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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st September 1858.

No. 36. Read the following letter from F. COPLESTON, Esq., Commissioner of Rajah-mundry; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 31st August 1858, No. 21.

SIR,

1. In forwarding the translations of the records of the cases referred to in my letter of the 31st July, Nos. 5, 8, 9 and 10—the sentences which were submitted on that date, I have the honor at the same time to send translate of the record and sentence in case No. 13, in which the Convict Commereddy, (already sentenced in case No. 1 of this year to transportation for life) has been tried as one of the principals engaged in the murder of Soonkara Swamy, and having been convicted, has been sentenced to suffer death.

2. By the evidence recorded in No. 9, this prisoner's guilt was fully exposed, and it was only necessary to establish identity, which has been satisfactorily done in the trial now just concluded.

3. Adverting to the 9th and concluding para. of my letter above referred to, I have to propose the following modification, viz., that the convict Commereddy be also executed at Bootyagoodem, and that he be also hung in chains.

4. The sentences and translates of records in cases Nos. 6 and 7 are now forwarded, and also in Nos. 11 and 12.

5. The prisoners in Nos. 6 and 7 are Bramins, and have been convicted of abetting the rebellion by holding communications with the chief, Corconda Soobbareddy and others. The prisoner in No. 6, Preekah Puddia is also 2nd prisoner in No. 7, this man as well as the 1st prisoner Cotcherlacota Ramabramum, appear to have been engaged in the timber trade, the latter contracting largely for firewood.

6. The prisoner in No. 12 is the son of Corconda Thummereddy, sentenced in No. 8, for the murder of Paupoodoo, Lingareddy's servant, but who has been always residing with his uncle Corconda Soobbareddy. As remarked in my sentence in this case, I do not consider that this prisoner, a very young man—indeed, hardly a man—was a principal, *regulating* the proceedings of the attack at Devapatam, when the tent and horse were carried off and a peon was killed, and therefore have not passed upon him the extreme sentence of the law. No. 11 is a case in which three prisoners are convicted of being active agents in the rebellion, and have been sentenced to 14 years' banishment to some Jail, south of Guntoor.

P. S.—Nos. 14 and 15 have just been received from the Magistracy, neither of these cases involve capital sentence, and I believe there are no more in which it will be necessary to pass the extreme sentence. I mention this in case it might be deemed advisable still to postpone the executions.

2nd P. S., dated 2nd September 1858.

I am in receipt this morning of the Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1167, dated 24th August last, conveying the orders of Government regarding the execution of the sentences passed by me against the rebel chief Corcondah Soobbareddy and three others, and have re-opened this packet to withdraw the translates of the records which I observe are not required.

2. I have the honor to request that orders regarding the execution of the Convict Commareddy, case No. 13, may be forwarded to me by telegraph, should the orders of Government not be ready for despatch by post on or before the 15th Instant.

3. Since closing my letter on the 31st Ultimo, it has been suggested that this man should be executed with Coorlah Venkata Soobbareddy at Polavaram, and that Corcondah Thummareddy, the chief's brother, should be taken to an important village, Toodigoontah, 5 miles further up the river on the right bank, and from whence, Mr. Bloomfield informs me, frequent attacks were made on him and his party by unseen foes, and I beg that I may receive instructions accordingly.

4. It is very desirable that the steamer "Arthur Cotton" should be placed at the disposal of the Sub-Judge, to take up the condemned and their escort to Polavaram and Toodigoontah, but she is at present up the river conveying telegraph wire into the Nagpore country and will not be available probably till towards the end of this month, moreover, the grand fresh of the Godavery may be looked for now, between the 16th and 20th of this month, when the steamer could not so well work up. I propose therefore that the executions shall be carried out, so soon after the 1st Proximo, as practicable.

Commissioner's Court, Rajah-mundry, 2nd September 1858.

(Signed) F. COPLESTON,
Commissioner.

Calendar of a Prisoner forwarded to the Commissioner of Rajahmundry District, appointed under Act XIV of 1857.

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Calendar of Prisoners forwarded to the Commissioner of Rajahmundry District, appointed under Act XIV of 1857.

