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No. 10. Read the following letter from G. F. FULLERTON, Esq., Officiating Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 3rd November 1859, No. 77.

1. I am directed by the Judges of the Foujdaree Udalut to submit for the consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the case of Venkitagadoo, convicted of murder in Calendar No. 40 of 1859, on the file of the Session Court of Nundial, but acquitted on the special ground of insanity by the Session Judge and Foujdaree Udalut.

2. The prisoner, it appears, was suffering from what his friends supposed to be insanity, when he went to reside in the house of the father of the deceased, where he was put under the medical treatment of the village doctor, who deposes to the fact of his mental derangement at that time. The murder was committed by throwing a heavy stone on the deceased, who was lying in the verandah. No motive can be assigned for the act, and there is no evidence of any unfriendly feeling having existed between the parties. The Civil Surgeon, under whose observation he was placed in the Jail, did not remark any symptoms of madness in him; and has, since the trial, certified to his being in a state of sanity. His conduct, however, before the murder, as described by the witnesses, he thinks, might have been the result of temporary insanity.

3. Under these circumstances, the Foujdaree Udalut concur with the Session Judge in his acquittal of the prisoner, on the special ground of his insanity at the time he committed the act; but as the release of a person subject to such attacks of derangement would be dangerous to the community, they would recommend that he be imprisoned for life in such place of custody as the Honorable the Governor in Council may think proper.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1859, No. 1538.

Under Section III, Act IV, 1849, the Government direct that the prisoner, Venkatagádu, who has been convicted of murder, but acquitted on a special verdict of insanity, be kept in custody for the term of his natural life.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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