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No. 47. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 27th April 1858, No. 48.

SIR,

1. In forwarding the accompanying packet, I have the honor to bring to your notice that on the 21st Instant, I received from the Magistrate of the 3rd District, Lieutenant Colonel Colbeck, with certain depositions, &c., taken by him in the case of one Vencatasawmy Butten and others, charged with the murder of one Sooboo Lall, a bill-collector in Triplicane, on or about the 16th day of March last, the letter A included therein. In that letter the Magistrate draws my particular attention to the alleged misconduct of certain Police Officers in above case, as set forth in the depositions under notice, and in the private note, referred to in same letter, he particularly mentions the name of my Deputy Ramachendra Row as one of them.

2. Having previously had some reason to think that some underhand means were at work throughout the investigation in the particulars of the above mentioned murder, I had caused inquiry to be made, and in my letter in reply to Colonel Colbeck marked B, I tell him that I believed the charge brought against Ramachendra Row and others to be false and fabricated; and in conclusion, I urged him to bring the matter to the notice of superior authority. In his letter in reply marked C, Colonel Colbeck informs me that it is not his intention to do so; he leaves me to adopt whatever steps I think proper, and promises me his cordial support to insure the punishment of the guilty.

3. With the above letters marked A, B, C, I have the honor to send a copy of the Police
* No. 1. Informations* taken in the before named murder case, previous to its being entered in the charge sheet, which were forwarded for the information of the Magistrate, also copy of Extracts† taken by me from the depositions obligingly sent for my perusal, and also
† No. 2.
‡ No. 3. copy of statements‡ taken by me when prosecuting inquiry into the charges brought against the Police Officers by Colonel Colbeck.

4. My desire in forwarding these documents is to beg that you will submit them with the depositions taken by the Magistrate to His Lordship in Council, with my earnest request that he will cause strict inquiry to be made into this serious matter; as it seems to me that there is reason to apprehend that the Interpreter of the Royapettah Police Court has meddled with this case in an improper manner; and as common rumour leads me to suspect that it is not a solitary instance, I forward also for submission to Government a petition to my address lately received marked D, which contains most extraordinary charges against that Officer, as well as other Officers of the Police.

A.

From Lieutenant Colonel H. COLBECK, Senior Magistrate of Police; to Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, dated Royapet, 1st April 1858, No. 19.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for perusal the depositions and exhibits in the case of Vencatasawmy Butten and others, charged with the murder of one Sooboolaul.

I would draw your particular attention to the conduct of several of the Police authorities, particularly to Talliar Naick Roodruppen.

With regard to the conduct of the above named Talliar Naick, you will observe that, had I not by an accidental conversation with Mr. Grant, been led to make particular inquiries, I myself (as I have before stated to you in my private note) might have been involved in most serious consequences by the misconduct of the Police.

This is not the first occasion in which I have been placed in perplexity and led astray by Roodruppen.

P. S.—I request the careful return of all the exhibits and depositions.

B.

From Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to Colonel H. COLBECK, Senior Magistrate of Police, Royapettah, dated 22nd April 1858, No. 289.

SIR,

I have the honor with my best thanks to return the depositions in the Triplicane murder case recently taken at your office, and obligingly sent by you for my perusal yesterday evening, I observe that the evidence of two persons respectively named Govindoo and Seetaramiah contains serious insinuations against my Deputy Ramachendra Row, and other Police officers, the whole of which I am firmly of opinion has been fabricated by certain persons, whom I believe I know.

I am under the impression that you intend that this case should not rest where it is, by which I conclude you intend to seek a further enquiry into it by superior authority, I trust you will do so as early as you possibly can. Of the result, as far as the Police officers under my orders are concerned, I have no fears; the more searching the better.

I have taken the liberty to extract a few notes from the evidence of the following persons, viz., Govindoo and Seetaramiah to enable me to prosecute further enquiry.

C.

From Lieutenant Colonel H. COLBECK, Senior Magistrate of Police; to Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, dated Royapett, 23rd April 1858, No. 20.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 289 of yesterday's date, I have the honor to say it is not my intention to submit the depositions taken in the Triplicane murder case or accusations contained in them for the consideration of higher authority, not deeming it my province to do so. The accusations bear upon the character of certain parties, these parties your subordinates, and it rests with you what steps (if any) you deem necessary to adopt in the matter.

Your having taken notes of the evidence of certain parties, I have not the most remote objection to. So far from it, the case was placed in your hands with a view that a strict and impartial enquiry should be instituted.

You appear satisfied of the innocence of all in your department and to have suspicion of others. I trust you will succeed in bringing home proof to the guilty, and rest assured that be they connected with your office, with mine, or totally independent of either, you shall have my cordial co-operation and support to ensure punishment of a crime I look upon with abhorrence.

In conclusion, I may mention that when Vencatasawmy Butten was directed by me to be released from custody, he most loudly and earnestly demanded justice at my hands, for what he asserted to be the deepest injuries he had received. I told him he must seek his redress elsewhere, but it was some time before I was able to get rid of him.

D.

To Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, and T. G. CLARKE, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of Police.

