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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19*th January* 1858.

No. 20. Read the following letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 29th December 1857, No. 530.

SIR,

Para. 1. In obedience to the order sent me in Minutes of Consultation, dated 12th December, which I may remark, did not reach me till 22nd Instant, I have the honor to report, that I have not traced to the men of Her Majesty's 12th Lancers any circumstance which implicates them in the robberies said to have been committed on board the Steamer *England*.

2. As soon as I heard of the disgraceful scenes which occurred on board that ship, I thought some effort should be made either to convict the guilty or to clear the innocent.

3. As Justice of the Peace, I could not act, and the Brigadier could not hold, as I requested, a Court of Enquiry, but as Magistrate, I had the house the Lancers lived in, carefully watched, and I sent a man to endeavour to tempt them to sell any booty they might have, both at Masulipatam, and at the first encampment, and I could not discover any attempt to dispose of articles. As I feel confident that any thieves among the Lancers would be anxious to dispose of their booty, and as they did not do so, I conclude the Lancers were not implicated in the matter, the more so as the baggage of the suspected Lancers was searched before they left the ship. As far as I can learn some of the crew of the *Dalhousie* were strongly suspected, and were to be tried in Calcutta. I may be excused mentioning to Government that Captain Western is an Officer of the Royal Navy, and his ignorance and outrageous conduct might be brought to the notice of the Admiralty.

(Signed) T. J. KNOX,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 69; dated 14th January 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department in reference to the Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department, dated 1st Ultimo, No. 4298, para. 4.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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To The Chief Clerk
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