at Guntoor. After their death, I went to Hyderabad where I enlisted myself as a Sepoy in the 10th Regiment. Some years after having done so, the Regiment moved from Hyderabad to Nagpoor, where it stayed for some days and then proceeded to Saugor. I was a Sepoy in the Regiment during the time it was at these places. About 9 years ago, a reduction was made in the Sepoys of the above Regiment, and I was discharged. After I was thus discharged, I was earning my livelihood at Saugor by begging until about 2 or 3 years ago, when I left Saugor and came to Coconada. I have nobody. I am a single man. My house and other property at Guntoor have been destroyed. I am a fickle minded person and I go about from place to place earning my livelihood by begging. I lost the ticket that was given me when I was discharged from the Regiment. At the time the reduction above alluded to was effected in the Regiment, Mr. Cotton was the Commanding Officer and Mr. Ritchie was the Major of the Regiment. From Saugor I came to Coconada, from Coconada to Wooppoovaloor, from Wooppoovaloor to Bangalore, and from Bangalore to Salem. In travelling through these places, I have been living upon the bounty of the people. My general No. in the Regiment was 1508, I belonged to the 4th Company of the Regiment and my No. in the Company was 23.

(Signed) RUNGIAH.

Taken before me on the 17th July 1857.

(A true translation.)

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,

*Magistrate.*

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 909; dated 29th July 1857.

The measures reported in this letter are approved.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

*Acting Chief Secretary.*

At the measures reported in  
this letter are approved.

Fort St. George, E  
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To the Magistrate of  
Salem. } Dispd. 24<sup>th</sup>