HONORED SIRS,

With every sentiment of respect I beg to bring my grievances to your valuable notice with an ardent hope of obtaining justice from your honor. Upon the representation of the Collector of Madras my unfortunate case was heard into by your order by T. G. Clarke, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of Police, who being fully satisfied that a document was conspiredly forged by your name to usurp my property, issued a warrant for the apprehension of parties concerned, and after a thorough enquiry, forwarded my case for committal to the Officer of the Magistrate of the Royapett Police. From the date I left your honor's office I was detained for about fifteen days in the Magistrate's office, during which period I was first taken before the Interpreter Baboo Saib, who on various occasions, and repeatedly asked me if I was able to prove my case. If not so, I would be heavily fined and sent to the roads. During the time I and my witnesses attended at that Court, I was taken two or three times before the Magistrate who heard part of my statement and adjourned it. Honored Sirs, in the interval I was very much frightened out of my wits by the Darogha Talliar Naigues Moonoosawmy and Bulram and Talliars Lutchmyen, Videlingum and others such as Peons, they often within one hour brought message to me from the Magistrate's room asking me whether I had compromised the matter with my foes, and if I did not do so, I would be subjected to a heavy punishment. All of a sudden one Sunday when I was at home about 2 P. M., Moonoosawmy Talliar Naigue of the Meersaibpettah Tanna came and told me that Baboo Saib wanted to have me at his house, to speak about my case. I accordingly accompanied him to Meersaibpett Tannah where to my astonishment found a bandy ready in which Soobaroy Chetty my opponent and his friends who assisted him in forging the documents were seated, he desired me also to get into the bandy with them. I at first refused but afterwards consented, having being prevailed upon to do so. I went with them to the house of Baboo Saib where Mooneya Pillay first conversed with me regarding my case, and said that it was better for me to come to some settlement, or else I will be brought into a serious scrape by being fined and eventually obliged to work with irons. I was afterwards taken before Baboo Saib the Interpreter, who was playing at cards with some friends who first asked me if I had compromised the matter. I remained silent, he then with a loud tone of voice said that I was under a great risk and that it was better for me to come to some settlement. I was very much alarmed and promised to do as he pleased. He and Mooneapillay then told me that a compensation will be made to me of 500 Rupees and that I should say on the following day before the Magistrate that I had compromised the matter. After these the Talliar Naigue brought me back to my house in the same bandy, on the next day when I attended with my witnesses to the Royapett office, the said Talliar Naigue and the Talliars of the office forced me to state to the Magistrate as directed by the Interpreter Baboo Saib. About 2 o'clock that afternoon I was taken before the Magistrate where Baboo Saib asked me if I had compromised with the prisoners. I stood silent, he told me to say yes. I did so, he then asked me to affix my signature to a paper the contents of it I do not know. I was told to go out. I waited until the Interpreter Baboo Saib came to his room. On my going to him he told me to call over to his house on the following day, the Talliar Naigue again accompanied me and the prisoners to the house of Baboo Saib where he and Mooneya Pillay desired me to sign another paper in which it was stated that I was to appear before the Collector and obtain a Certificate for my house in the name of the prisoners Soobaroy Chetty, Baboo Saib and Mooneya Pillay, after obtaining my signature said that I was to get Rupees 250 and not the 500 as promised before, I was obliged to consent to it through folly, and from threats used. I also gave my consent before the Magistrate owing to fresh threats I received there, both from the Interpreter, Talliar Naigue, Talliars and one Narrinsawmy Moodely who is said to be a Cash-keeper of that office, they all told me that I would be sent to the roads for preferring a false charge, during the time I attended there finding that many people were fined heavily and sent to the roads in some cases of prosecution, and the same having been mentioned to me by the abovesaid Narrainsawmy Moodely, Mooneasawmy Talliar Naigue and Baboo Saib, I was very much disheartened from that day to this I have been constantly attending at. As promised they have neither paid me the money which I have a great mind to produce before you if paid, nor settled my case in a fair way, I am not now admitted into the house of Baboo Saib, but his Guardian Moonea Pillay puts me off from day to day, prisoner Soobaroy Chetty gave 500 Rupees to the Interpreter four or five days previous to my being taken before the Magistrate, this sum I was promised to and was shewn to me by Mooneaya Pillay to ensure confidence, they first offered to give 500 Rupees and then reduced to 250. I am a poor and helpless man visited with such an injustice, and therefore beg you will use your strict justice to my unfortunate case, and adopt measures to bring the offenders to justice.

For which act of charity I will never cease to offer my prayers to the Almighty for your long life and happiness.

Madras, 23rd April 1858. (Signed) In Tamul.

Memorandum.—A young man named Sooboo Laul aged about 22 years residing in Easverrsedoss street, in Triplicane, and employed by William Grant, as Bill-collector, on account of the Madras Widows' and Orphans' Fund, was suspected of having embezzled about 225 Rupees, being part of his collections, on Monday the 15*th March* Instant.

Intimation of this circumstance was made by Mr. Grant by letter on Wednesday following late in the afternoon. Mr. Grant was seen in the evening by the Deputy Commissioner, and asked to attend the office on the following morning, when a warrant was issued to search the house of the man, no money was found. It could be proved that on the Monday and Tuesday, the man had received the sum above mentioned. In the afternoon of Wednesday, information reached this office that a corpse of a man was found in a well on the Ice House road with the throat cut. The body was identified as that of Sooboo Laul. On enquiry it was ascertained that the deceased kept a woman named Amoordum, she lived in a house in the neighbourhood, that an old man named Vencatakristnapillay, who is a writer in the Sudr Udalut, also had the woman in keeping, that there were in the house other tenants, one of them was Vencatasawmy Butten, with his wife and four children.

Vencatakristnapillay, states, that he saw the deceased in the house of the woman Amoordum, and Vencatasawmy Butten, on the night of Monday, a little after 7 o'clock, he remained there for a few minutes and went away, he returned again, the witness was in the room and heard him and Vencatasawmy talking, on hearing the voice of the deceased, the witness came out of the room and found fault with the deceased for coming to the house at such an unusual hour, as it was then 11 o'clock, the deceased said that he had given Mr. Grant the money he had collected, the witness then remonstrated with Vencatasawmy Butten, who said that he would send the deceased away, the witness slept in that house on the Monday night, and left it on the following morning about nine o'clock. The house has two divisions, cannot tell whether the deceased came to the house on the following morning. On the Tuesday night the witness slept in a house at Adyar, never had any quarrel with the deceased, but suspected him as regards the woman, knows nothing of the murder, came to the house on Wednesday evening and found Police Officers there.

Goolaul Roy, brother of the deceased lived in the same house with the deceased, saw him on Monday night, the deceased slept in the house that night, he returned home about ½ past 7 o'clock P. M. that night, saw him go before a light count the money he had collected, he placed the money in the bag and then secured it in his girdle cloth, the deceased said that he was going to pay the money to Mr. Grant, and left the house, he returned home about 11 or ½ past 11, he the witness was awake at the time, owing to pain in his hand, he the witness asked him if he had paid the money, the deceased said that he had left the money with the bag with Mr. Grant, the witness awoke at about gun-fire, the following morning Tuesday, saw the deceased asleep, the witness after taking a pinch of snuff fell asleep again, about 7 o'clock he awoke, the deceased was not at home then, since that time the witness had not seen his brother the deceased alive. On the same day, Tuesday, he told a flower man named Numbee that his brother was missing. On the following Wednesday about ½ past 4 o'clock in the afternoon, on information from Police Talliar he went to the Darogha's Tannah, the flower man came with the Talliar to his house. On the following morning, Thursday, saw the corpse, of his brother with his throat cut, close to well in a garden on the Ice House road.

