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## Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 28 — 1 — ~~19~~ 1938

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No. 11. Read the following letter from DEERGOVUNTOO CODUNDA RAMIAH, residing in the town of Cuddapah; to H. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th January 1858.

HONORED SIR,

I beg you will be pleased to lay the following circumstances before Lord Harris in Council, and do justice to the subjects. When His Lordship came into Cuddapah on the 8th October 1856, a number of petitions were presented, that Mr. Elliot received bribes through one Fondeclair, and it was also proved by note written by Mr. Elliot to Fondeclair although such documentary proof was adduced, yet they were not examined. The people of Cuddapah now speak as the petitions given to him were thrown away; Mr. Elliot is doing the injustice as follows:—

Now a criminal case came into the Sessions Court, one Kasavooloo was murdered at Provatoor (in which rich merchants live,) 3 or 4 persons were committed. Mr. Elliot on a petition of the prosecutor ordered the Magistrate to apprehend Dontoo Chinna Shasoo, a chief Sahoocar who hearing that Mr. Elliot would bring him into trouble, wrote to Madras and brought Mr. Norton to plead on his behalf. The adherents Narrain Chinna Rungiah and others of the prosecutors made vows they would however put the said Chinna Shasoo in Jail for one day at least, and disgrace him to revenge their enmity, so they sent for Mr. Fondeclair from Madras to Cuddapah. After Mr. Norton went away from this place, Mr. Elliot received 7,000 Rupees from the adherents of prosecutor and put him in Jail, though he requested in different manner to take security and keep him out till the case was decided. Mr. Elliot thinking he would run into risk if it be known to Lordship, he made Fondeclair run away from this place to Madras on the day on which he put him Jail. In the Extract* sent to Sub-Criminal Judge to take him into Jail, he stated the charge against the said Chinna Shasoo was fully proved, and that he should not be kept out. He refused to accept security of his Vakeels to keep him out.

The people of the said Chinna Shasoo went to Madras and fell at the feet of Mr. Fondeclair and brought him to Cuddapah. He received 10,000 Rupees from the said Shasoo for Mr. Elliot and released him this day, and Mr. Fondeclair also ran away this evening at 4 o'clock. How all Europeans spoke lately about the disturbances in Northern Circar, so all people in every house speak. "Naraina Chinna Rungiah through enmity gave 7,000 Rupees to Mr. Elliot through Mr. Fondeclair and put Sahoocar Chinna Shasoo in Jail." Chinna Shasoo gave 10,000 Rupees to Mr. Fondeclair and been released to-day.

If a Commissioner or a new Judge be appointed and examine the record all the tricks of Mr. Elliot will be proved. If the Governor in Council has favor of doing justice to his subjects, he will appoint a new Judge immediately and find out the correctness of the matter.

While Mr. Elliot is robbing in this manner, and when upper authorities have no favor of relieving it and protecting their subjects, what they can do? therefore I pray your honor will be pleased to lay it in Council. I can prove it if a new Judge be appointed immediately.

(Signed) DEERGOVUNTOO CODUNDA RAMIAH,
*Residing in the Town of Cuddapah.*

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No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 148; dated 28th January 1858.

The writer of this letter affirms that the Sessions Judge of Cuddapah took a bribe of Rupees 7,000 to put a rich *Soucar*, one *Chinna Sasoo*, into Jail:—and then Rupees 10,000 to release him; both transactions being conducted through the Agency of one Mr. *Fondeclair*.

2. He states further, that, at the instigation of the Sessions Judge, the Subordinate Judge has made an alteration in the warrant of *Chinna Sasoo's* commitment to Jail, so as to admit of its being cancelled with the less impropriety.

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* In the Extract he (Mr. Elliot) stated that the charge is fully proved against the said Shasoo, and even security is not acceptable to keep him out. He now coaxed the Sub Criminal Judge to alter the words—charge is fully proved. Just now heard the Sub Criminal Judge took the Extract three days ago from the office and kept it in his box to do so. If a gentleman be appointed instantly it will be proved.

afterwards brought to bear on him — as provided in Sects V and VI of act No. XXVII of 1850 — D.F.C. 25-1-58

*Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 2nd February* 1858.

3. Resolved to forward copy of the letter to the *Sudder Udalut*, who will enquire and report whether the accuser is ready to verify his accusations by oath, and to furnish reasonable security both to prosecute the charges effectually and to be forthcoming to answer any counter-charge or action which may be afterwards brought against him—as provided in Sections V and VI of Act No. XXXVII of 1850.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary*

Judicial Dept

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Con. 28 January 1858

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The writer of this Letter affirms that the Sessions Judge took a bribe of Rs 7000 to put a rich Soucar; one Chinna Sasoo, into Jail:— and drew Rs 10,000 to release him; the transactions being conducted through the agency of one Mr Tondeelair.

2. He states further, that, at the instigation of the Sessions Judge, the Subordinate Judge has made an alteration in the warrant of Chinna Sasoo's commitment to Jail, so as to admit of it's being cancelled with the less impropriety.

3. Resolved to forward copy of the Letter to the Sudder Udalut, who will enquire & report whether the accuser is ready to verify his accusations by oath, and to furnish reasonable security both to prosecute the charges effectually & to be forthcoming to answer any counterclaim or action which may be afterwards brought against him — as provided in Sects V and VI of Act No. XXXVII of 1850. D.T.C. 25-1-58

Exd. E. Curtiedge.