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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 100. From GEORGE ELLIS, Esq., Session Judge of Cuddalore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 19th December 1860, No. 164.

I have the honor to enclose three petitions to the address of His Excellency the Governor in Council, one from Syed Cosim *alias* Syeda, a prisoner in case No. 4, and one from Shaik Emam, a prisoner in case No. 6 of 1840 on the file of the Zillah Court of Guntoor, and the other from Madoosowen, a prisoner in case No. 47 of 1840 on the file of the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Ganjam, now under confinement in the Criminal Jail of Cuddalore.

TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble Petition of SYED COSIM *alias* SYEDA, a 4th Prisoner in Case No. 4 of 1840, on the file of the Zillah Court of Vizagapatam, now in the Jail of Cuddalore.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That Petitioner together with others connected with his case having been tried by the Judges of the Provincial Court of the Northern Division in their first Sessions of 1840, for aiding and abetting murder, and condemned, was sentenced by that tribunal on the 14th December 1840, to imprisonment for life with hard labor in irons and banished to this Jail, where he is now undergoing the penalty awarded him.

That during the past twenty years, Petitioner has always exerted to the utmost of his power to maintain a deportment in Jail scrupulously good and satisfactory, which he humbly presumes his superiors will be willing to testify to.

That Petitioner begs leave to inform the Government that he is at present the only surviving prisoner of the six in his case who were banished to this Jail in 1840, and that he is now hastening down the hill of life, and will, ere many years have gone by, have closed this scene of life.

That Petitioner is truly penitent for what he has, in his days of inexperience and folly, done, and heartily bewails his dark and abhorrent infatuation, whereby he has drawn down on himself the malediction of heaven, and the heaviest thralldom for life, from the justice of man.

That as Petitioner has nothing to offer in extenuation of his past guilt, save his heart-felt compunction, and the long imprisonment of twenty years he has already undergone with hard labor in irons, he most humbly and respectfully hastens with all anxiety of feelings, natural to a wretch doomed for life, to throw himself entirely on the mercy of Her Majesty's Government, and to pray that it will pity his hard hard fate, and grant the life-reviving blessing of emancipation to him, that he may spend the few remaining years of his life in the enjoyment of freedom, and in the society of the few surviving members of his family.

That should the boon prayed for by Petitioner meet with the merciful consideration of the Government, he will remember the favor conferred on him with gratitude and thankfulness while this life lasts.

CUDDALORE,
13th December 1860.

x mark of SYED COSSIM.

TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble Petition of SHAIK EMAM, a 4th Prisoner in Case No. 6 of 1840, on the file of the Zillah Court of Vizagapatam, now in the Criminal Jail of Cuddalore.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That Petitioner together with two others connected with his case having been tried by the Judges of the Provincial Court of the Northern Division in their first Sessions of 1840, for aiding and abetting murder, and condemned, was sentenced by that tribunal on the 5th Decem-

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ber 1840, to imprisonment for life with hard labor in irons and banishment to this Jail, where he is ever since undergoing the penalty awarded to him.

That during the past twenty years, Petitioner has always exerted to the utmost of his power to maintain a deportment in Jail scrupulously good and satisfactory, which he humbly presumes his superiors will be willing to testify to.

That Petitioner begs leave to inform the Government that he is at present the only surviving prisoner of the three in his case who were banished to this Jail in 1840, and that he is now hastening down the hill of life, and will, ere many years have gone by, have closed this scene of life.

That Petitioner is truly penitent for what he has, in his days of inexperience and folly, done, and heartily bewails his dark and abhorrent infatuation, whereby he has drawn down on himself the malediction of heaven, and the heaviest thralldom for life, from the tribunal of man.

That as Petitioner has nothing to offer in extenuation of his past guilt, save his heart-felt compunction and remorse, and the long imprisonment of twenty years he has already undergone with hard labor in irons, he most humbly and respectfully hastens with all the anxiety of feelings, natural to a wretch doomed for life, to throw himself entirely on the mercy of Her Majesty's liberal and benign Government, and to pray that it will condescend to pity his hard fate, and grant the life-reviving blessing of emancipation to him, that he may spend the few remaining years of his life in the enjoyment of freedom, and in the society of the few surviving members of his family.

