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No. 77. Read the following letter from H. AMES, Esq., Commissioner of North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Yellapoor, 21st October 1859, No. 469.

* 1. Baboo Desai.
2. Gunobà Desai.
3. Mahar Venko.

In a sentence of the late Commissioner, Mr. Robinson, dated 22nd March 1859, three men* whose names are noted in the margin, were sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour, as having been active participators in last year's disturbances in North Canara.

2. By the Order of Government on this sentence dated 5th May 1859, Mr. Robinson was directed to return these men to be dealt with by the Portuguese authorities, as their crimes did not exclude them from the benefit of the Amnesty, and they were prevented from coming in under the Act of Grace by their detention by the Goanese authorities.

3. In the Proceedings of Government dated 9th July 1859, on Mr. Robinson's letter with enclosure dated 25th June 1859, it appears, that the Portuguese authorities had pardoned these men and sent them back; Mr. Robinson was of opinion, judging from their known antecedents and turbulent disposition, that the prisoners would not have surrendered had they been at large, and he recommended that they should be detained until the present Bund should be broken up or suppressed. This proposition was approved of by Government and a special report on their case was ordered to be made at the expiration of three months.

4. I have now the honor to report that these men are still detained in the Soopah Talook Cutcherry. The "Bund" have not re-appeared since Lieutenants Drever, Giertsen and Drury attacked them on the 15th of August 1859, but whether they are broken up or not no one can say. I think it likely that they will not now again enter Soopah, the Talook being strongly guarded with small bodies of Sepoys, posted all over it in various directions; but as none of the leaders of the gang have as yet been apprehended, their return is at all events possible, and until it can be decisively said that the "Bund" is at an end, I do not think it will be advisable to release such dangerous characters as the three prisoners above referred to appear to have been.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1859, No. 1521.

The Government agree with the Commissioner that at present, it would not be advisable to release the three prisoners in question.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 1521 8 November 1839.

The Govt. agree with the Commissioners that at present, it would not be adviseable to release the three prisoners in question.

The Commissioner of North Canara.
" Magistrate of Canara.

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