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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 25th June to 1st July 1859.

No. 59. 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 20th June 1859, No. 14.

1. I am directed by the Judges of the Foujdaree Udalut to acknowledge the receipt of the order of Government, dated the 13th Instant, forwarding for their opinion copy of a petition presented by Mr. Branson, on behalf of Buttoola Jaganathum,—who (together with another prisoner) was sentenced by a late Judge of the Court to transportation for life,—applying for mitigation of the sentence, on the ground that the offence of which the petitioner was guilty amounted in law only to manslaughter, and not to murder, though he was convicted of the latter offence.

2. The Judges direct me to state in reply, that seeing petitioner was convicted of murder, they do not know of any grounds for reducing the punishment awarded him ; the Judge before whom the case came, having in effect already subjected him to a mitigated sentence.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1859, No. 903.

Mr. Branson will be informed, in reference to the petition received with his letter of the 2nd Ultimo, that the Government having referred to the Foujdaree Udalut, see no ground for mitigation of the punishment.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From

The Register of the Fouzdaree Udalut

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Dated 20th } June 1859.
Recd } (No. 14) No. 1031

Replying to Order of Govt dated 13th instant forwarding for the opinion of the Fouzdaree Udalut copy of a petition presented by Mr Branson on behalf of Battoola Jagannathun -

With an Order.

Order thereon No. 903 dd 1st July 1859

Mr. Branson will be informed, in reference to the petition received with his letter of the 2. ~~Instant~~, that the Govt. having referred to the Fouzdaree Udalut, see no ground for mitigation of the punishment.

Mr. L. Es. Branson Barrister at Law. } Intd 4th

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