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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, for the month of January 1860.

No. 81. Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Agent to the Governor; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 10th January 1860, No. 8.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government dated the 21st ultimo No. 1701, and to report that I immediately removed "China Bhupati" the 44th prisoner in the Golgondah rebellion case No. 6 of 1858, from the Jail and had his irons taken off, I have since placed him under the surveillance of the Head of Police of the town, I shall lose no time in adopting measures to send "China Bhupati" to Masulipatam, after communicating with the Magistrate of the Kristna District; I shall also make proper arrangements to pay him the proceeds of the villages transferred to him for his support.

2. In the Golgondah case, Mr. Reade convicted the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th 42nd, 43rd and 44th prisoners, thirteen in all, of whom the 12th, 42nd, and 43rd were released under Orders of Government dated the 17th February 1859, No. 220, and the 2nd, 5th and 6th died in the Jail, China Bhupati having been released, there remain now in the Jail only six prisoners. In the Proceedings of Government above quoted, I am ordered to review the whole proceedings, and submit an opinion whether the sentences passed on the remaining six might not also be reduced. I beg to observe, that the mere notes of the case are contained in six large folio volumes, the whole in Mr. Reade's own hand writing, the writing is difficult to decipher, and to go through the case would therefore require a month's incessant labor.

3. I now therefore beg leave to first forward herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Subordinate Judge of this place by Doctor Blackwell, in which a Medical opinion is recorded, that the climate of this place is such, that already 3 prisoners out of 13 have died within a year, and it is suggested that the remainder should be at once removed from this place; as it is at ~~present~~ difficult ~~to know where~~ exactly to remove them to, I beg the Government will allow me to take them out of the common Jail, and keep them in the neighbourhood of my Office in the custody of either some Golgondah Sebundies or some trustworthy peons, pending the final orders of the Government on their sentences.

4. If the Government still wish it, I shall do my best to learn the merits of the case from a perusal of the records, but feel convinced that I shall be much better able to do so through the opinions of the different officials who were either present at the trial or in the neighbourhood of Golgondah, when the disturbances broke out.

5. Captain Owen my Assistant and the Commandant of Sebundies is intimately acquainted with both the past circumstances and present condition of the country. I have forwarded the Proceedings of the Government to that gentleman, and have asked him to give an opinion both as to the respective guilt of the six remaining prisoners, to the advisability or otherwise of reducing their sentences or releasing them, and if released and allowed to return to their homes, of the probability or otherwise of the future peace of the country being preserved. Whatever opinion Captain Owen may give, I should be willing myself to abide by, and should endorse it with the greatest confidence.

From J. H. BLACKWELL, Esq., Civil Surgeon; to C. R. PELLY, Esq., Subordinate Judge, Vizagapatam, dated 3rd January 1860, No. 1.

1. *Ghoodopoo Sunnasee Bhoputty,*
3. *Thugghee Ragun Dhora,*
8. *Godeire Rothaneedee Motodum Iapah Dhora,*
9. *Poojaree Uppum Dhora,*
11. *Ghoodopoo Chinnia Bhoputty,*
12. *Thugghee Shurbun Dhora.*
42. *Sigina Lutchmun Padal,...Sick.*
43. *Thugghee Sunnasee Dhora,*
44. *Bonunghee Kristum Padal,*
Sagina Soman Padal, } *Dead.*

I have the honor to bring to your notice the state of the prisoners named in the margin, who were received into the Jail here on the 12th December 1858; since that date three have died, one is now in a precarious state in Hospital, and the health of the remainder is much deteriorated. They are all Hill men, and the climate of this place, almost invariably disagrees with such persons, I would beg leave to suggest that, if practicable, they should be

removed from this, and in the mean time, I consider it absolutely necessary that they should be provided with better diet than the usual scale, and I have accordingly directed the issue of half Anna worth of meat, and one Pice worth of ghee to each of these prisoners daily.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. FANE,
Agent to the Governor.

No. 82.

ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1860, No. 78.

Government authorise the Agent at Vizagapatam to adopt the course recommended in paragraph 3 of his letter, pending the Orders of Government for the final disposal of the prisoners after receipt of Captain Owen's report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 78 — 20 January 1860.

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The Agent in Viagapatam — Dispatch

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt
Edward Ellice
Agent to the Governor

Ed. F. Cartledge.