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No. 20. Read the following letter from Mr. G. F. FISCHER; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 21st August 1858.

SIR,

Enclosed I beg to submit for the consideration of Government, the following documents, (copies.)

A—An Urzee written by one of my Indigo Factory Goomastahs to my nephew Mr. James Fischer, a young gentleman in charge of my affairs at Salem.

B—A letter that he wrote thereon to the Puthoonaickenpolliem Pirka Karkon Narainasing, and

C—A letter which Mr. Smith the Acting Joint Magistrate wrote to Mr. Fischer in consequence.

The first is an idle story written by men evidently very much frightened, but it must be borne in mind, that that part of the country is sadly distracted by robbers.

The second is a pert production only excused by the youth and inexperience of the writer. Though wrong, it was harmless and inoffensive.

But what shall I say of the third. I will not trust myself to comment upon it, but will leave Government to deal with it as they think proper, only remarking that as represented to me, for I have been absent since Mr. Smith came there, that this gentleman has done much mischief since he has been at Salem, and will do more if he is allowed to remain; he has converted a peaceful well disposed town to a turbulent and disaffected one.

Translation of an Urzee to Mr. JAMES FISCHER, at Salem, dated 15th July 1858, forwarded by Lutchmana Iyer, the Goomastah in the Indigo Factory at Poottira Goundunpoiem.

The people say, that on the 11th July, at 12 o'clock in the night, and when the Peons, Maistry and others, were all lying down, 6 thieves came, 5 of them stood by the side of the gate, while one of them came very near to the place where they lay down, that in consequence of the thieves talking to one another, they all awoke and gave alarm, by telling one another, to arm themselves, upon which the other 4 thieves said, "come let us go forward, let us try our chance." But the Peons and others making a great noise, gave the alarm, whereupon the thieves ran away. This is all that took place. I have accordingly written the above circumstances for your information.

From Mr. J. FISCHER; to NARAINASING, *Karkon* of the division styled Peddoonaiken Polyam, dated 19th July 1858.

A true copy of a petition from the Goomastah of an Indigo Manufactory at Pootharagowndan Polyam, is herein enclosed. The statements contained therein are extremely strange, and disclose the fact that there is a want of energy in the Police establishment. As it is the duty of the Circar to prevent robbery being committed anywhere, I have written to the Village Moon-siff of Pootharagowndan Polyam on the subject, and also write to you with a hope of securing your best efforts.

The Police Officers will be made to account for any loss that may occur to us.

From H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate of Salem; to Mr. J. FISCHER, dated Senkerry Droog, 4th August 1858.

SIR,

A tamil letter bearing your signature and written to the Carcoon of Peddinaickempoliem, from certain representations made to you by one of your Goomastahs at your Indigo Manufactory at that place, has just reached me, and I write this to tell you, I consider it a most impertinent production, as I should like to know what business you have to interfere with the Police in any way, or who you are to hold the Police responsible for stolen property.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th September 1858.

2. I beg to inform you that, I have ordered the Police authorities under me, to treat such productions in future with contempt, and forward them to me.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) G. F. FISCHER.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 1218; dated 4th September 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Magistrate of Salem, who will obtain from the Joint Magistrate any explanation he may have to offer on the subject referred to, and submit the same to Government, with his own remarks thereon.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Fort St. George, }
4th September, 1858.

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