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No. 1. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Wynaad, 2nd January 1858, No. 3.

SIR,

No. 174.

In continuation of my letter of the 3rd Ultimo, I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, copy of a further communication,* with its enclosures,† from the Joint Magistrate of Cochin, reporting the death of another‡ of the Six Island prisoners. I beg the early orders of Government.

* Dated 28th December 1857, No. 333.
† Letter from Joint Magistrate to Civil Surgeon, Cochin, dated 26th December 1857, No. 331.
Do. from Civil Surgeon to Joint Magistrate, 28th ditto.
‡ "Krishnen Nair."

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From E. CULLIN, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Cochin; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar, dated 28th December 1857, No. 333.

SIR,

In my letter of the 1st Instant, No. 300, I informed you of the death of one* of the Six Island prisoners, I have now the honor to report the death on the 25th Instant, of another of the party, by name Krishnen Nair.

* Padist Moideen alias Karootha Moideen alias Karootha Moideen Coonha.

2. The party which consisted originally of 8, has thus been reduced to 6 prisoners. These men have been twelve months in confinement.

3. Judging by the appearance of the men that they were declining fast in health, I felt it my duty to consult the Civil Surgeon on the subject. I forward herewith copy of a letter which I addressed to that Officer and a copy of his reply.

4. I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to bring the subject to the notice of the Government.

(Signed) E. CULLIN,
Joint Magistrate.

P. S.—I beg to add that every indulgence consistent with safe custody, has been shewn to the men during the period they have been in the Jail at Cochin.

(Signed) E. CULLIN,
Joint Magistrate.

From the Joint Magistrate of Cochin; to the Civil Surgeon of Cochin, dated 26th December 1857, No. 331.

SIR,

Another of the men from the Six Islands having died yesterday, I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to favor me with your opinion in respect to the general health of the party now reduced in number to six.

The Six Island party confined to Jail consisted originally of eight men.

I particularly wish to know whether the health of the party has, in your opinion, been seriously impaired by long confinement in Jail, and if you think it necessary on the ground of the state of their health, that their case should be brought under the special consideration of the Government.

The Six Island men have been in Jail since January 1857.

(Signed) E. CULLIN,
Joint Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. CULLIN,
Joint Magistrate.

To E. CULLIN, Esq., Joint Magistrate, Cochin, dated 28th December 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant, and in reply to state that the health of the men alluded to has materially suffered since their confinement in Jail; on my visiting their cell a short time ago, I was particularly struck with their unhealthy appearance, and immediately ordered two of them into Hospital.

I am decidedly of opinion that their present state of health is attributable to anxiety and suspense, added to long confinement in Jail.

(Signed) W. A. LESLIE,
Acting Civil Surgeon.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. CULLIN,
Joint Magistrate.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 101; dated 20th January 1858.

It is observed, that under date 14th August last, the Government of Mauritius were requested to state, whether they wished the prisoners referred to in the above letter to be sent thither for trial or released. No reply having yet been received to that communication, their attention will be called to it, and Mr. Cullin's letter with its enclosures, will be forwarded for their information, meanwhile under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Government would allow the prisoners to be liberated on bail if they can find any. The Magistrate will act accordingly, requiring moderate security and such as is suitable to the position in life of the parties.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 3. From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Colonial Secretary, Mauritius, dated 20th January 1858, No. 102.

SIR,

In reference to Mr. Maltby's letter of 14th August 1857, No. 1018, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward copy of a letter from the Joint Magistrate of Cochin to the Acting Magistrate of Malabar, dated 28th December 1857, with its enclosures, respecting the state of the health of the men charged with committing an outrage at the Six Islands, and earnestly to solicit the earliest instructions of His Excellency the Governor of the Mauritius regarding their disposal.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Judicial Department.

No. 101

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 26th January, 1858.

Read the following Letter from the Acting Magistrate of Malabar (See entry 22 January 58 No 3.)

It is observed that under date 14th August last, the Government of Mauritius were requested to state whether they wished the prisoners referred to in the above letter to be sent thither for trial or released. No reply having yet been received to that communication their attention will be called to it, and the

Cullen's letter with its enclosures will be forwarded for their information.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to

To The Colonial Secretary
Mauritius

(Buenos Ayres No 1)

JP

Copy to Ag. Registrar of Prisons. Desp. 21st

Because under the peculiar circumstances of the case the Government would allow the prisoner to be liberated on bail if they can find any - The Magistrate will act accordingly requiring moderate security and such as is suitable to her position in life & her means.

JP

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No. 102

To The Colonial Secretary,
Mauritius

Sir,

In reference to Mr Keatley's letter of 14th August/57 No 1015, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to forward a copy of a letter from the Acting Registrar of the Court of Vice Admiralty Magistrate of Cochin, dated 28th Dec/57 with its enclosures, respecting the state of the health of the men charged with committing an outrage at the Kiss Islands, earnestly to solicit the early instructions of His Excellency the Governor of the Mauritius regarding their disposal.

I have &c
Fort St George
26 January 1858

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For St George 26th January 1858 Judicial Department

No. 111

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To The Colonial Secy at
Mauritius

Sir, 25 January 1/68.

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