Ragoonaud, a boy aged about 10 or 12 years states, that he is nephew to the deceased, on Tuesday morning (the 16th Instant) about sun-rise saw the deceased leave the house, the witness went with him because he says his uncle told him to watch his uncle (the deceased) to see whether he continued to visit the house of the woman Amoordum. He saw the deceased enter the house, the witness went inside, that is, he followed the deceased to the entrance, the woman received the deceased into the house, and pushed the witness out, told him to return home, she bolted the door from inside, saw Vencatasawmy Butten at the time in the house, he was then talking with the woman.

25th March 1858.

Vencatachella Naik states.—He is a Dubash in the service of a Mrs. Green, and lives with his family in a rented house in Auroomoogachetty street, in Triplicane, opposite to the house of the prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten, knew the deceased Soobboolawl who used to visit a woman named Arnoordum residing in Vencatasawmy Butten's house for the last 7 or 8 months, and given her on several occasions money, cloths, &c.

On Tuesday before last (the 16th March 1858) between 6 and 7 A. M., whilst sitting on the street pial of his house cleaning his teeth, he saw Soobboolawl enter Vencatasawmy's house with a cloth parcel under his arm, the door was immediately closed from inside, about half an Indian hour after he also saw the boy Ragoonath enter it and immediately shoved out either by Vencatasawmy or Arnoordum and the door bolted, he did not see Sooboolawl come out of the house till he remained on the pial which was about 8 o'clock.

Parthasarathy Pillay states.—He is a Tamil School Master, and resides in a house of his own in Auroomooga Chetty street, Triplicane, nearly opposite to the house of prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten, on Tuesday morning (16th March 1858) about half past 6 o'clock, whilst sitting on the street pial of his house, saw the deceased Soobboolawl enter the house of Vencatasawmy with a small bundle under his arm, he knows Arnoordum, who was kept by Soobboolawl, in his witness' house before she went to reside at Vencatasawmy's, he also saw the boy Ragoonath enter Vencatasawmy Butten's house soon after Soobboolawl had entered and came out of it immediately, he likewise saw the door of Vencatasawmy's house closed from inside, did not see Soobboolawl come out of the house till he remained on the street pial which was about half past 7 o'clock.

30th March 1858.

Vencatachella Naik continues.—He heard a noise about 2 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday the 17th Instant proceeding from the house of the prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten, as if a person was groaning from inability of speech and from pressure of throat. Shortly after this he also heard the noise of the opening of the door, saw from the entry pial where he was laying, the woman Arnoordum come out of the doorway and say that there was no one outside, and then 2 men came out of the house, carrying a person in their hands covered with a cloth he distinctly saw also the legs of the person being carried hanging down and heard the voice of the prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten, who was one of the two carriers of the Body say " hold and lift up soon for the rounds people will be coming up," he saw these men carry away the body through his lane towards the East, as he was afraid to mention the whole truth at once he stated a part at first and the reserved portion afterwards.

30th March 1858.

Parthasarathy Pillay continues.—He was sleeping on the entry pial of his house on the night of Tuesday, the 16th March 1858, and about midnight he came out into the lane to make water, he then went back to the same pial and sat there for a while as bugs and masquitoes were biting him, leaving the door open, about half an Indian hour after, he heard the noise of the opening of the door of Vencatasawmy Butten's house, and saw 2 men come out of the house carrying in their hands a person's body covered with cloth, he also saw the legs of the person so carried hanging down, and the carriers going towards the East, he then shut the door of his house and went to sleep. Early on the following morning he mentioned of what he saw to Vencatachella Naik.

26th March 1858.

Cooppadoo states.—He is a barber, occupying a room on the street pial of a house, next to that of prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten, he is in the habit of shaving Vencatasawmy and his son occasionally for the last 12 months. One morning about 2 weeks ago, he was desired by Vencatasawmy to lend him a razor to shave his private parts, and he accordingly lent him the razor now produced which he identifies to be his own. Vencatasawmy having been taken up by the Police, and he coming to know that his razor was found in the house of Vencatasawmy when it was searched, he was afraid to claim it as his property, he knew the deceased Soobboolawl, he recollects seeing the deceased going with the daughter of his kept woman Arnoordum, through the street leading from Bramin street to the pond near the Wood Depôt in the evening of the Gentoo New years day, (Tuesday,the 16th March,) and hearing of the body of the deceased being found in the well on the side of the Ice house road on the next afternoon.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

Extract from the depositions sent by Lieutenant Colonel Colbeck.

The witness Seetaram, a Brahmin, lives in a room on the pial of the house of the prisoner, Vencatasawmy Butten, amongst other matters in his Deposition before Colonel Colbeck, under date the 14th day of April 1858, states as follows:—"That either on the same day or the next (Thursday or Friday the 18th or 19th March,) I was sent for to the house of the Deputy Commissioner of Police Ramachundra Row, the witness Vencatachellum Naik, my neighbour, was present then. The Deputy Commissioner said to me you are sick, and nearly blind. I feed and take care of you, speak the truth. I replied I will speak the truth. I am not in the habit of going into their house (prisoners) I know nothing, but pointing to the witness Vencatachella Naik, I said he is in the habit of perjuring himself in the Court. He tells me to say that the prisoners Amoorthum and Vencatasawmy Butten might have murdered Sooboo Laul, why should I say so, when it is false. The Deputy Commissioner Ramachendra Row said, go, go, and I went away. I go to Ramachendra's house every day for alms. It was Roodrapen Talliar Naik who took me to Ramachendra's house."

