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from 11th to 17th May 1859.*

No. 26. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalt; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 27th April 1859, No. 6.

I am directed by the Court of Foujdaree Udalt to forward copies of a letter from the Session Judge of Cuddalore, and of the Calendars in cases Nos. 14 and 15 of 1859, relative to one Y. T. Veeracha Cavoondun, who was tried on charges of attempt at murder and attempt at suicide, but acquitted, on the ground that he did the acts charged against him, being then of unsound mind. Under the provisions of Section VI, Act IV of 1849, the Court recommend that the prisoner be removed to the Lunatic Asylum at the Presidency, there to be kept and treated as the Government shall order.

From GEORGE ELLIS, Esq., Session Judge of Cuddalore; to C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalt, dated 15th April 1859, No. 8.

1. I have the honor to forward for the consideration of the Judges of the Court of Foujdaree Udalt the translated records of Session cases Nos. 14 and 15 of 1859.

2. The Mahomedan Law Officer has acquitted the prisoner on the ground that he was insane at the time he committed the acts with which he stands charged.

3. In this acquittal I have concurred.

4. I am of opinion that at the time the prisoner made the attempt upon his son as well as upon his own life, he was labouring under homicidal monomania. It has been shown by the evidence of his relatives that he had on previous occasions been mentally deranged, and on the present, some disappointment in regard to the acceptance of a Durkast, appears to have resulted in his being seized with a sudden destructive impulse, under which he attempted the life of his child, and immediately afterwards his own. His demeanour in the Jail has, since his committal for trial, been perfectly quiet and rational, and this mental condition is referred to, as the Court are fully aware, by writers on medical jurisprudence as being quite compatible with a state of previous mental disorder.

5. Under these circumstances, as I consider that the release of the prisoner in the above cases would be dangerous to the community, I would beg to recommend that he should be sent to the Lunatic Asylum at Madras, where, after a period of detention proportionate to the violence of his malady, it is to be hoped a perfect cure may be effected, and he then may be restored without any apprehension of evil consequences to his family and friends.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Register.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1859, No. 701.

Under the circumstances represented in the above letter, and its accompaniments, the Honorable the Governor in Council, under the provisions of Section III, Act IV of 1849, directs that Y. T. Veeracha Cavoondun, tried in cases Nos. 14 and 15 of 1859, of the Calendar of the Session Judge of Cuddalore, on charges of attempts at murder and suicide, but acquitted on the ground that he did the acts charged being then in an unsound mind, be forwarded to the Lunatic Asylum at Madras—to be there confined for life or until further orders.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered accordingly that the following Warrant be issued under Section VI, Act IV of 1849.

Whereas special verdicts, on the ground of unsoundness of mind, have been given against the prisoner, Yelapa Talay Veeracha Cavoondun in cases Nos. 14 and 15 of 1859, of the Calendar of the Session Judge of Cuddalore, before whom the trials were had on the charges of an

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attempt at murdering his infant son and an attempt at suicide, and whereas it has been shown by the evidence of the prisoner's relatives that he had on previous occasions been mentally deranged, the Honorable the Governor in Council directs that the prisoner be removed into the Lunatic Asylum at Madras—there to be confined for life or until further orders.

By order of the Honorable the Governor-in-Council.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

*Enclosure 1.
To a letter from the
Register of the Sudder
Adalat dated the 27th
April 1859 N. 6.*

No. N. 655.

From.

*The Session Judge
of Cuddalore*

*To
The Register of the
Sudder Adalat*

*Dispatched 11th } April 1859.
Received 13th }*

*Calendar in Session
Case N. 114 of 1859 on the file
of the Session Court of
Cuddalore.*

*1859. S.
in N. 690*

1849 -

*Whereas special verdicts, on
the ground of unsoundness
of*

Calendar of Persons committed for trial before the Session Court of Cuddalore.

Number of the Case.

Names of the parties

Designation of the offence, the charge and date of the complaint.

Date of Apprehension Arrival Disposal

How disposed of

Explanation of Delay.

114 of 1859.

Criminal Case 33 of 1859

Regina. Versus.

Attempt at Murder

That the Prisoner in the

Yelapa Talay 14th February 1859, in his house

Veerachalavom at Nor dayantangul in the

Talook Chitpat with a certain

Knife which he then held in

his hand, did cut and wound the 1st witness

(his own infant son) on the right side of

the stomach with intent in so doing and

thereby wilfully and of his Malice aforethought

to Kill and murder the said 1st witness.

14th February 1859.

14th February 1859.

17th March 1859

16th April 1859.

The Mahomedan Law officer acquits the Prisoner on the ground of unsoundness of mind. in this Verdict I concur.

Special Verdict as above having been found, I resolve to refer the final disposal of the Prisoner to the Court of Foujdaree Adalat.

Signed George Ellis
Session Judge.

(True Copy)

C. D. Chamin
Registrar.

Exd. Recd.

Ed. F. Outledge.

1849-

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of the Faudalaree Moolukut. Enter 27 April 1859 N^o 6.

Order thereon 19th May 1859 N^o 711.

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& its accompaniments, the
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J.P.

The Sudder Court, with Warrant.
 Director Genl. of the Medi-
 cal Department.
 Commissioners of Police.

Sept 23^d