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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 16*th February* 1858.

No. 13. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd February 1858, No. 67.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that under the provisions of the Law marginally noted, I have forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, an Armenian Adventurer named Simeon Kachatoor, who recently arrived at Negapatam from, as he states, Paumban, where he appears to have landed from Colombo.

Act XXXIII of 1857.

It has been difficult to extract from him any precise information of his object in coming into these parts, for either he is stupid, or has assumed the appearance of being so; and under these circumstances, all I have been able to learn from him, is contained in the notes of which I beg to enclose a copy. Whatever may be his motives, he is an Adventurer liable to apprehension as having no Passport or any ostensible means of livelihood. I have therefore carried out against him the standing orders of the Government.

Mins. of Cons. dated 9th November 1857, No. 1450. Do. of 17th December 1857, No. 1642.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Acting Magistrate.

My name is Simeon Katchatoor. I reached Negapatam from Paumben on foot. I came to Paumben by boat from Colombo. I had gone to Colombo from Cochin by ship. I paid my own passage money, 4 Rupees, to that place. Some gentleman ordered a Mussulman to pay that, from Colombo to Paumben.

I am a native of Erzeroom in Turkish Armenia. I lived by dealing in cloths. The Russians having taken Kurs 3 years ago, every thing became very dear, and I therefore came in order to get some assistance at Madras. I know no one there. My caste people are some of them there. I was at Bombay and thence went to Cochin. I realized from the Armenians there, 10 or 20 Rupees. At Bombay I stayed 4 or 5 months. I lived when there in the Church.

I got some one to write the paper found in my possession,* I myself stating the circumstances which it details.

*Marked A.

I came to Bombay by ship from Bussora, paying my own passage money, 5 Rupees. We were 25 days on the voyage. I don't know the name of the ship. It was an Arab vessel. I was ½ a month coming to Bussora from Bagdad. I came by boat down the river. I was 2 or 2½ months between Erzeroom and Bagdad. I can read Armenian a little and write a little also. I left the straight road to Madras from Bombay for begging purposes. I came to Bombay alone. I am not acquainted with Abraham Musatoff or George Vurdaroff. I know a little Persian, as much as I do Hindustanee. I speak Turkish fluently and Armenian. I am not acquainted with Russian. I have a wife and five children in Roodvan, a place with about 200 houses; they remain with my younger brother, a farmer.

(True Copy.)

Vullum, 1st February 1858.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 202; dated 10th February 1858.

Resolved that the Commissioner of Police be directed to report to Government the arrival of the party referred to in the above letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Rnd. F. Cartledge.

No 202

Resolved that the Comr of Police be directed to expend £5 for the arrival of the party expected to visit the above letter

Commissioners Office Dub. 10th Feb 1838

Copy Letter

Feb 1838

Commissioners of Police Dublin

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I am Sir your obedient servant

Thomas Drummond

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Dublin Castle

No 2230

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