The witness Gooroovadoo, a barber living near the Parthasarady Covil, Triplicane, in his deposition, under date the 14th day of April 1858, amongst other matters states as follows:—"I have known Sooboo Laul. I know he is dead, two or three days after I heard of his death, Roodrapen Talliar Naik and Ramasawmy Talliar came to my house at about 8 o'clock in the morning, and said that the brahmin Ramachendra Row wanted me immediately, I said I cannot come immediately, my wife has just been confined. Roodrapen persuaded me, and took me to his own house, and then insisted upon my going with him to the Commissioner's office, I did so. I was sent for by Ramachendra Row. I went into his room. Ramachendra Row said, you know anything about the murder case. I said it is true people talk of the death of Sooboo Laul. Ramachundra Row again asked me if I knew any thing. I said I do not. Have you given any razor to Vencatasawmy Butten. I said, "I have not." Ramachendra Row said "have you ever shaved him." I said I used to shave him, but I have not shaved him for the last five years, I asked him to make me an earring, he made me one, I did not like it, and returned it to him. Ramachendra Row said, "then he is your enemy." I said "yes." Ramachendra Row said I will get you a handsome reward from the gentleman, say if you have given the razor. He then said. "Is it not proper that Police authorities should inquire into such things as these!" Suppose such an occurrence were to take place in your house, should we inquire into it or not, again he said, say if you have given a razor, I said again, "I know nothing." Ramachendra Row said, if any in your neighbourhood had given a razor you better inquire," I said "I shall make inqniry and let you know." The prisoners were not present at this time. The prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten was not in the room. Roodrapen Talliar Naik, the Triplicane Jemadar and Doragah were present. They could all hear what Ramachendra Row said to me. The offer of a reward to me by Ramachendra Row was made after. I said I knew nothing of the matter. The reward was to induce me to say I had given a razor to the prisoner, Vencatasawmy Butten, when I had not done so, not only Ramachendra Row asked me to say I had given a razor to the prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten; but Talliar Naik Roodrapen, the Daragah (Vencatasawmy) and Jemadar urged me to say I have given a razor. I told them a hundred times, I had given no razor to Vencatasawmy Butten, but still they urged me to say I had. Ramachendra Row warned me not to tell any body that he asked me to say this. I did not give evidence before the Coroner. I denied having given a razor to the prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten up to the time of my being in Ramachehdra Row's room."

On cross examination the witness states that one Arasapen told him that Vencatasawmy Butten is a honest and family man, he would not do such a thing as this, he admits that if fifty Rupees were given to him, he would give evidence, as he would be obliged to leave Madras because he says he would incur the displeasure of the Brahmin Ramachendra Row.

Remarks by Colonel Boulderson.—The prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten, in his long statement before Colonel Colbeck, amongst other things, states that when he and the other prisoner Amoorthum were brought before Colonel Boulderson and Mr. Clarke, that the latter asked them to speak the truth and say who murdered Sooboo Laul. Mr. Clarke neither directly or indirectly spoke to either of the prisoners nor asked them any questions on the subject, nor did he tell the prisoner Vencatasawmy Butten that his house was to be searched; but ordered the Police officers to have the two prisoners present at the house, when it was searched. Vencatasawmy Butten endeavours to impute personal feeling or malicious motives to Ramachendra Row; but it is apparent from his own showing that the case he refers to (in Mr, Elliott's time) and in which he states that Ramachendra Row interfered to his detriment, was not a case for the Police, this fact he has made patent by admitting that he subsequently obtained a Decree against his opponents in the *Civil* Court.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

Report by Mr. Lafond, 19th April 1858.

Vencatachellum Naik one of the witnessess in the murder case at Triplicane mentioned to Shaik Hossain this morning, that the witnesses who deposed on behalf of Vencutsamy Puttun at the Royapettah Police Court were disputing with Vencutsamy Puttun at his house about the money he promised to give them. Vencatachellum Naik enquired if he could place them in custody should they do so again.

The information of Tayasab, inhabitant of Madras, taken in the Office of the Commissioner of Police, this 19th day April 1858.

I am a bandy-driver living in Triplicane of Madras, I am a servant of Lutchmun Chetty, an Oilmonger and proprietor of some bandies, I am acquainted with a Poojary of the name of Narain Naik. Some few days ago, I was sleeping in the large bandy godown, at 4 o'clock the next morning, the Poojary and 3 persons came to me, called me up, and said they wanted a bandy. This occurred on Friday eleven days ago. They said that they wanted the bandy to go to Odacaul in Black Town, they settled the hire should be four annas, I got the bandy ready and took them to Odacaul. There was a betelnut bazar close to a Tanner's shop where they told me to stop. Poojary remained in the bandy, and the other three went on their business by the Tannah near. They then told me to drive the bandy to Triplicane, and drop them near the the Khaudur Jundhah, I left them there, took the four Annas, and went my way, where they went to I do not known, nor have I seen them up to this time.

Taken before me this 19th day of April 1858, This — Mark of Tayasab.
at Madras.
(Signed) ROBERT TAYLOR, Major,
2nd Cavalry, Interpreter.
(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

Examination continued.

I do not know the names of the above persons that hired and went in my bandy to Odacaul, but I could recognize them if I were to see them. They went about half a mile on the Tannah road till they came to a turning on the left hand into which they entered. I did not see them go into any house, the name of the street into which they went is called Toonda Kuna. When they were seated in the bandy I heard them say to each other "Take care, do not say a word about this, keep it in your heart." I do not know why they made use of the above expression, I forgot to mention this on my giving my first information on the 19th of this month. The expression alluded to was made use of by them on their return back to Triplicane.

Taken before me this 23rd day of April 1858, This — Mark of Tyasab.
at Madras.
(Signed) ROBERT TAYLOR, Major,
2nd Cavalry, Interpreter,
(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

to give him a reward of 25, and secondly of 35 Rupees, to both these offers he (the barber Goorooven) did not consent. At last he was prevailed upon to do as they wished for 50 Rupees, 25 to be paid at the very instant, and the difference after the release of the prisoner. Thadriah Putten then brought the sum of Rupees 25 and gave it to the barber at the request of Arsappa Achary. The barber having received the money said to them "I will not go myself to the Royapettah office; so you will manage that some Taliar or other may come and call me" very well said Arsappa Achary and others, and the barber then went out.

Again on the 14th April Instant, one Vencutten, a brazier, came to my house and told me that I was wanted by Arsappa Achary. I followed Vencutten to the house of Arsappa Achary who was then in company inside the house with 3 others, namely, Nagalinga Achary, Thadriah Putten, and the prisoner's son-in-law, whose name I know not. They then requested Vencutten to depose that Taliar Naik Roodruppen desired him to state that he had seen Vencutsamy Putten and Chetumbara Chetty taking from the house to the well, the dead body, and offered to give him 100 Rupees for his services. Vencutten then consented to do so provided they gave him 20 Rupees, but they offered only 15 Rupees to which he (Vencatten) subsequently consented, and 7 Rupees were immediately put into his hands by the son-in-law of Vencutsamy Putten, the remainder to be paid after the release of Vencutsamy Putten the prisoner, and then the prisoner's son-in-law took him to the Royapettah Police; it was 10 A. M. about this time, this is all I know in the matter.

