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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 1st June 1858.

No. 35. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 14th May 1858, No. 160.

SIR,

* Original. I have the honor to forward an* application from the Sessions Judge of Masulipatam for a mitigation of punishment in the case of *Totah Permaloo*, a prisoner sentenced, on the 13th March 1856, to 7 years' imprisonment and who Mr. Cotton considers worthy of this indulgence from having on two several occasions given warning of intended escapes.

2. Mr. Cotton does not appear to have very satisfactory proof of the intentions to escape revealed by this prisoner, still as he considers that the information was correct, I would suggest that the proposed mitigation of 1 year in the term of sentence be sanctioned.

3. Mr. Cotton has omitted to state Permaloo's crime.

From J. J. COTTON, Esq., Sessions Judge, Masulipatam; to JOHN ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, Ootacamund, dated 27th March 1858, No. 173.

SIR,

1. I beg to bring to your favorable notice the conduct of a prisoner Totah Permaloo in the Jail under my charge who has on 2 occasions now given timely notice of conspiracy among the Convicts in the Jail to effect their escape.

2. In the first case, he informed against a fellow Convict, one Parakhistnun (received from Chittoor) who had several times made his escape already from his former place of confinement and was otherwise a desperate character, and though I fully credited the story I was unable to convict upon the single evidence of this informer. But the old Duffadar who had concealed the information was removed from his position at the time.

3. In the second instance he gave information against two Convicts who he said had been planning their escape by breaking Jail, and his statement was corroborated by the fact that some of the nails had been drawn from the planks lately fastened over the roofing of the Privy in the ward of one of the accused, exactly in the manner reported, and a few more nights would no doubt have seen a repetition of the scene of the 18th February to some extent.

4. I beg therefore to suggest that the approbation of Government may be shown of the good conduct of the Convict Totah Permaloo (sentenced on the 13th March 1856, to 7 years' imprisonment with hard labor in irons) by a mitigation of one year of his sentence.

5. Another prisoner Ramsetty Muttiah, sentenced at the same time has received a similar mitigation of his sentence for exemplary conduct on a former occasion, when he and a few others quietly returned to Jail at the time 22 prisoners made their escape from a working party, in May 1857.

No. 36.

ORDER THEREON, No. 701; dated 31st May 1858.

On the recommendation of the Session Judge of Masulipatam and the Inspector of Prisons, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to remit, under Act XVIII of 1855, one year from the unexpired portion of the sentence of Totah Permaloo, the Convict referred to in the above communication.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultatoin

Dated 31st May 1858.

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