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

No. 58. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel H. COLBECK, Senior Magistrate of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th May 1858, No. 9.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from my Interpreter, and request instruction on the subject.
2. I would respectfully remark that I think Mahomed Eusoof's requests are fair and reasonable.

From MAHOMED ESOOF; to Lieutenant Colonel H. COLBECK, Senior Magistrate of Police, Fort Saint George, dated 15th May 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor respectfully to state that I have perused the printed Minutes of Consultation, No. 617, Judicial Department, under date the 11th May 1858, so generously put into my hands by you. I now beg to be permitted to offer upon it some observations.

2. If appears that while the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ramachundra Row, has been protected by Colonel Boulderson, and copies of the accusations made against him taken by that Officer, I have been kept quiet in the dark as to the nature of the accusations against myself.

3. Colonel Boulderson informs the Government that he had made an enquiry in the case and took matter of serious accusations against me in various statements *without my being present*. I respectfully protest against this proceeding as contrary to law and usage, and cruel in its injustice.

4. If it was what he would endeavour to shew an enquiry into the conduct of the Police Officers, why were not you, Sir, and many others called to give evidence, as you had either in writing or in your mind all the evidence that could be given against the Police Officers, but no, Sir, it was not an enquiry but an inquisitorial examination regarding me.

5. I have not up to this moment been furnished with a copy or even the smallest extract of any charge against me, while, on the other hand, Ramachundra Row the person originally charged and into whose conduct I would have preferred an immediate investigation has had every opportunity not only of knowing the nature of the evidence and charges against him but every assistance rendered him, while I have been kept in total ignorance of what has been proceeding against me in the Commissioner's Office.

6. Colonel Boulderson would seem to have had suspicion that some underhand means were at work throughout the investigation and what I was the investigator of these shameful means, when you first discovered Talliar Naik Roodrupen's daring concealments from you in the matter of the murder Case, did you not write to Colonel Boulderson and did he not reply that he had suspected Roodrupen from the beginning and that he had made up his mind to deal with him after the case was over? Did not the Commissioner reduce Talliar Naik Roodrupen to the grade of a 3rd Class Talliar and remove him from Triplicane to Royapoorum directly after the case before you was closed? If all this is true what can Colonel Boulderson mean by saying that the charge brought against the Police Officers is false and fabricated when he allowed to you he had from the beginning suspected the man Roodrupen who had the conduct and charge of the case.

7. Sir, I look to you to protect me from a dreadful conspiracy against me, which I hope to be able to prove to the satisfaction of Government and yourself, but I must ask that every fair facility be rendered me to prove my innocence.

8. The enquiry is ordered to be held in the very midst of my enemies, and such is the influence of Ramachendra Row over the natives of the Police that I should despair of having one witness untampered with, were the enquiry to be held at the Commissioner's Office.

9. Let me entreat you to petition Government that Mr. Hudleston may hold the investigation in some house upon neutral ground, either at his own house or any where the Government may think fit to appoint, except the place now named.

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10. May I ask immediately to be furnished with a copy of Narrain Pillay's petition and any charges preferred against me, and also to employ a Lawyer to conduct my case, for I feel so overwhelmed with the strength of those I have to contend with, that I shall be unable to do justice to my cause.

11. Ten years you have known my character, and I can only appeal to you and Major Wilson as to whether I have ever given you or either of you one shadow of reason to suspect my integrity. I would rather suffer death than mislead you, especially who have always been my patron and my friend.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, No. 653; dated 18th May 1858.

The Government think it may be as well that some other place than the Commissioner's Office should be taken for the inquiry ordered in Extract Minutes Consultation, 11th Instant, No. 617. They will leave it to Mr. Hudleston to select some other place. The Sudr Court House would seem a suitable one, as the Civil Court is now closed.

2. Mahomed Essoff may be furnished with a copy of Narrain Pillay's petition, and Mr. Hudleston will in due time inform him fully of the charges against him. His request to be allowed to employ a Lawyer is inadmissible. He will be given to understand the inquiry is only preliminary for the information of Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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your most obedient servant
Richard D. Lusk

Richard D. Lusk
15 May 1858.

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I have read your letter and am
satisfied that it is only
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for com. 18th inst. Sept 1858

From
Lieut. Col. H. Colbeck
Senior Magistrate of Police

To J. D. Essoff Esq.
Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George

Dated 15th May 1858

No. 9. One Encl.
No. 8800.

Forwarding a letter from
his Interpreter, Mohamed
Essoff relating to the Arrest
Minutes of Court at 11th May 1858.
by order of the 11th May 1858.

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Colbeck Esq. 18th May 1858

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