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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 4th May 1858.

No. 7. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Special Commissioner, North Canara; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Camp Sootah, 16th April 1858, No. 16.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter addressed by me to the Civil and Sessions Judge of Dharwar, proposing that all prisoners sentenced by me under Acts XI and XIV of 1857, be sent to the Dharwar Jail for safe custody, until arrangements can be made for their further disposal.

My reasons for adopting this course are already stated in my letter to Mr. Loughnan, and as Government are well aware from much recent correspondence how insecure and insufficient is the accommodation in the old Jail at Honore, and how far removed from completion the new buildings under construction at that station still are, I am in hopes that Government will approve of the steps I have taken, and should any protest be made by Mr. Loughnan, solicit their addressing the Bombay Government direct in recommendation of the measure.

My list of prisoners is already very numerous, and there are yet very many arrests to be made.

The wild and unsettled state of the country between this and Honore and the inexpediency of weakening our posts by large and numerous prisoner escorts, leave me, even were the Jail accommodation on the sea coast better than it is, little choice in this matter. It is possible that no objection whatsoever may be taken to this measure, but I have thought it well to anticipate the possibility of such arising in view to avoiding much future correspondence and confusion.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Special Commissioner, North Canara; to T. C. LOUGHNAN, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Dharwar, dated Camp Anamode, 14th April 1858, No. 10.

SIR,

In consequence of the very insufficient and insecure Jail accommodation now available at Honore, and the proximity of your Jail to the disturbed districts, I have taken the liberty of

1. Avagoe.	forwarding to your charge the two prisoners, (names as per margin) 1st, sentenced by me under provisions of Acts XI and XIV of 1857, to transportation for life, and 2nd, to imprisonment for 10 years with hard labour in irons, with a request that you will detain them in safe custody.
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Pending a reference on your own and my part to our respective Governments, claiming their instructions as to whether under the circumstances above stated, the course now adopted may not be advantageously pursued in all cases of prisoners punished under the Special Commission I now hold.

2. From all I have heard, I gather that the existing Jail accommodation at Dharwar, and strength of guards, enable you better to provide for the safe custody of prisoners of this description, than would be the case, were they forwarded to Honore for detention, but should you not concur in my views, I have the honor to request that you will submit to your Government with your comments, the present proposition, taking charge in the mean time of these and any other prisoners whom I may forward to your custody, until the point has been definitely settled.

3. A copy of this letter with a request that I may be favored with the early instructions of the Madras Government, has this day been forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Judicial Department.

P. S.—I beg to enclose the usual forms of Commitments and Warrants, and request you will be so good as to give them effect.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Joint Magistrate.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 4th May 1858.

No. 8.

ORDER THEREON, No. 549; dated 28th April 1858.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves the application made by the Special Commissioner for North Canara to the Sessions Judge of Dharwar, for the detention in the Jail of that Zillah, of all prisoners sentenced to imprisonment under the Commission until arrangements can be made for their safe custody elsewhere.

2. He will be prepared to press the measure if necessary upon the Bombay Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

For the file of 28 April 1858.

J. Robinson & Son, N. Canara.
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From J. Robinson Esq.
Special Commissioner
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