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No. 14. Read the following letter from C. F. CHAMIER, Esq., Register to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 25th May 1859, No. 9.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated the 20th Instant, I am directed by the Judges of the Foujdaree Udalut to state, that the only information which they possess relative to the circumstances under which, and the place from which the said prisoners effected their escape, is contained in the defence of the prisoner Mungala Venkoo *alias* Somadoo, from which the following is an Extract.

"I was in the habit of sweeping the roads, together with some other prisoners, during the day time, and of returning to and sleeping in the Jail after gunfire. *No peons were on guard over me.* The old Convicts used to watch over the new prisoners. *The wards of that Jail are not locked up at nights.* I was inclined to see my wife and children two years ago, and one day while at work, I told the old Convicts, and went from Penang (where I was imprisoned) to Kalaut, which is sixteen miles distant. I took off my irons there, and applied to a ship's crew, who took me on board and set me on shore at Bombay, whence I returned to my village on foot." These statements are corroborated by the confession of the other Convict Boogum Dausoogaudoo, who apoears to have been kept at labor with Mungala Venkoo, and to have effected his escape simultaneously with that prisoner.

2. With regard to the place from which the escape occurred, I am instructed to state that the Foujdaree Udalut have no official information of the localities to which Convicts are transported, but that in the trial under remark the two prisoners were charged with having escaped from Province Wellesley.

No. 15. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 30th May 1859, No. 748.

In reply to your letter, 29th April 1859, No. 853, enquiring under what circumstances and from what place in the Straits' Settlements, the two Convicts referred to, effected their escape, I am directed to state that the two prisoners were charged with having absconded from Province Wellesley, and that the further information required is contained in the passage transcribed in the margin, taken from the defence of one of them, Mungala Venkoo alias Somadoo. The statements in it were corroborated by the confession of the other Convict, Bogum Dausoogaudoo, who appears to have been kept at labor with Mungala Venkoo, and to have effected his escape simultaneously with that prisoner.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Reporting in reply to his letter of the 29th April 1859 No 853 under what circumstances and from what places in the Districts Settlements, the two Convicts who on transfer to the Attipore Jail was recommended on a former occasion effected their escapes.

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