That should the boon prayed for by the Petitioner meet with the merciful consideration of Government, he will remember the favor conferred on him with gratitude and thankfulness as long as this life lasts.

CUDDALORE JAIL,
12th December 1860.

× mark of SHAIK EMAM.

TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble Petition of MADOOSOWEN, a Prisoner in Case No. 47 of 1840, on the file of the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Ganjam, now in the Criminal Jail of Cuddalore.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That Petitioner together with six others connected with his case having been tried by the Court of Foujdaree Udalut for entertaining thugs and condemned, was sentenced by that tribunal on the 5th February 1841, to imprisonment for life with hard labor in irons and banishment to this Jail, where he is ever since undergoing the penalty awarded him.

That during the twenty years which have elapsed, Petitioner has always endeavored to execute whatever tasks were assigned to him with unremitting care and assiduity, and has thus sustained hitherto to this day a deportment good and satisfactory, in evidence of which he most humbly begs leave to inform the Government that he is appointed both Convict and Weaving Maistry, a privilege allowed solely to prisoners of good conduct.

That Petitioner further craves leave to acquaint the Government that he is at present the only surviving prisoner of the seven in his case who were banished to this Jail in 1841, and that he is now hastening on towards the evening of his life, and will, in not many years hence, have attained the natural term of human existence.

That Petitioner is struck with keen remorse and true penitence for what he has done, and poignantly deploras that he should ever have brought upon himself the interdiction of heaven, and the sorest retribution from the tribunal of man by affording asylum to the perpetrators of the foulest deeds.

That as Petitioner has nothing to offer in palliation of his past guilt, save his hearty contrition, and the long imprisonment of twenty years he has already undergone with hard labor in irons,

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It humbly and respectfully hastens with all the anxiety of feelings, natural to a wretch for life, to throw himself entirely on the mercy of Her Majesty's liberal and benign Government, and to pray that it will deign to commiserate his hard hard fate, and vouchsafe the blessing of emancipation to him, that he may spend the few remaining years of his enjoyment of freedom, and among the few surviving members of his family.

Should the boon prayed for by Petitioner meet with the merciful consideration of the Government, he will remember the favor conferred on him with gratitude and thankfulness to death.

IN JAIL,
12th December 1860.

× mark of MADOOSOWEN.

Referred for the remarks of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

AT GEORGE,
12th December 1860.

From THOS. WILKINS, Esq., Acting Deputy Registrar of the Sudder Court, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th May 1861, No. 52.

With reference to the Orders of Government dated the 22nd December last, referring marks of the Sudder Court petitions addressed to Government by three prisoners in the Jail at Cuddalore, praying that, in consideration of their having already undergone imprisonment for twenty years, the remaining portion of their sentences may be remitted; stated by the Judges to state that as the prisoners in question were convicted of belonging to thugs and sentenced to imprisonment for life, they do not consider that the delay in submitting their opinion, I am desired to state, has arisen from the of referring to the lower Courts for information, as the records of the trials in the cases of prisoners have been destroyed.

ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1861, No. 647.

Copy of the Sudder Court's letter will be forwarded to the Sessions Judge of Cuddalore.

Muslim alias Syeda,
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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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of Cuddalore—Jutler 19th Decr '60 N^o 164.
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Court ————— 6th May 61 N^o 52.

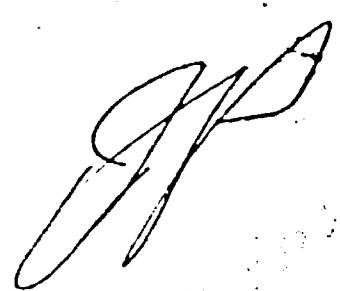
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" Inspector Genl. of Sails.  16-5-61.
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