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No. 30. Read the following letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ellore, 4th February 1858, No. 38.

SIR,

Para. 1. With reference to the individual who formed the subject of my letter to your address dated 23rd December 1857, I have the honor to report that on my arrival in Ellore, I made enquiries about this man, Mahomed Noor-ood-deen, and I learned no reason to doubt the correctness of my opinion, that this man's statement was for the most part an invention.

2. I learned however, that he had written to say he had received instructions in Madras to report on the conduct of the Zemindars, and people of the place, and I obtained his two letters corroborating the report.

3. I sent for the man on my arrival here, and found he asserts that he did receive from Mr. Lafond with Colonel Boulderson's consent 30 Rupees in reward for his services, and that he was to get more money if he sent information from Ellore.

4. I submit for the consideration of Government that, as my former letter shows, he is not a person to be believed, that if he were, his usefulness as a spy is gone, by his office having become known, and I doubt the policy of the Magistrates of Madras entertaining a confidential reporter in my District without my knowledge. Intrigue is quite strong enough in Ellore, without this man's interference under such powerful patrons, who are utterly ignorant of it's local circumstances.

(Signed) T. J. KNOX,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 214; dated 16th February 1858.

Copy of the foregoing communication will be furnished to the Commissioner of Police in continuation of Extract Minutes Consultation 12th January 1858, No. 50.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Copy of the foregoing communication will be furnished to the Commissioners of Police in continuation of Instl. Minr. Comns 12th Sept/58 No 50.

Fort St George
16th February/59.

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