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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 22nd June 1858.

No. 25. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Special Commissioner under Act XIV of 1857; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tinnei, North Canara, 4th June 1858.

SIR,

I have been fully engaged, since my letter to your address of the 9th Ultimo, in collecting evidence against parties concerned in the late disturbances, and in arranging and disposing of their cases. Little out of the usual routine having come to my notice, I have not thought it necessary to write frequently; but as Government may wish to have some definite idea of what I have been doing, I have the honor to submit the following particulars.

2. On my arrival early in May, I found a number of prisoners confined in the temporary Jails at Soopah, Jugglepett, and this station. Mr. Robinson and I agreed to divide this Talook (to which, as far as Canara is concerned, the disturbances have been confined); and, as a general rule, arranged that he should dispose of the prisoners connected with his, I, of those connected with my so determined District.

3. As soon as I could get some establishment to work with I began my regular enquiries. I found that charges existed against very few of the prisoners, between 80 or 90 in number, that fell to my lot; that the mass had been confined on various degrees of suspicion; that against a considerable portion charges would be forthcoming; but that against many there would be no evidence procurable, and indeed that not a few should never have been imprisoned at all; though of course, during the confusion of the disturbances, it was impossible to be very discriminating. I mention these facts because a mere view of the following figures, or inspection of the records, would give a most inadequate idea of the labor incurred in the disposal of these cases.

4. The statement subjoined shows the result of my proceedings to this date.

No. of prisoners found in Jail, or brought under cognizance of this Court						81
Hanged...	...	...	...	...	...	1*
Sentenced to transportation for life...	...	...	...	...	...	8*
" " imprisonment for 14 years...	...	...	...	...	...	3*
" " do. 8 years...	...	...	...	...	...	1*
" " do. 7 years...	...	...	...	...	...	6*
" " do. 14 years...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " do. 2 years...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" " do. 4 months...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" " find security, or to imprisonment for one year...	...	...	...	...	...	3
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Unconditionally released...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Undisposed of...	..	...	...	...	...	24
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Note.—Prisoners marked thus* are also sentenced to forfeiture of property and effects of every description.

5. My principle has been to pass over as lightly as circumstances would allow the cases of the very poor and ignorant; but to punish severely, where proof was obtained, persons of any standing or importance who appeared to have used their influence, directly or indirectly, in aiding and abetting rebellion.

6. I have Warrants out against some 18 persons, who, if apprehended, will be dealt with in due course. I do not anticipate having to issue above half a dozen Warrants more. I am waiting for a few witnesses, whom I expect daily, to settle the cases still pending. I look therefore on my Judicial work as Commissioner as well nigh ended. I anticipate indeed that by the time I can get an answer to this, I may have occasional cases dropping in, but no regular work.

7. Mr. Robinson informs me that he has applied for leave of absence. If it is the intention of Government to comply with his request, and to direct me to remain in this part of the world, whilst cheerfully obeying the orders of Government, I beg respectfully to urge that my employment here may not be allowed to lead to my supercession in any permanent appointment

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No. 26.

ORDER THEREON, No. 804; dated 17th June 1858.

The Government approve the proceedings of the Special Commissioner as reported in the above letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Exd. F. Carledge.