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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 17th August 1858.

No. 20. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Acting Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 1st July 1858, No. 22.

SIR,

1. On the subject of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 16th June 1858, the Judges direct me to state that, though the general disarming of the population might strengthen the position of the Government politically ; and prevent those serious outbreaks which cannot, as the Police are at present constituted, be repressed but by means of the Military ; and though such a measure would, in course of time, alter the character of those classes who habituate themselves to arms, and induce peaceful in lieu of martial dispositions ;—yet, they do not consider it to be called for for the suppression of individual crime ; being of opinion that the number of heinous offences, such as ordinarily come for trial before the Criminal Courts, would not be at all diminished thereby.

2. The Judges are, however, of opinion that, in Malabar, where the people, from habitually carrying about with them a cutting weapon of offence, namely the Peshaw Cutty, are liable to commit the crimes of wounding and culpable homicide, upon light provocation ; this carrying of a weapon should be interdicted, a measure which has been repeatedly urged by the local authorities, and which the Judges consider to be greatly needed for the prevention of such offences. It is the circumstance that, in other Districts, it is not the habit of the people to carry weapons of offence, when engaged in the ordinary occupations of life, that leads the Judges to the conclusion that it is not necessary to disarm them, with a view to the repression of individual crime.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 1115 ; dated 16th August 1858.

Ordered to be recorded. In reference to para. 2, of the above letter, it is observed, that in Extract Minutes Consultation, 23rd August 1853, No. 483, paras. 36 and 38, Government went fully into the question about interdicting the use of the Peshaw Cutty, and they then expressed themselves decidedly opposed to the adoption of such a measure. They see no reason for now again opening the question.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Yours most obedient servant.

1st July 1858.

J. F. Chamier.