Number.	Names of the parties.	Abstract of the charge and the date on which it was preferred.	Date of the apprehension	Date of the offenders.	Date of arrival.	Names of the Prosecutor's witnesses.	Abstract of the examination, grounds and date of commitment.	Names of the prisoners held to bail.	Names of the witnesses on the part of the prisoners.	Remarks.	Sentence.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1 of 1858.	<i>Prosecutor</i> Government. <i>Prisoners</i> 1 Cocherlacotta Ramabram- hum. 2 Prakey Puddiah. 3 Taudegadapa. Parrauze.	Holding communica- tion with the Hill Chief Karkonda Soobbareddy at the time in rebellion against the Government furnishing him with in- formation aiding and abetting him to resist the lawful authority of Government and their Officers. 4th March 1858.	4th March 1858	4	5	1 Booragum Tommon Dora. 2 Lukkumdos Mamelloo. 3 Bulla Gungiah. 4 Condaty Venkata reddy. 5 Ellanujjala Sambanah. 6 Lukkundoss Venkata Sawmy. 7 Pyda Saurungoo Dora. 8 Karkonda Soobareddy now before the Court as Prisoner	Prisoners deny the charges and attribute it to the animosity existed between them and the Head of Police of Goo- talah. 1st Witness deposes to having been asked on one night by the 1st Prisoner and Nory So- mah (not apprehended) for a man to guide them, to Karkonda Soobba-	8	9	The prison- ers were ap- prehended at Polavaram on suspicion of aiding the re- bel Soobba- reddy with in- formation and advice, they were in due course sent to the Magistrate whom they were detain- ing in the expectation that they would answer his en-	1. Prisoners deny the charge. 2. The evidence against these Prisoners is conclusive as to their having been in communication with Soobbareddy, the statements of the 1st witness proves the fact of 1st Prisoner's journeying at night to C. Soobbareddy's house, 2nd witness deposes to the three prisoners passing through his vil- lage, long since the rebellion com- menced i. e. about 4 months ago and refusing to answer his en-

2nd witness deposes to having seen the Prisoners and Nory Somiah while on their way on one night through his village Pydepaka, when he asked them who they were, 2nd prisoner told his name and the 1st and 3rd prisoners though they did not answer were identified by him.

3rd witness states that he saw in his village Cottoor at a late hour of a certain night 1st, 2nd, 3rd, prisoner would be shortly depositing to the prisoner having effected, this result did ask for a guide late at night, actually take place and but would not say where they his statement taken be—were going — the evidence of the before the Acting Joint 5th witness who says he was asked to follow him as a cook for two months

4th witness deposes in a similar manner. 5th witness deposes to having been asked by the 1st prisoner, to follow him as a cook for two months offer he Magistrate affords fur-ed to be a cook, as prisoner was as he is going to Soobbareddy &c., and that he would pay 10 Rupees for his services which other and very important going to visit Soobbareddy and declined.

evidence against the pri- he would pay him 10 Rupees, is
soners who are therefore open to some suspicion from cir-
cumstances mentioned by the
6th and 7th witnesses is very strong against the prisoners,
describing the actual intercourse with Carconda Soobba-
reddy and other rebels, and the statement of the 8th wit-
ness himself, Korconda Soobbareddy before the Magistrate
and this Court is corroborative of the above evidence.

The 1st prisoner in defence says the present Head of Police Appalarauze who was formerly manager of Polavaram Estate, bears animosity against him, and has got up this case.

The 2nd prisoner says that because he would not bear witness against the 1st prisoner, the Head of Police has charged him also.

These prisoners call no witnesses.

The 3rd prisoner says Carcondah Soobbareddy bears testimony against him as he was formerly his Goomastah at Avaram to collect the tax.

blavaram against him as he was formerly his Goomastah at Carconda to collect the fees, that Carconda Soobbareddy sees him with the loss of his fees, having leagued with merchants to effect their ruin.

(Signed) A. PURVIS,
Magistrate.

The Court will not be bound by the testimony of a witness who has been shown to be dishonest, and who has been shown to be a liar.

The Court called Soobareddy to this point, he admits that prisoner was his Goomastah for 20 years, that he got nothing in use for him, but that he bears no enmity against him.

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Commissioner.

(Signed) F. COPLESTON,

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st September 1858.

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No. 37.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1271; dated 16th September 1858.

The Commissioner of *Rajahmundry* forwards the Calendars of Cases Nos. 6, 7, 12, and 13 on his file. No. 11, to which he refers, is not in the packet.

2. Cases 6 and 7.—These men are, all three, *Brahmins*, and have been convicted of abetting the insurrection of the *Reddies*. One has been sentenced to transportation for life, a second to transportation for 14 years, and the third 7 years' penal servitude in banishment to some Jail south of *Guntoor*.

3. The foregoing sentences are approved. These prisoners, as being *Brahmins* and engaged in the timber trade which brings them constantly to such places as *Rajahmundry* and *Coringa*, have far less excuse for their crimes than the ignorant hill-men, over whom they exercise considerable influence. The two, who have been sentenced to transportation, will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police at Madras, in whose custody they will remain, till shipped for the *Andamans*.

4. The Inspector of Prisons will arrange for the execution of the sentence in the third case.

5. Case No. 12.—The sentence passed in this case (transportation for life) is approved. The prisoner, it is observed, is the son of *Corcondah Thummereddy* (who lies under sentence of death) and by consequence nephew to the leader of the insurgents. He will be sent down to Madras with the other prisoners under similar sentence.

6. Case No. 13.—This prisoner, *G. Comareddy* was sentenced to transportation for life in Case No. I, (vide Extract Minutes Consultation dated 24th August last, No. 1167.) He has now been convicted of counselling and procuring the death of the *Moonsiff*, *Soonkur Sawmy* (who was carried off from *Mr. Molony's* camp) and has been sentenced to death. In his 2nd Postscript, the Commissioner suggests that this prisoner be hanged with *Coorlah Vencut Soobreddy* at *Polavaram*, and that the rebel chief's brother, *Corcondah Thummereddy*, should have his sentence carried out at *Toodigroomtah*, a considerable place 5 miles further up the river, and that, the steamer "*Arthur Cotton*" be placed at the disposal of the Sub Judge and his party. This is agreed to. Ordered that the following telegram be dispatched to *Mr. Copleston*.—"The arrangements proposed in paras. 3 and 4 of your second Postscript to the letter of the 31st Ultimo, No. 21, are approved."

