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No. 165. Read the following letter from R. G. CLARKE, Esq., Sessions Judge of Negapatam, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tranquebar, 2nd March 1861, No. 138.

At the instance of the Mopla Simamu, who is confined in the Zillah Jail at this station pursuant to the Order of Government dated 21st September last, No. 1,220, I have the honor to submit a petition* from him to your address for such orders as may be deemed fit to pass upon it.

* *Dated 2nd instant.*

To T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

&c., &c., &c.

The humble Petition of SEEMAMOO, a native of Tellicherry and now a prisoner in the Zillah Jail at Tranquebar.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That the Petitioner does not understand what is the crime of which he is accused, why he is imprisoned in a foreign Zillah, for what length of time he is to remain a prisoner, and whether any hopes are held out to him. He further begs to state that he has done no crime. He is separated from his family and friends. He is sent a prisoner to a far distant Zillah. He is utterly ignorant of the language of the country to which he is transferred. Such are the hardships under which he is suffering. Imprisonment without any certainty as to the prisoner's release is much worse than death itself. The Petitioner belongs to a respectable and rich family. He pays a large kist to the Government.

The Petitioner, under these circumstances, appeals to the mercy of the Government to release him immediately or at all events to let him know for how much longer a period he is to be still in confinement.

For this act of pure benevolence the Petitioner shall as in duty bound ever pray.

(Signature of Petitioner SEEMAMOO.)

TRANQUEBAR,
2nd March 1861.

No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1861, No. 378.

The Moplah State Prisoner, Simamu, cannot be released from confinement.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 378 — 19 March 1861

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