(Signed) T. NARRYANASAMY.

(,,) RAMACHUNDRA ROW.
Interpreter.

Taken and acknowledged at the Police Commissioner's office this 23rd day of April in the year of our Lord 1858, the contents having been duly explained by the sworn Interpreter.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

The information of Moonee Laul, an inhabitant of Madras.

I live in the barbar's lane at Triplicane. I am a Peon of the Madras Police Force wearing belt No. 399, and stationed at the Royapettah Police Court, on Saturday the 10th April Instant, at about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, Moonien the former keeper of Amoordum the woman concerned in the Triplicane murder case came to the Royapettah office where I was then present. I asked him the said Moonien when he had returned from Vellore, where he was employed in the Railway Department, and what had brought him thither, he said in reply that he had heard that the parties concerned in the case had been imprisoned, and he came there to enquire what had become of them, then he asked me when those parties would be brought out of the Jail, I told him it may be by about 12, after this, the man (Moonien) stopped quiet and remained at the office until 5 o'clock in the evening, when in consequence of the Magistrate having ordered the case to be brought up the next Court day, Moonien went out accompained by Amaravatey Achary and Vencatachelum the man who lives opposite to the house of the prisoner, Vencutsamy Putten, and who gave evidence both before the Coroner and Magistrate, that he had seen two persons taking the dead body from the prisoner's house. In the mean time the office Cash-keeper Narayanasamy Moodaly gave a pie into my hand and desired me to buy some betelnuts for him. I went with the pie to the bazar and as I was returning back to the office with the things, the above named three Individuals met me, two of them going forward, one, that is Vundicara Moonien stopped and asked me to bring news to him from his former concubine Amoordum at the Jail, and offered to give me 15 Rupees for the same. It matters not said I, if it were any other case than murder because by doing so I will be obliged to give my head instead of hers, Moonien then asked me whether I knew any one with whom Colonol Colbeck had a great friendship, I told him it was not 3 days since I was sent to the place and so I knew nothing, he further asked me whether the Doctor who had examined the wounds and Mr. Colbeck were intimate friends, I said, I did not konw. Having said so I came to the office to give the betelnuts to the Cash-keeper, before I

left the office to go home at about ½ past 6, I found the Jail Acting Peon Yellappen No. 148 speaking with Moonien in the corner of the office; he had apparently in his hand some firewood, ghee and vegetables, &c.

The next day Sunday the 11th Instant, Moonien came to the office at 11 o'clock with some sweetmeat and plantains in his hand. I went up to him and asked him where he had his meals for the last two days, after some conversation he untied a knot and took from his handkerchief 7½ Rupees and showing it to me, said "see here you were afraid, now by means of this I have my views consummated" then I stopped quiet.

On the following day Monday the 12th Instant I went into the Jail at 7 A. M. to wash my face where I saw Amoordum sitting down with the Naigue and another Peon, instead of being in the place of her confinement; the next day, Tuesday, the 13th, the Naigue came to the office I asked him whether he could do what he did yesterday as it would cost him his life. What, said he, would you have me kill her. Again on wednesday morning I went as usual to the Jail to clean my face, where I found the woman Amoordum speaking with the peon Yellappen as above described, the Naik or any other peon was not present at the time. Before I left the Jail the peon Yellappen asked me what would be the result of the case; I said it depended upon the fortune of the parties concerned. What, said he, can the Brahmin* who has been the cause of all this do: let us see what is done at last. Having said nothing in reply I came away, about 12 o'clock the same day I saw Moonien in the office shed laughing at me, I asked him whether he was successful in his projects, yes, said he, by means of money I have been able to arrange every thing as I wished with some persons living in the town, the names of the parties not being mentioned, see to-morrow, or the day after what is to become of the case, since that time I have not seen any of the parties concerned in the case nor have I had any conference directly or indirectly with them; but lately I have been given to understand that the person or persons with whom the parties had arranged is the Odacaul Moonien the person who brought up Mahamud Essooff, the Interpreter of the Royapettah Police Court, to whom it is said also that a sum of money was presented for arranging the matter; this is what the people in the neighbourhood of the place where the murder has taken place generally say.

This మునిలాలు. Signature of Moonia Laul.
RAMACHUNDRA ROW,
Interpreter to the Commissioner of Police,

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord 1858, the contents having been duly explained by the sworn Interpreter.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

Examination continued.

Moonien the individual who has taken an active part in these transactions came yesterday to the Royapettah Court at 12 o'clock accompanied by his former concubine Amoordum to receive the ready cash and clothes belonging to the latter which had been found at her house during the examination, and deposited at the office. Amoordum began to speak with the office Darogha Seevajee Row in a Jail room while Moonien was standing at the shed. He asked me whether the clothes and ready money would be returned to Amoordum, I told him I could not say any thing on the subject. If, said he, the Court would not return them, I would go to the Supreme Court against the Magistrate for their recovery. I then slowly asked him how much he had expended on the occasion, he told me that he had not spent as much as he had promised and said that he had given to Mahamud Essooff the Interpreter of the Royapettah Court 50 Rupees through a friend at the Railway office; and 50 Rupees were still to be paid to him agreeably to his engagement, 10 Rupees to the barber Goorooven, 9 to the brazier Vencatten, 2 to a woman witness, 2 to a man who set up the brazier, 3 to a witness who acknowledged that the bag was his, 1 to Ramasamy and the rest 23 in petty payments which he was not willing to mention. He further stated to me that Vencutsamy Putten had deceived him by giving only 50 and 16 Rupees while he should bear the whole expenditure and that the parties to whom their full reward was not given were left to knock about for the money there and here, he (Moonien) sending them to Vencutsamy Putten and Vencutsamy Putten back again to him.

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* Meaning the Deputy Commissioner T. Ramachundra Row.

This మునిలాలు. Signature of Moonia Laul.
(Signed) RAMACHUNDRA ROW,
Interpreter to the Commissioner of Police.

