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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 11th August 1857.

No. 19. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Bangalore, 30th July 1857, No. 315.

Sir,

* Copy. I have the honor to forward an application* from the Magistrate of Masulipatam for sanction for a reward not exceeding Rupees (1,000) one thousand, for the apprehension of Mungala Somadoo and Guffoor Khan, who have escaped from Penang and are now stated to be, in connection with Vamoola Naucharigaudoo, forming a band.

2. Vamoola Naucharigaudoo is the Convict whose escape for the third time I reported in my letter of the 14th Instant, and for whose apprehension a reward of 1,000 Rupees is sanctioned by Government.

Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 25th July, No. 881.

3. Guffoor Khan appears to have been sentenced on the 6th October 1853, to transportation on a charge of robbery by open violence, his escape from the Island on the 10th May was notified to me by Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 12th June and 1st July. I know nothing of the previous course or character of this man, and am of course unable to say whether it is necessary to offer so large a reward in his case or not.

4. In regard to Mungala Somadoo, I cannot find any record.

5. I have informed Mr. Knox, that I think it imprudent to propose a limit larger than that which he may think it desirable to fix, and that I also think offers of such large rewards may have the effect of deterring persons from acting when small rewards are offered. Mr. Knox expresses himself as desirous of offering such a reward as may induce the co-operation of the officials in the Hyderabad territories and of offering such a reward as shall outbid the criminals in their offers.

6. I have suggested to Mr. Knox to name the amount he may consider it necessary to give instead of naming a maximum with the option of fixing the reward at a lower rate.

7. I enclose copies of Mr. Knox's letter and of my reply, it will rest with the Government to sanction an immediate offer either of the full amount Mr. Knox proposes, or of some smaller sum.

8. Mr. Knox mentions that Rupees 500 secured the apprehension of M. Somadoo, on a previous occasion.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

From T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, dated 21st July 1857, No. 289.

Sir,

No. 252. 1. With reference to my letter dated 8th July 1857, I have the honor to report that the escaped Convict V. Nauchareegadoo was probably wrongly suspected of having murdered his old friend and accomplice Golla Ramadoo, about whose death however there undoubtedly exists some mystery, however it is generally reported that V. Nauchareegadoo is forming a band, and has been joined by Mungala Somadoo and Guffoor Khan, escaped Convicts from Prince of Wales' Islands.

2. I beg to refer you to your notice, dated 30th August 1855, regarding M. Somadoo. I would remind you that 500 Rupees were paid for the apprehension of this man, and it is not likely that 50 Rupees will purchase his re-apprehension.

3. Guffoor Khan also escaped from Penang, as announced in Minutes of Consultation 1st July 1857, and is a notable villain.

4. These three men could readily form a gang, which under such leaders might cause us immense annoyance, and that they will revert to their habitual means of gaining a livelihood, is most probable and at this eventful period, their operations might cause much needless alarm.

5. I beg therefore to propose, that for these 3 men I be permitted to offer rewards of 1,000 Rupees each or such lesser sum as I may deem necessary. As the officer responsible for the peace of the district, I declare that this money would thus be well expended, and if the

sum appears to you large, my reason is that I feel sure the authorities in Hyderabad are anxious to assist us, and as they must compel their Subordinates on our frontier to be on the look-out for political offenders, these Subordinates would readily jump at the high reward for our criminals, whom in their watch for others, they would probably come across, and with whom they would have little sympathy, until at least these free-booters could purchase their silence with more than our rewards. I trust, I have written enough to secure a favorable, and a speedy answer.

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

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. J. KNOX, Esq., Magistrate of Masulipatam, dated Bangalore, 30th July 1857, No. 314.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 21st Instant, proposing to reward the capture of Mungala Somadoo and Guffoor Khan at 1,000 Rupees for each, or such lesser sums as you may deem necessary, I have the honor to state that I think it would be a bad plan to fix a limit of 1,000 Rupees if you intend offering a smaller reward, for the capture would in this case be delayed till the assurance of the larger reward was given.

I am very averse to the practice of offering excessive rewards for the capture of offenders, as the effects will surely be to deter men from acting until such excessive reward is offered, in all cases.

I am not acquainted with the past conduct of Guffoor Khan and Mungala Somadoo, I am therefore unable to recommend the reward you propose otherwise than by forwarding your letter to Government.

I would suggest your fixing the lowest rate of reward you think sufficient in the cases referred to in preference to applying for a higher rate than you may think it necessary to disburse.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

(True Copy.)

(Signed J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, No. 964; dated 6th August 1857.

In Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 881 of the 25th July, Ultimo, Government authorized the proclamation of a reward of Rupees 1,000 *for the* apprehension of *V. Naucharigadoo*, a notorious Convict who had recently, and for the second time, broken Jail at *Masulipatam*.

2. The Inspector of Prisons now reports that two Convicts, *Mungala Somadoo* and *Guffoor Khan*, men of very bad repute, who not long ago escaped from *Penang*, whither they had been transported, are said by the Magistrate to have returned to their old haunts in the *Masulipatam* District. The three now at large are capable of great enterprises, and the Magistrate recommends that Rupees 1,000 be set on the capture of the last two also.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 12th June 1857.
Ditto. 1st July ,,

3. The Government sanction the promulgation of a reward of Rupees 1,000, for the apprehension of each of these 2 individuals, and observe that in cases like the present, where no delay ought to occur, the Acting Magistrate should have addressed the Government direct, forwarding a copy of his letter to the Inspector of Prisons.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 964

Judicial Dept.

E. M. C. dated 6th Augt 1857

Read the following letter from the Inspector of Prisons } Here enter No 315. 30th July/57.

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2. The Inspector of Prisons now reports that two convicts, Mungala Somadoo and Guffoor Khan, men of very bad repute who not long ago escaped from Penang, whither they had been transported, are said by the Magt. to have returned to their old haunts in the Masulipatam district. The three now at large are capable of great enterprizes, & the Magt. recommends that Rs 1000 be set on the capture of the last two also.

E. M. C. 12th June 1857
Ditto. 1st July.

~~3. The Govt. consider that sufficient grounds have not been shown for the offer of such large sums & they resolve to sanction Rs 500 in each case, an amount sufficiently in excess of the ordinary scale of reward in such cases to stimulate the Police to extra exertions.~~

My experience has led me to be in favour of large rewards [illegible] the 1000 Rs. I'd however [illegible] [illegible]

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3- The Govt sanction the promulgation of ~~the~~ a reward of Rs 1000, for the appre-hension of each of these 2 individuals, & observe that in cases like the present, where no delay ought to occur, the Ast. Magte should have ad-dressed the Govt direct forwarding a copy of his letter to the Inspector of Prisons.

Copy to Inspector of Prisons Dispd. 6th
" — to Ast Magistrate of Masulipatam } Dispd. 6th

In Pol Dept: 11th August

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4/6th August 1857.

Judl. Letter to Engd.
24th Decr. No 31 of 1857

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Observing that of the 3
individuals within named
Govt has already sanctioned
a reward for the apprehen-
sion of the former and
authorizing the promulgation
of a reward of Rs 1000 for
the apprehension of each
of the two latter

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