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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 9th November 1858.

No. 4. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Special Commissioner, North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated New Goa, October 28th, 1858.

SIR,

By my letter of yesterday's date you will perceive that transportation for life will probably be Nána Sawanth's punishment; and, as circumstances appear tending at present, it seems not unlikely that that may be the fate of his brothers also.

2. A few days ago I received Extract Minutes Consultation under date the 6th October 1858, No. 1384, confirming the sentence of death passed by me on Panchély Govinda Dessai. My absence here has prevented my communicating this confirmation to the prisoner. I now write most respectfully to suggest that, as the one chief who is in custody is to be simply transported, and it seems probable no severer terms will be dealt out to the others, I may be permitted to commute sentence of death in Govinda Dessai's case into sentence of transportation for life.

Perhaps I may be favored with a reply to this by telegraph.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 1566; dated 6th November 1858.

The Governor in Council is pleased to commute the sentence of death passed on Panchély Govinda Dessai to transportation for life.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From The Special Commiss.rs
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D.d 28.th Octo.r/58.-

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Fort St George
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From G.A. Ballard. Esq.
Special Commissioner.
North Canara.

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Suggests that the sentence of death passed on Pandhelly Govinda Dessai may, under the circumstances stated, be commuted to transportation for life.

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W. Thackeray

Ltr to Govt Judicial Dept

Referring his letter

Forwards the sentence of death passed by Sessions Court on Pandhelly Govinda Dessai for murder.

Mr Pandhelly Govinda Dessai - by occupation a Cultivator by caste a Brahmin aged 45 years was charged before the Sessions Court with the murder of his wife Lakshmi Dessai by poisoning her with arsenic. The Jury acquitted the prisoner of the charge but found him guilty of culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The Sessions Judge sentenced the prisoner to transportation for life. The case was referred to the Sudder Court for confirmation of the sentence. The Court considered the evidence sufficient to convict the prisoner of the charge of murder and sentenced him to death. The Sessions Judge has recommended that the sentence of death be commuted to transportation for life - there is no extenuating circumstance in the case.

Sudder Court Judicial Department
Fort St George the 9th November 1858

Present
The Honble Sir Henry Ward
The Honble Mr. Thackeray

New Goa - Octr 28th 1838

From, G. A. Ballard Esqre
Special Commissioner
North Canara

To, T. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St. George

Sir,

By my letter of yesterday's date you will perceive that transportation for life will probably be Rána Sawanth's punishment; and, as circumstances appear tending at present, it seems not unlikely that that may be the