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge

Judicial Sept 21

Memo:

Letter from the Commr.

under Act XXV/57 in Rajahmundry

} here are two
No 21
2/31/8-58.

Mr. Copleston states that he forwards with his letter the Calendar of Cases 6, 7, 11, 12, and 13. It is observed that the docket specifies four cases—*clonines* only, & Case No 11 is not in the bundle.

2. In Case No 6 there is one Prisoner, who is also one of the three included in Case No 7. These men are all *Brahmins*, & are convicted of abetting the insurrection of the *Reddies*.

The sentence on the Prisoner in No 6 is 14 yrs Imprisonment with hard labour and transportation beyond sea for such term. This additional penalty is assigned under the discretion given to Commrs. by Act No XXII of 1858.

Mr. Copleston names the 'Andamans'. He has no power to do so, & it has been usual to ship to that settlement 'lifers' only.

3. Of the other two Prisoners (Case No 7)

I think all
convicted
by 11/10/58
must be
sent to
Andamans

one is sentenced to transpor-
tation for life - & the other to 7
years penal servitude in banish-
ment to some station south of
Guntur.

As the principle evidence
against these men is Korkonda
Soota Reddy, the rebel leader
now under sentence of death,
whose testimony "before the
"Magistrate & his Court" Mr
Copleston very much relies
on & Govt may judge how far
it is proper to carry out the
sentences in each case.

4. Case No 12. "Rebellion". There
is one prisⁿ here, whose father
has already been sentenced capi-
tally. It is not shown that his
Prisⁿ "quite a lad" - in
appearance at the most from
16 to 18 - took an active part
in the outrage charged - but
Mr Copleston has sentenced
him to transportation for life,
notwithstanding.

5. Case No 13. The Prisⁿ here was
sentenced to transportation of
life in Case No 1 (vide E.M.C.)

shd be to the Andamans.
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Prisⁿ Korukonda Pale Reddy
is the nephew of Subba Reddy
who always lived with him. He
appears to have been taken from
as his heir - The Govt acquits
him of being a principal
merely on acct of his youth
but he was actually engaged
in the outrages

I think the sentence shd
stand. Had he been older he
w^d probably have been con-
demned to death & his
early education & habits will
doubtless lead him to follow
the free booting propensities of
his ancestors, if allowed to
return to the hills

Mr Copleston shd be allow-
ed the use of the steamer, &
then the sentences shd
be carried out as he recom-
mends

W.C.

C.S. 10.

R.H. 11.

S. 15.

d/24th August last No 1167).
 He is now convicted of counsel-
 -ling & procuring the death of
 the Moonseff, Sornkum Sauney,
 & has been sentenced to death.
 It is proposed to execute this
 sentence at Palaveram - &
 some other suggestions are made
 as to carrying out the other
 capital sentences connected
 with his outbreak - in Mr
Copleston's Postscript, d/2d
 Sept^r this land.

S.H.C.
 7-9-58

I consider that the Pres-
 -ident of the Koma Reddi No
 13 should undergo his sentence
 & I think Mr Copleston's suggestion
 that he should suffer at Tadiri
 - Girumti a very good one.
 These three villages are to be
 closed & the people may be able
 with the law country that the
 force of the example will be
 the fold greater than of the execu-
 -tion took place near Palaveram.

I am of opinion that
 the Pres^{nt} in 607 was proved
 & have ^{been} satisfied with Sabbu
Reddi & who undergo their
 sentence. I believe it is the
 intention of the Gov^t of India
 that all such cases of transfe-

Tud^r Sept

No 1271

E.H.C. d/16 September/58

Read following from the
 Comfrs at Rajahmundry } Here under No 21
 under Act No XIV/58. } d/31st Aug/58.

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J.P. D.S.C. 14/9/58.

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"second Postscript to the letter of the
"31st ulto, No 21, are approved."

S.F.C. 14/9/58.

I am uncertain from
Capt. Penick that he
can have the Steamer
from the 1st. Oct.

15th Sep
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On Oct. 21. 1842

28/2/1941.

Robert Harris of Board

2/10 September 1888

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F. No 1725 - Feb^y 1876 -

A copy of the document
passed by the Commission of
Enquiry on the above title,
was certified in Case No
D-12 and is now before the
Collector to forward to
the Commissioner of Police at

Admonitions of the Penitential

passed by the Committee of
Liquorists on the above pre-

House candidate in 1892. He

D-7, 12 and 13 and dist. Mr

Collected & forwarded to

the Commissioner of Taxes: the

Admission - continued to 11:00 a.m.

...with a view to their
being delivered to the

There is no Christianman

Comparison of Jackson to Adams

of the vicissitudes of the climate

admission to the same.

Deposition

to dinner with her father.