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No. 24. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 10th February 1858, No. 81.

SIR,

I have the honor to report the transmission to the Commissioner of Police at Madras, of an Armenian Adventurer, named Joseph Jacob, who recently landed at Negapatam from Columbo, and whom I have apprehended under the provisions of Act XXXIII of 1857.

He is a healthy looking, aged man of 64 years, who professes to have come from Erzerom to Bombay, in search of a son, and states that he is desirous of proceeding for that purpose to Calcutta. He seems to have been in company from Bombay as far as Negapatam, with the man referred to in my communication, dated the 2nd Instant, No. 67.

Enclosed, I beg to submit a transcript of my Notes of the examination of Joseph Jacob.

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

NOTES.

My name is Joseph Jacob. I am a Christian of 64 years of age or thereabouts. A native of Pala, about 70 miles from Erzerome in Turkish Armenia. I came to this country on account of my son, who having married, abandoned his wife after six months, and has now been away from his family eight years. I wished to get something from him for her expenses. He has not written to me since he quitted us. I heard of him at Ahmedabad whence, I was told, he went to Calcutta 4 years ago. I have no means of knowing whether he is alive or in a position to supply me with funds for his wife. If he were not able to do so, I should have conducted him back to his wife. I came to Bombay by ship from Suez and Aden. I reached Suez by Railway. I remained 2 or 3 months in Egypt at Moorkee. Some one at Bombay told me my son was working as a Farrier at Ahmedabad and there I went. I did not find my son there, and returned to Bombay. I did not go direct to Calcutta from Ahmedabad as the country between these two places was much disturbed, and I, being a Christian, should have been in danger. It is true that my appearance does not show that I am a Christian. I left Bombay to proceed to Calcutta and came to Mangalore, thence to Calicut, to Cochin, Aleppy, Quilon;—to Colombo by ship. I paid 2 Rupees for my passage. Thence to Pamban by boat. I got a free passage to Pamban being a Christian. Thence I reached Negapatam by land. I live on the alms I got on the road. I can neither read nor write. An Armenian accompanied me from Bombay to Negapatam. He left me 4 marches on this side of Negapatam. His name was Simon. I could not keep up with Simon, being an aged man. I can speak Turkish and Arabic, a little Armenian. I don't know Persian nor Russian nor French. I learnt Hindustani in Bombay, where I landed 1½ year ago. I stayed there more than a year. I have no acquaintance at Calcutta, but once there, shall look out for my son at Church among the Armenians.

Tanjore, 9th February 1858.

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

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, No. 211; dated 15th February 1858.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing communication be furnished to the Commissioner of Police, who will report to Government the arrival of the party referred to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Hrd. F. Cartledge.

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From

The Acting Magistrate
of Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 10
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No 81

Enclosure 1

No 267.

Reporting the transmission
of an Armenian to the
Commissioner of Police
with an order

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No 522

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Order that a copy of the foregoing communication be furnished to the Commissioner of Police with whose report to Govt the case of the Armenian stands.

Sd/ W. Oakeley
Actg Secy to Govt

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