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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th March 1858.

No. 95. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 4th March 1858, No. 101.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from the Principal Sudr Ameen of Ootacamund, announcing the circumstances under which two escaped Convicts have been recaptured.

2. The prisoners were *Kalee* and *Beligherri* who escaped on the 9th November 1856.

3. The authorized reward payable for the capture of these Convicts is 50 Rupees, but in consideration of one of them being armed when captured and the risk which Mr. Ouchterlony considers the captors to have incurred, he suggests that the reward should be raised to 25 Rupees each, to three of the persons engaged in the capture, and that 10 Rupees additional should be given to a fourth person making his total share up to 20 Rupees, that is, that the total reward for the double capture be raised from 50 to 95 Rupees.

4. Under the circumstances as reported, I should probably have suggested a double reward, in the case of the capture of the armed prisoner, instead of a specific reward to each captor, that is a total of 75 Rupees for the two captures, as however Mr. Ouchterlony has suggested a higher scale, and the rewards have hitherto been long offered in vain, I would now submit his proposition for the favorable consideration of Government.

From J. OUCHTERLONY, Esq., Principal Sudr Ameen, Ootacamund; to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, dated 27th February 1858, No. 38.

SIR,

I had the honor to inform you yesterday of the re-capture of 2 Convicts in case Calendar No. V of 1856, who had effected their escape from this Jail. The mode of their re-capture was as follows:—

2. Information was brought to one of the Jail Peons (formerly a Talook Peon) Shaik Hoossain, by a Washerman Gooroovum of the whereabouts of the two escaped Convicts, when Shaik Hoossain and a Talook Peon, Iyahvoo, went after them, Gooroovum proceeding also in their company. A Peon of the Denaikencottah Police Nunjun joined them at his station.

3. One prisoner had concealed himself in a hut in the jungle near Goondlepett, he was apprehended in the day time, while unsuspectingly walking towards the Peons.

4. The other prisoner was secreted in a hut erected in the jungle in the hill near Hassanor. His capture was effected by the three Peons at midnight when he fortunately happened to be fast asleep. He was sleeping with a loaded gun under his head, powder and lead lying within his reach, and it appears that he resisted his capture, biting one of the Peons, a proceeding that left little doubt that he would have used his loaded gun against them had he had the opportunity.

5. The regulated reward of 25 Rupees for each Convict I apportioned as follows, viz:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
To Gooroovum as the first informer and for his active part in accompanying the Peons	15	0	0
To Shaik Hoossain	12	8	0
To Iyahvoo	12	8	0
To Nunjun	10	0	0

6. But as the apprehending an armed man in a jungle at midnight, incurring thereby a certain serious risk, was an act of more than ordinary resolution, I trust I may have your support in recommending that a further special reward should be given to these parties, and in such case would venture to suggest, that the reward to Gooroovum, Shaik Hoossain and Iyahvoo be made up to 25 Rupees each and that an additional Rupees 10 be given to Nunjun.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th March 1858.

No. 96.

ORDER THEREON, No. 336; dated 12th March 1858.

The Government authorize the increase of the rewards to be paid for the apprehension of the Convicts referred to in the foregoing communication from Rupees (50) fifty to Rupees (95) ninety-five, the same being appropriated as proposed by the Principal Sudder Ameen of Ootacamund.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 336

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Fort St George
12th March 1858.

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