Taken and acknowledged at the Police Commissioners office this 27th day of April in the year of our Lord 1858, the contents having been duly explained before me by the sworn Interpreter.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

(True Copies.)
(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 617; dated 11th May 1858.

With the above letter the Commissioner of Police forwards certain papers connected with the case of one Veerasawmy Butten charged with the murder of one Sooboo Laul.

2. The circumstances of this case are but very indistinctly to be learnt from these papers. The Government however understand that the charge was dismissed. It seems that in the course of the inquiry before the Magistrate, Colonel Colbeck, some of the witnesses stated that they had been urged to give false evidence in the matter by Ramachendra Row, Deputy Commissioner of Police, and that some other of the Police Officers, Taliars Rooddroppen and Ramasawmy, Darogah Vencatasawmy and a Jemadar whose name is not mentioned, were concerned in the proceeding.

3. The depositions taken before him were forwarded by Colonel Colbeck to Colonel Boulderson and the particular attention of the latter called to the conduct of some of the Police Authorities as set out in those documents. Colonel Boulderson on the other hand has instituted an enquiry and submitted statements taken before him intended to show that the allegations made before the Magistrate to the prejudice of Ramachendra Row and others of the Police are wholly false, the result of a conspiracy and intrigue in which Mahomed Essoof, the Interpreter in the Royapettah Police, bore a leading part. The Commissioner likewise sends up a petition containing grave charges against this man, under the name of Baboo Saheb and other Officers of the Police.

4. In forwarding these documents Colonel Boulderson adds "his earnest request that the Government will cause strict inquiry to be made into this serious matter." His Lordship in Council observes that it is certainly highly desirable that the charges against Ramachendra Row, and the Police Officers on the one hand, and against Mahomed Essoof and other servants of the Royapettah Police Court on the other, should be made the subject of searching investigation. He has therefore resolved to depute Mr. William Hudleston to enquire into and report to Government upon these charges. Mr. Hudleston will hold his enquiry at the Commissioner's Office and that Officer and Colonel Colbeck will afford him every assistance, and supply him with all information, documentary or other, which they may be able to furnish. Colonel Boulderson will also procure the attendance before Mr. Hudleston of all the witnesses whom it may be necessary to examine. The Coroner will likewise be so good as to give Mr. Hudleston access to the depositions taken before him in his inquest on the body of Sooboo Laul.

5. The inquiry now ordered is of a preliminary character for the satisfaction of Government, and to enable them to form a judgment as to the conduct of their servants in the Police and in the Royapettah Office on the occasion in question. It will be for Government, on receipt of Mr. Hudleston's report, to decide whether any, and if so, what further proceedings are called for.

6. Mr. Hudleston will also inquire into and report upon the matter of the petition of Narrain Pillay, sent up by the Commissioner of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 48.

Madras Police Commissioner's
Office, 27th April, 1858.

From
Colonel J. C. Boulderson
Commissioner of Police
To
T. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. In forwarding the accompanying Packet, I have the honor to bring to your notice that on the 21st Instant, I received from the Magistrate of the 3rd District, Lieutenant Colonel Colbeck, with certain Depositions &ca taken by him in the Case of One Vencatasawmy Buttan and others, charged with the Murder of One Sooboo Lall, a Bill Collector in Triplicane, on or about the 16th day of March last, the letter A included therein.— In that letter the Magistrate draws my particular attention to the alleged misconduct of certain Police Officers in above Case, as setforth in the Depositions under notice, and in the private Note, referred to in same letter, he particularly mentions the name of my Deputy Ramachendra Row as one of them.

2. Having previously had some reason to think that some underhand means were at work throughout the investigation in the particulars of the above mentioned Murder, I had caused

inquiry

inquiry to be made, and in my letter in reply to Colonel Colbeck marked B, I tell him that I believed the charge brought against Ramachundra Row and others to be false and fabricated; and in conclusion, I urged him to bring the matter to the notice of superior authority.— In his letter in reply marked C. Colonel Colbeck informs me that it is not his intention to do so— he leaves me to adopt whatever steps I think proper, and promises me his cordial support to insure the punishment of the guilty.

[illegible] have [illegible] Ramachundra [illegible] shown [illegible] is before [illegible] Govr.

3. With the above letters marked A. B. C, I have the honor to send a Copy of the Police Inform:*ations taken in the before named Murder Case, previous to its being entered in the Charge Sheet, which were forwarded for the information of the Magistrate,— also Copy of Extracts* taken by me from the Depositions obligingly sent for my perusal, and also Copy of Statements* taken by me when prosecuting inquiry into the Charges brought against the Police Officers by Colonel Calbeck.

* No. 1.

* No. 2.

* No. 3.

None have been sent except the extracts in No 2

4. My desire in forwarding these Documents is to beg that you will submit them with the Depositions taken by the Magistrate to His Lordship in Council, with my earnest request that he will cause strict inquiry to be made into this serious matter; as it seems to me that there is reason to apprehend that the Interpreter of the Royapettah Police Court has meddled with this Case in an improper manner; and as common rumour leads me to suspect that it is not a solitary instance, I forward also for submission to Government a Petition to my address lately received marked D, which contains most extraordinary charges against that Officer, as well as other Officers of the Police.

[illegible] more than this be [illegible] except by No 2 [illegible]
JB

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

Commissioner of Police

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moving about the cooking place before me

Judl. Lr. to Engd. 13th Decr. No. 2
of 1858. Para 64.

In Cons: 11th May.
Judicial 1858 Depmt.

From
Colonel J. C. Boulderson
Commissioner of Police
To
T. Pycroft Esqre.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

15. No. 617

Dated 27th }
Recd. 28 } April, 1858.

No. 48. No. 767
With a Packet - 7 Encls.

Forwarding for submission to Government Certain Papers connected with the Case of One Vencatasawmy Buttee & others, charged with the Murder of One Sooboo Laul; & requesting that His Lordship in Council will cause strict inquiry to be made into the serious matter referred to in the above papers -

C 29 Apl.
R 5th "
C 6 "
R 11 -

4 inf.

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To

Colonel Henry Colbeck.
Senior Magistrate Royapett Police Court.
&c. &c. &c.
Madras.

