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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>668</i>	Press Mis.
<i>136-137</i>	
Dated <i>21.5.1861</i>	<i>18</i>

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
21st May 1861.

No. 136. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of the Godavery District; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 1st May 1861, No. 136.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of the 26th March last, requiring me to report whether there is any objection to the release of the individuals named below, who are at present undergoing sentences passed on them for offences connected with the disturbances which took place in a portion of the hill tracts of this District in the year 1857 and 58.

1. Muddalugadu.
2. Chodum Gungalu.
3. Madakum Gungalu.
4. Cavala Maurappa.
5. Gubbalampati Ramerreddi.
6. Syed Laul.

2. Of these the 2nd, 4th and 6th were convicted of being a part of the gang under the command of Kérunkonda Subbareddi, who surrounded the then Head Assistant Magistrate of the District at Butáyagúdem, and compelled him to give up to them one Sunkara Swami, who was subsequently murdered. The 4th and 6th were seized a short time after the above occurrence when in arms against the Government Officers. The 3rd was captured under similar circumstances. The sentences passed by the Commissioner in

Nos. 1 and 2 of 1857. the cases in which the above individuals were concerned were confirmed by Government in Minutes of Consultation 5th

January 1858. The men were not leaders of the gang and the murder of Sunkara Swami was not perpetrated until subsequent to their seizure. I do not believe that the disturbances in this part of the country had any connection whatever with the rebellion in the north west and other parts of India, but I am aware of no objection to the release of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Prisoners. The 6th, Syed Laul is, I hardly think, deserving of mercy; he was not one of the hill men but a mercenary from the Nizam's country, and of very bad character.

3. Of the remaining Prisoners Gubbalampati Ramerreddi was convicted of being one of the leaders of a gang who plundered and burnt the village of Purushóttapatnum on the banks of the Godavery in open day, and plundered three other villages. He was further convicted of having been in arms against the State for four months. Two others tried with him on the same charges were sentenced to transportation for life, but Ramerreddi, having delivered himself up, his sentence was rendered to fourteen years' imprisonment. He did not even pretend to have any grievance which might be pleaded as some excuse for his conduct. He was the head man of a small hill village, and of some influence. I do not think he should be at present released—though, should Government see fit, his term of sentence might be reduced. Muddalugadu was found in arms among the gang who burnt and plundered the village above mentioned. He was not a leader, and I am not aware of any objection to his release.

No. 137.

ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1861, No. 668.

1. Muddalugadu at Rajahmundry.
2. Chodum Gungalu at Cuddalore.
3. Madakum Gungalu at do.
4. Cavala Maurappa at Trichinopoly.

The Governor in Council is pleased to remit the unexpired portion of the sentences of the four prisoners, named in the margin. He is not prepared to remit any portion of the sentence of the prisoner, Gubbalampati Ramerreddi, in the Jail at Trichinopoly.

2. The prisoner, Muddalugadu, in the Jail at Rajahmundry will be liberated on receipt of these orders. The Sessions Judges at Cuddalore and Trichinopoly will arrange respectively, in communication with the Magistrates of the Districts on the route, for transmitting the other three pardoned Convicts to the Magistrate of the Godavery District.

3. The prisoners Syed Laul and Gubbalampati will remain in confinement until the expiration of their sentences.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Magistrate of the
 Godavery District
 Sessions Judge, Rajahmundry
 Cuddalore
 Trichinopoly
 Madras
 Inspector Genl. of Prisons

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From

The Magistrate of the

Godawari District

To The Chief Secy. to Govt.
Fort St George.

Dated 1st May 1861
Recd 10th May 1861

No 136

Enclosure

No 759 none

Reporting with
reference to order
of the 26 March last
whether there is
any objection to the
release of the Prison-
ers therein referred
to -

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C. H. May
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With an Order