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

No. 17. Read the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Acting Political Agent of Poodoocottah; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 30th December 1857, No. 141.

SIR,

1. With reference to para. 1 of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated the 24th Instant, No. 1677, I have the honor to report that the Minister of His Excellency the Rajah of Poodoocottah applied on the 21st Ultimo, for instructions to be issued to the Police Ameen of Triputtoor (Madura District) to send to the Head of Police of Kavinad Talook (in the State of Poodoocottah) three individuals named as per margin, residents of Nyecoopy (attached to the Triputtoor Talook) who had been found concerned in the crime of setting fire to the house of a Chitty residing at Savaputty (of Poodoocottah).

1 Moottoocurpen Chitty.
2 Raman Chitty.
3 Latchmun Chitty.

2. I was well aware that under Section I of this Act, the requisition should be addressed by the Rajah of Poodoocottah to Government; and my object in making the reference, was, to enable me to give correct instructions to his Minister, how to act in such cases.

3. As it will cause great delay to write to the Minister to apply to Government, I have availed myself of the concession apparently granted in para. 1 of the above Minutes.

4. A translate of the Urzee of the Head of Police accompanies this.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY,
Acting Political Agent.

Translation of an Arzee addressed by the Head of Police of Kavinad Talook, to the Magistrate's Office at Poodoocottah, dated 3rd November 1857.

On the 3rd September last, the Moneagar of Ponnamaravadyvuttom reported that a thatched house, belonging to Carooppautaun Chetty son of Mootten Chetty of Sevaputty, was set fire to on the night of the 1st Idem, and that one Moottoocurpen Chetty son of Vellien Chetty a resident of Nyecooppay in Shevagungah and certain others were suspected of having committed the crime. I thereupon sent for the said Carooppautaun Chetty (the owner of the house,) and held an enquiry in the case. He deposed that it having been proposed that he should give away his daughter in marriage to one Periacurpen Chetty of Nyecooppay village, the date fixed for its celebration was the 6th of September, that Moottoocurpen Chetty and others aforesaid objected to the proposed marriage on the plea that there was a law-suit unsettled between themselves and Periacurpen Chetty, threatening at the same time to burn his (deponent's) house if the marriage does take place; and that accordingly his house was set on fire on the night of the 1st September, whereby property worth Rupees 141 and Annas 6 was consumed. The deponent cited Alagan Ambulgar and others as witnesses to prove his statements.

Two of the witnesses (Meerassidars) deposed that Moottoocurpen Chetty and his younger brothers Ramen and Lutchman came and resided in the house of one Nautchan Chetty in Savaputty village; and that Lutchman (one of them) then declared to the Villagers that if Carooppataun Chetty (the complainant) should give away his daughter in marriage to Periacurpen Chetty, he and his brothers would break down the marriage altar or pial, cut the bride's *Thauly* (a neck ornament worn as a wedding token) and set fire to her father's house, regarding all which their doings they (the Villagers) dare not question.

Annamalay and Moottoosawmy, two other witnesses, deposed that on the night of the fire in question, whilst they were asleep at the door-way of the house of the former (situated east of the complainant's house), they were aroused by the barking of dogs, that when they immediately got out of the house they saw Moottoocurpen Chetty, his brother Ramen and Nautchan Chetty, the aforesaid running from the south side of complainant's house towards that of Nautchan Chetty; that, finding the southern portion of the complainant's house on fire, they gave the alarm, and that the people not having succeeded in their endeavors to extinguish the fire, the house in question was destroyed.

To Judge of Madura

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

On the 22nd of September, I issued a Warrant for the apprehension of the offenders, and also wrote a Yadast to the Police Ameen of Tirpatoor Talook to assist the Peon in serving the Warrant. The Peon made a return to the effect that Moottoocurpen Chetty and his brother Ramen Chetty were absent from their Village, having proceeded to Madura, that Lutchman Chetty was sick; and that he was only able to secure the attendance of Nautchan Chetty. The latter however, denies the charge brought against him.

On the 20th of October, I again issued a Warrant for the apprehension of the remaining offenders, and sent also another Yadast to the Police Ameen of Tiroopatoor. The return made this time was that Ramen Chetty was absent from his Village, and that the two remaining individuals were sick. This return was accompanied by the Village Moonsiff's report.

Nautchan Chetty, the apprehended offender, was forwarded to the Circar Cutcherry with my Arzee, dated 21st October, No. 272. I beg to be favored with orders for my future guidance.

3rd November 1857, Poodoocottah.

(Signed) VENCATESOORYEN,
Head of Police.

(True translation.)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY,
Acting Political Agent.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 42; dated 9th January 1858.

As authorized by Section XIV of Act VII of 1854, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs that the case referred to in the foregoing communication be disposed of under the provisions of Act I of 1849, and that, if necessary, the accused be brought to trial before the Criminal Courts of Madura.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 9th January 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Acting Political Agent
of Poodoocottah.

(Here enter 30th Dec 1857 No 18)

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Act VII of 1854, the Right Honble
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Courts of Madura.

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