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for the month of February 1860.*

No. 49. Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Saloor, January 1860, No. 30.

In continuation of my letter of the 10th instant No. 8, I beg now to forward Captain Owen's opinion as to the release unconditional or otherwise of the 6 remaining prisoners in case No. 6 of 1858.

2. I cannot help endorsing Captain Owen's opinion, as his knowledge of the politics of the Golcondah hill country is greater than that of myself. It only remains for me to recommend some place as a fitting and safe residence for the above named persons in case the Government should order their release upon surveillance. As it is the sea coast climate that is so injurious to hill men, I should recommend Palcondah at the extreme edge of this district, it is close to the hills, but far away from the scene of the Golcondah disturbances. There resides there an Officer of the Sibendy Corps with one Company, and to the former, the prisoners could be ordered to report themselves weekly. An allowance of four Annas a day ought to be allowed to each man for his maintenance, until some more definite arrangement is made.

From Captain W. G. OWEN, Assistant Agent to the Governor; to E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, dated Nursipatam, 16th January 1860, No. 1.

As directed in your letter No. 6, dated 10th January 1860, and with reference to the concluding paragraph of your communication of same date to address of Chief Secretary to Government,

I have the honor to state that, with a few exceptions, I attended the trial of the prisoners daily, as a spectator, being desirous of watching the proceedings of the men, with whose respective antecedents and the part each took in the matter then under investigation, I was thoroughly acquainted.

2. The Commissioner presiding, so materially assisted the prisoners in putting questions to witnesses for them, such as counsel in their favor would suggest, that the almost invariable reply of the prisoners, when asked if they had questions to put, was, "you have already put every question we would desire."

3. The Commissioner acquainted all the prisoners, that they might employ any Vakeels they desired to conduct their defence. Some did at first take advantage of this permission, but when they saw how much the Commissioner assisted them in putting questions to witnesses in their favor, they all (to the best of my recollection) dismissed their Vakeels with the exception of the 4th prisoner, who perhaps knew that everything was at stake, with him, and a perusal of the record (if you had time) would, no doubt, satisfy you of this fact.

4. At the conclusion of the trial, but before the finding and sentence, I left Nursipatam and went to Madras on privilege leave, whilst there, I learnt of the sentence of each, and I was much struck with the just discrimination as to the *respective guilt of all*.

5. It is well known that from the influence Chinna Bhoputty possessed over the Hill Chiefs, nothing could have transpired without his *permission*, and that all the actors were instruments in his hands, but until very late in the preliminary investigation, it was difficult to adduce proof owing to secrecy and stratagem on his part, hence his name appearing so low down in the list as 4th.

6. If in stating the above, I have exceeded the limits of the answer expected of me, trust I may be excused, as my only motive is, to enable me to shew that the six remaining prisoners may be considered objects for the merciful consideration of Government as to a modification of their punishment; although it would not be desirable that they should now be allowed to return to their hill abodes, but if released, that they should reside where ordered by Government under surveillance in lieu of the respective terms of imprisonment originally awarded them.

7. Further explanation on my part may be deemed unnecessary, though if desired, numerous cogent reasons could be adduced, why the unconditional liberation of the remaining six prisoners might not be considered politic, if indeed safe, to the peace of the District.

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8. The fact of the banishment of the chief offenders in the Golgondah disturbances of 1858 has had such an effect upon all the remaining Hill Chiefs, that I venture to affirm the cry of Sutooree will never again be heard in the Golgondah talook.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) EDWARD FANE,
Agent to the Governor.

No. 50.

ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1860, No. 148.

Sunnassi Bupatti, for life.
Rajan Dhora, } for 14 years.
Sherbun Dhora, }
Lutchmun Padal, }
Iyapah Dhora, } for 10 years.
Uppun Dhora, }

The Governor in Council resolves under Act XVIII, 1855, to remit the punishment of transportation recorded against the six prisoners, named in the margin, in the Calendar of case No. 1 of 1858, on the file of the Special Commissioner, Vizagapatam.

2. The Agent is authorized to remove them to Palcondah, as proposed by him, where they will be permitted to reside at large, on condition of each reporting himself weekly to the Officer Commanding the Sibandis there.

3. The Agent will further make each of these men clearly understand that, in the event of his leaving the neighbourhood of Palcondah, without the permission of Government, he will be committed to close confinement in Jail. In such case, the Agent will apply to Government for the prescribed Warrant, under Regulation II, 1819.

4. Government sanction an allowance of (4) four Annas per day, being paid to each of them for subsistence. It is observed that their property has been exempted from confiscation, and the allowance may not altogether be necessary.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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The Agent - Vinagapatam.
Civil Auditor.
Acct. General.
Inspector General of Police.

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From

The Agent to the Govt

of the Niagara Falls

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St George

Dated 24 Jan 1860

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Enclosure 1

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