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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 18th May 1858.

No. 16. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th May 1858, No. 56.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of date 27th April last, and the informations about the Triplicane murder case therewith sent ; I have the honor to forward for consideration, a statement made to me by one Soobbah Naik, an inhabitant of Madras.

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The information of Soobbah Naik, an inhabitant of Madras.

I live in Aurmoogha Chetty's street at Triplicane ; I am a cleaner of gold and silver, employed under Shroffs. I have been working for a long time under one Akhilaunda Achary, a distant relation of Arsappa Achary, and I am in the habit of going to the house of the latter from my infancy, and consequently I know that one Appasamy Chetty, who has two family houses, one at Moottialoopettah, and the other at Washermans' pettah, has for above a year past kept a woman called Kamatchee as his concubine, in Arsappa Achary's house at Triplicane. After the arrest of Vencutsamy Puttun and Amroodum, connected with the case of the murder, that is said to have taken place at Triplicane, about a month ago in Vencutsamy Puttun's house, the wife of Vencutsamy Puttun came to Arsappa Achary's house at about 7 o'clock A. M., three or four days after the confinement of the parties. I was at that time within the house rubbing ashes to my forehead : Appasamy Chetty, Arsappa Achary, and Nagalinga Achary the brother-in-law of the latter, all of whom I saw, being seated on the entrance pial. I heard Vencutsamy Puttun's wife speak to Appasamy Chetty in the following words : " I am given to understand that you possess a great influence with the Royapettah Police Interpreter Baupoo : will you kindly take my case into your consideration and see that my husband is exposed to no danger ? at least for the sake of God, and the numerous family he has left." This request of the prisoner's wife was seconded by Arsappa Achary, the reply made by Appasamy Chetty was, that he was ready to take the matter upon himself, if the woman should provide him with some money to enable him to meet the expenses likely to be incurred in the arrangement of the case. The woman readily consented to do as he wished, but the amount was not mentioned. On the night of the day on which Vencutsamy Puttun was released, I saw him come out and say loudly in the street in front of his house that he did not understand the reason why there should be peons kept to watch his house, whether it was to plunder his property or to kill him, he did not know. In the mean time, Arsappa Achary accompanied by Appasamy Chetty came to him and advised him not to speak so, saying that the peons, &c., would leave the spot and go away the next morning. Speaking thus they all three went together into the house of Vencutsamy Puttun which I entered also, and we all sat down in one place. Appasamy Chetty then asked Vencutsamy Puttun for what had been promised saying that any failure on his part will lead them into troubles, particularly, because it had allusion to some great man. Arsappa Achary said the same : Vencutsamy Puttun engaged to fulfil his promise the day after the next, and we all dispersed. On the 2nd day, at about 3 in the afternoon, Vencutsamy Puttun came to my master's house, where I then was, and told me that I was wanted by Arsappa Achary, to whom I immediately went. He desired me to go with Vencutsamy Puttun to the town, to show him where Appasamy Chetty was to be found, either in the Railway Office or in his house at Moottialoopettah, and to see that money was paid to Appasamy Chetty by Vencutsamy Puttun and to report the same to him on our return back to Triplicane. I said yes, and then went along with Vencutsamy Puttun to his house. He took some money, how much I did not then know, tied it in his upper cloth, gave it into my hands, and went with me to the hackery godown where we hired a bandy to go to the town. We went directly to the Railway Office, and about half past four Appasamy Chetty came out and asked Vencutsamy Puttun, whether he had brought the money with him ; he replied he had. He then took us to a house in Pulli street, at Moottialoopettah, which I can point out, though I know not whom it belongs to, and he desired us to remain outside, he going in. He did not

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return until it was dark and the candles were lighted. The second place to which he subsequently took us is the house of the Royapettah Police Interpreter Baupoo situated at the end of the Odacaul street in town. On our reaching the house, Appasamy Chetty clapped his hands in the usual way, and Baupoo came out to the entrance gate where there is a room and pial on which we sat down, and told to Vencutsamy Puttun that he had taken much pains in arranging for his release, notwithstanding the Deputy Commissioner, T. Ramachundra Row's endeavours to entangle him. Vencutsamy Puttun said that he was fully aware of it and was much thankful to him for his kind exertions on his behalf, saying that he only looked to him as his real supporter, because Ramachundra Row and others, living in the street where he lived, are become his bitterest enemies, and then he fell at his feet. Baupoo's address on the occasion was in the following words: "Do not fear, let 10 Ramachundra Rows, like this intriguing one come, I shall stand the foremost and save you, what can he do? I spoke to Mr. Colbeck very strongly on your behalf and had the matter disposed of; when I am here you need not fear anything." In the meantime, Appasamy Chetty said to Vencutsamy Puttun that it was getting late, and he had better at once take the money, count and give it to Baupoo. Vencutsamy Puttun accordingly took from my hands the money which I had all the while in my possession, and gave it to Appasamy Chetty, who in my presence counted, and placed it in ten heaps, each containing 10 Rupees, and gave the whole amount into the hands of Baupoo, who took the hundred Rupees in, bidding farewell to Appasamy Chetty and Vencutsamy Puttun. The former asked for some reward for his own services, and on the latter offering to purchase him a valuable garment and turband, left us and went home, and we both returned to Triplicane walking along the road. We went to Arsappa Achary's house and related to him all that had passed. He then advised Vencutsamy Puttun soon to give away what he had promised to others, particularly because they were very mean, and ready to betray him in the event of any failure in his promise. Vencutsamy Puttun agreed to do so in a short time as soon as he had realized his outstanding liabilities, and then we came out and went to our respective houses, and I know nothing more.

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

This சுப்பாளுய்க்கன் signature is of Soobah Naik.

(Signed) RAMCHUNDRA ROW,
Interpreter to the Comr. of Police.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 627; dated 14th May 1858.

Referred to Mr. W. Hudleston, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 11th Instant, No. 617.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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To Mr. Hudleston, Esq. per Despatch 14th May 1858. 5/6

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From
Colonel J. E. Boulderson
Commissioner of Police
St. J. Pyroft Esq.
Chief Secretary to Gov.
St. J. George

Noted 15th } May, 1858.
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Refers to his letter of
the 27th Ultimo, regarding
the Tappan Murder
Case; forwards for con-
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of One Soobak Umik.

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