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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Ans

No. 1. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Commissioner and Acting Joint Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Jugglepett, 11th May 1858.

SIR,

In my letter to your address of the 9th Instant, I had the honor to report the capture on the 8th Instant of two rebels belonging to one of Hanumantha Sawanth's gangs.

2. One of these prisoners, Yésu by name, was taken in his flight through the jungle, after the surprize of his gang by our party. He had just before his capture fired at a Sepoy. The ball fortunately missed the man, but passed through his turban. The prisoner was taken with the lately discharged gun in his hands. He was clearly proved during my examination to have been long one of Hanumantha Sawant's band, to have been in the habit of going out on their plundering expeditions, and of acting as guard in the rebel camp. The gang by whose discomfiture he was taken, had been sent to this vicinity by the insurgent leaders to collect intelligence to aid the cause of rebellion, and spread further trouble and distress through these provinces.

The prisoner's crimes were aggravated by the fact of his formerly having been a peon in the Company's service, in Beedi Talook, Belgaum District.

3. Under these circumstances, and the provisions of the Commission issued to me under Act XIV of 1857, I felt it my duty to sentence the above said prisoner to death and forfeiture of all his effects. The sentence was passed yesterday, and as the state of this part of the country imperatively demands prompt and stern justice, the prisoner was hanged here this morning at 6 A. M. He was an inhabitant of Belgaum. I have therefore written to the Magistrate of that District to carry out the remainder of the sentence.

4. The remaining prisoner Dájubá has cited two witnesses in his defence. When their examination is concluded, I shall report on his case if necessary.

2. ORDER THEREON, No. 681; dated 26th May 1858.

The Government approve the proceedings of the Special Commissioner under Act XIV of 1857, as reported in the above letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 681 C. No. 45-46
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 Mr. G. A. Ballard
 Special Com. of 1857 as reported in the
 above letter.
 Enclosed (with copy of letter) Sept. 20th

The following proceedings of the Special Com.
 missioners under Art. 10
 of the Constitution of the
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 are reported in the
 above letter.
 J. P.