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

No. 32. Read the following letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Aveeneegudda, 23rd December 1857, No. 524.

SIR,

Para. 1. In obedience to the order of Government conveyed to me in Extract Minutes of No. 1613. Consultation, dated 12th December 1857, that I should report on a deposition given by one Mahomed Noor-ood-deen, I have the honor to state as follows:—

2. The Zemindars of Aswarowpettah and Badrachellem are subjects of the Nizam, and would follow his leading, and I am ready to admit no better than they should be, and through the latter's country the late gang that attacked Juggiapettah retreated.

3. The Zemindar of Alloor is, I conclude Wulloor, a money-making and intelligent man, whose stores, I am satisfied, are only full of cargoes for his ships. I wish we had more like him. I have no doubt on his late visit to Madras, he called on the Members of Government, it may identify him more if I mention that he is vulgarly called the bullock Rajah.

4. The Zemindar of Mylavaram, is a harmless man without money or means, his small estate being under attachment of the Court and in my hands. I cannot trace the Gomastah of his deponent alludes to, but the Cutwall denies all knowledge of any such transaction.

5. Immediately on the receipt of this deposition, I issued orders to the Head of Police of Ellore, the bazar, and all the houses of gunpowder makers, or as they should be called firework-makers, were thoroughly and simultaneously searched and even Kadar Ali's female apartments, nothing whatsoever was found to create suspicion and the accounts of the sulphur on hand, tallied with the quantity found.

6. Many of Kadar Ali's private letters were read by the Head of Police, and found to be perfectly innocent. Kadar Ali is a dealer in wood, carpets, and clothes, and asserts that the deponent Mahomed Noor-ood-deen alias Noorotti, is a personal enemy, and I can certify that deponent figures in three Police cases.

7. The deponent has, I believe, libelled the character of the Cauzee. I know that in the past Moharum, he gave Mr. Chase every assistance and expressed in strong language his abhorrence of the rebellion, and his attachment to the British Government.

8. The Zemindar of Noojjur which should be Noozeed, had my permission to provide ammunition for his followers, when it was found the Rohillas were a foot, though I had little fear that so intelligent and active Officer as then commanded Razapore would ever let Rohillas pass his post.

9. I think I have replied to every statement of the deponent affecting this District, and I doubt his earning his reward.

10. I may add that the perfect control I have over the manufacture of gunpowder in the restrictions on sulphur, is sufficient, and that I fully agree with the deponent that a European Magistrate should reside at Ellore, which is undoubtedly a sink of iniquity. Ever since I joined the District, I have determined in my own mind that the Head Assistant Magistrate should reside there when a Junior Assistant is posted to this District.

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

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 50; dated 12th January 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Commissioner of Police with reference to his letter of 8th December 1857.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Erd. F. Cartledge.

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A copy of the Report
of the Committee on
the Administration of
the Court.

No. 50

Armed & he communicated to the
Commissioner of Police with reference
to his letter of 8th Decr/57.

Forb. & George,
128 Nassau, 1858-3

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