The humble petition of Ammaroloom a poor unfortunate female reading in the Village of Mylapoor -

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner congratulates herself that her humble but unfortunate Case is once again to be laid before a Magistrate of your sound Judgement, long experienced in judicial matters, justice blended with mercy, and above all benevolence in heart, to the poor and oppressed. - With these inestimable qualities, combined in your Magisterial functions, your poor Petr. fearlessly approaches your gracious presence with her melancholy tale in the humble but confident anticipation of meriting such justice, redress and protection as the merits or demerits of her humble Case may appear to be entitled to;

That with respect to Sooboo Laul's mysterious death, - my long imprisonment, and with the subsequent transactions which had taken place thereon and latterly my acquital on the 14th Instant, from imprisonment are all well known to your honor from the minute and Scrutinizing enquiry had before your honor. - Since which for fear of any further persecutions and oppressions of the Street people she removed

her

moving about the cooking place before me her habitation from Triplicane to Mylapoor, and on the 26th Instant she waited on your honor and claimed certain property belonging to her in Money and Clothes detained at the Police Office. Your honor thereupon was pleased to direct her to come on the following morning, she accordingly did so, when you were further pleased to acquaint her, that there was a further Case pending against her and a rehearing would take place, and told her to be prepared with her evidence to rebut the charge which may be brought against her. this naturally excited her suspicions, and to her great terror, she was given to understand by a private source that Narrainasawmy in company with Vencatachellum and Aunoorapathee had a long interview with Ramachendra Rowe, Deputy Commissioner, at the Commissioners Office a few days ago, on this, I asked Narrainasawmy what could have induced him to accompany my enemies to that Office, when he begged of me not to be alarmed, for that Ramachendra Rowe had promised him a lucrative Situation, as he was out of employ provided he would give some beneficial evidence whereby he could convict your Petr. Amoorotam, for that the Ramachendra Rowe intended to agitate the matter and bring up the former case against her for a retrial and Narrainasawmy told me not to be afraid for in the hope of obtaining the promise made to him, he had mentioned in writing, certain particulars, unfavorable to me, connected with the former transaction, and that he could easily unsay it, should any further trial take place.-

Secondly— Roochapah, the Tallier Naigue, who had originally brought up the Case against me, has been

been since removed to a distant Station, but his brother Chinnasawmy, also a Tallier Naigue is stationed at the Barber's Bridge Mylapoor, and this morning a little before 7 O'Clock. Vencatachellum, one of my principal enemies was seen at that place and the Tallier Naigue talking very earnestly and confidentially with him - I cannot however say on what matters, but the brother of my former persecutor Roochapah Tallier Naigue and this Vencatachellum, my well known enemy to be seen together, at so early an hour talking with great earnestness, which was clearly observed by my daughter who had gone to the Bazar to purchase some Vegetables, had made a most deep impression in my already lacerated feelings - I therefore prostrate myself at your honors well known just and merciful feet and as the Tallier Naigue and Vencatachellum had retired into the Tannah immediately on seeing my daughter, my suspicions were awakened. I beseech therefore your honor will with your usual penetration discover the intrigues of these parties and rescue me a poor unfortunate wretch from the perils that are now threatening me. God in heaven and your honor on Earth are the authorities for punishing the wicked, and protecting the innocent, and to you alone I look up to with hope and confidence, for refuge and protection, and your Petr. as in duty bound

Will Ever Pray &ca

Mylapoor
30th April
1858

Recd Saturday
1st Nov

Colonel Henry Colbeck
Senior Magistrate Bangalore Court
Police
Madras

F.C. N.J.

Madras 10 April 58

My dear Colbeck

In consequence of the absence of [illegible] [illegible] being he has been unable to attend your Court to give information in the murder Case I have however told him he must come up at — I am sorry to find your Interpreter suspended

what I have intimated
against Morehouse
[illegible] the [illegible]
they that case is
Came before me
my mind is made
up about the decision
of law, but I have
experienced pain while
sending the Enquiry
Kindly take an early

[illegible] of your work
particular notice on
me [illegible] [illegible] of
any the cases tried
at the Supreme Court
Committed by you

Yours Truly
J M[illegible]

Morehouse's statement
regarding Mr Clarke
is a fabrication. I am

anxious that any thing
should be sent before you

D. N. J. 10

My dear [illegible] —

In reply to yours of
Saturday evening —
So far as I am able to
judge I believe my Deputy
to have been actuated by a
laudable earnest desire to
put up before a magistrate
the [illegible] prostitutes of
that doubtful [illegible] [illegible]
of the [illegible] Collector
[illegible] I believe any of the
[illegible] [illegible] & I am not
anxious that things [illegible]

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attributed [illegible] for
any thought too direct in
the matter, his Agent has
been I think a right
one. — The Prisoners of
course are allowed to
[illegible] that they [illegible]
on their defence. The detail
must be left to [illegible] and
[illegible] — I believe
[illegible] of [illegible]
the right parties, but whether
there is sufficient legal
proof to convict them,
at present there may
be doubts. I am still hoping

that further evidence may
be forthcoming — I feel
we owe to the public to
put forth the most exertions
on these occasions — but more
especially when crimes of
such magnitude are
committed. The great
difficulty as it [illegible]
is owing, as I find, to
the unwillingness of parties
to come forward to state
what they do know.

Yours very faithfully
Melbourne
15 April 48

X N: I Chanda Mah residing in Ally
Bang Goontah at Triplicane of Madra
do hereby state. that on the night of the
14th May 1858 about ½12 O Clock P. M
I saw the Prisioner Munnee Bee
& one Sepoy named Mahomed Ashem
both were passing towards the
direction of Jaffer Sab's house
with a lamp in their hand I asked
them where they are going they told m
we are going on some business abo
2 Indian hours afterwards they
returned with 3 Boxes one near the
Prisioner & other two near Mahom
Hasheem then they both entered i
Mahomed Hasheem's house I dont
know what became afterwards

Taken on Solemn declara

By me
The mark of
Chund Mah
Inspector

9/58/8
Ju No 809

B No. 5

List of Gold & Silver Ornaments

One gold breast ornament called Chapakaly
Valued about 175 Rupees

One Silver Bangle
Valued about 3 Rupees

On Silver Thareez
Valued about 2 Rupees

Eight Silver Rings
Valued about 2 Rupees

One Silver Chain
Valued about 3 Rupees.

Petition
Chunda Dev

Madras
Town:

The Information of Jaffer Saib an Inhabitant of Madras taken on Solemn affirmation this 15th day of May 1858 before me Tayne Ramachendra Row Deputy Commissioner of Police & a Justice of the Peace in & for the Town of Madras aforesaid who saith as follows.

I subsist upon the hire of my 2 Jutka Bandies which I let out daily & live in a house of my own in Ally Pettah of Triplicane nearly opposite to the Little gate of the Government House. On Wednesday morning last the 12th Instant a woman named Chinnamah with whom I am acquainted came to my house & asked me if I would rent a room in my house to a woman who was single. I agreed to let a room for 6 annas pr mensem on the following morning (Thursday the 13th). Chinnamah came again bringing with her a woman whose name I subsequently learnt to be Ameenabee & stated that she was the person who was going to live in my house and I allowed Ameenabee to become my tenant. Last night about 8 o'C I & my old mother who cooked our food, ate our rice & salna when I felt as if I had been stupified & missed Ameenabee who had been moving about the cooking place before me.

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took an rice - myself & my mother who was
also giddy at the time laid down & slept -
about 1. o'c. this morning when I awoke
to make water I was recovering my senses
& it was then I saw ~~Nunneebee~~ a woman M. standing
in the street close to my house with a sheet
on her person. I asked who she was & Nunneebee
answered that it was she standing there -
nothing particular then struck me & I went in
to sleep thinking that she ~~night~~ must have
come out to make water - about 6 A.M. this day
when I got up I found ~~the~~ my room
which I had locked during the night broken open
& 3 small boxes which had been kept
in a large one in the same room & which
had contained a gold Chempakullee valued
about 175 Rupees, a silver ring valued 3 Rupees.
a silver Tavees valued 2 Rupees. a silver chain
valued 3 Rupees, 8 silver rings valued 2 Rupees.
& 190 Rupees in money, were missing.
I immediately made enquiries regarding
the robbery in my house from the people
in my neighbourhood & was informed by Chandmah
that she saw during the night both
Nunneebee & a Trumper of the Governor's Body
Guard by name Mahomed Hasheem going
together with a light towards the direction

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I Jaffer Sab residing in
Ally Baug Goontah at Triplicane of Madras
do hereby state that on the Night of the
14th May 1858 jewels as per annexed list
& ready money amounting altogether to Company's
Rupees (190) One Hundred & Ninety were
stolen from my house between the hours of
8 P.M. & 5 A.M. during the Night & that
I have just reasonable grounds to suspect
that the said property is concealed in the dwelling
house of one Mahomed Hasheem residing
in Ally Baug Goontah Triplicane of Madras

Taken On Solemn declaration
By me

Inspector

Signature of
Jaffer Sab.

E. No.

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To Ramasawmy a Police Peon No 39 stationed at the Musjid Thannah Triplicane.

Madras }
to Wit. }

WHEREAS information upon Solemn affirmation has this day been laid before the undersigned Deputy Commissioner of Police and Justice of the Peace for the Town of Madras aforesaid by Jaffer Saib an Inhabitant of Madras that the following goods of him the said Jaffer Saib.

to wit
1 gold Chumpasullee valued 175 Rupees
1 silver ring valued 3 Rupees.
1 do Zavey valued 2 Rupees.
1 do chain valued 3 Rupees.
8 do rings valued 2 Rupees.
190 Rupees in Specie.

were on the 14th day of May 1858 feloniously stolen, taken and carried away by a woman named Mumeebee & a Sepoy of the Governor's Body Guard named Mahomed Hashum

and that he the said informant hath probable cause to suspect and doth suspect that the said ~~goods or~~ property or part thereof ~~are~~ is concealed in the Dwelling House or Premises in the occupation of the said Mahomed Hashum situate in Aly Baugh Goontah in Triplicane of Madras aforesaid.

These are therefore to command you forthwith with necessary and proper assistants to enter in the day time into the said Dwelling House and Premises of the said Mahomed Hashum and there diligently to search for the said goods and if the same or any part thereof shall be found upon such search that you bring the ~~Goods~~ property so found and also the bodies of the said Mahomed Hashum & Mumeebee before me or some Magistrate of Police for the said Town of Madras to be disposed of and dealt with according to Law. Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1858 at Madras aforesaid.

T. Ramachendra Rao
Deputy Commissioner of Police and Justice of the Peace.

15th May 1858.
Information
of
Jaffer Saib.

Judicial Deptt

No. 67

From the Commissioner of Police
Dated 27th April 1858

For Orders

It will be necessary to have copies of the proceedings in full taken before the Coroner & Magistrate - in this case - in order to investigate it fully - that there is deep rascality going on somewhere I have little doubt - Ram Chunder Roy & Mahomed Esoff are bitter

Enemies – the dispersion of ~~[illegible]~~ both appear some who respectively were I admit under their influence & disposed to fight their battles –

But if possible – it is very desirable that now an opportunity has occurred the integrity of both shd be tested –

The proceedings will I presume be called for from both Collects. I also send at the same time a copy of the proceedings in the case of Mahomed Ebrahim – charged under Act 28 of 1857 of possessing unregistered arms

Judicial Department.—

No. 617

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Dated 11th May 1858.—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Police:—

(Here enter 27th April 1858. No. 48)

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3.— The depositions taken before him were forwarded by Colonel Colbeck to Colonel Boulderson and the particular attention of the latter called to the conduct of some of the Police authorities as set out in those documents— Colonel Boulderson on the other hand has instituted an enquiry and submitted statements

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Mr.

6. – Mr. Huddleston will also inquire into, and report upon the matter of the petition of Narrain Pillay, sent up by the Commissioner of Police. –

JP

N.B. After this was drafted I rec'd the accompanying letter with enclosures from Col Colbeck – I have suspended the ch – by a short order to Mr Huddleston – which seemed to me the only thing to be done –

Mr. W. Huddleston – with ~~the Enclos~~: orig: Petn.
Commissioner of Police –
Colonel Colbeck –
Coroner of Madras

Dispd. 14th.

Shown in Council [illegible]

H.C. Doll

Ind. Ltr. to Eng. 13th Decr. No 2 of 1858.
Para 44

In Cons: 11th May
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No. 417

Extract Mins: of Govt

D/ 11th May 1858.

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