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No. 50. Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Magistrate of Kistna District, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th April 1862, No. 197.

Paragraph 1. In forwarding copies of a letter addressed by me to the Resident at Hyderabad, dated 7th instant, and of his reply, with its enclosure, dated 17th April 1862, No. 676, I have the honor to request you will obtain the instructions of Government for forwarding the individual alluded to, to Hyderabad with a view to his identification.

2. The circumstances of the case are these:—on the 17th March a Proclamation was issued by the Nizam's Government offering a reward of 5,000 Rupees for the apprehension of a certain Mahratta Brahmin. In pursuance of this Proclamation, information was given to the Superintendent of Police that an individual, formerly known in Masulipatam as a Musulman, named Gholam Russool, and whose death had been recently reported, and believed by his relations, had suddenly re-appeared in the town in the guise of a Brahmin, and that he was at that time living at a Village, a short distance from Masulipatam, in partial concealment.

3. The Superintendent caused the man to be arrested and brought before me. On enquiry, it appeared that he had left Masulipatam 2 years ago, and that a few months back a letter had been received by a Fakeer, from an individual unknown to him at Hyderabad, announcing the death of Gholam Russool; that this news had been communicated to the brother of Gholam Russool, an inhabitant of Masulipatam, who had credited it, and had performed the usual funeral rites.

4. It was stated by several individuals that the letter, announcing the death of Gholam Russool, had also conveyed the intelligence that he had been concerned in some murders, and had been killed in revenge; this was denied by the Fakeer who also professed to have destroyed the letter, but there was an evident desire on the part of this man to screen Gholam Russool, and to conceal much that he knew regarding him.

5. Taking into consideration the suspicious nature of Gholam Russool's movements, in connection with the existence of conspiracy at Hyderabad, although I saw but little reason to suspect that he was the individual for whom a reward was offered, I thought it right to remand him to the charge of the Police, on his failure to find bail, and to communicate with the Resident at Hyderabad.

6. The Resident, and the Minister both desire that he may be sent to Hyderabad for identification, and there appears such strong ground to suspect that he is a fugitive from justice that I am of opinion their request should be complied with.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Magistrate of Kistna District; to Lieutenant Colonel C. DAVIDSON, C. B., Resident at Hyderabad, dated 7th April 1862, No. 164.

An individual was apprehended and brought before me by the Superintendent of Police here a few days ago, on the suspicion that he might be the Mahratta Brahmin for whose apprehension a reward of 5,000 Rupees has been offered by the Government of His Highness the Nizam.

2. There does not appear to be any reason to suppose that he is the individual referred to; but the circumstances attending his arrival at Masulipatam are so suspicious, that I have detained him in custody pending a reference to you regarding him.

3. From the enclosed copies of depositions taken here you will gather that this individual whose real name is Gulam Russol, but who was generally known in Masulipatam as Babu Sahib, was originally a Sowar in the 5th Cavalry of the late Nizam's Army, that he was discharged from that service and was subsequently employed by the Rájá of Vizianagaram, but was also dismissed by him.

4. That about two years ago he left Masulipatam for Hyderabad, and that about 7 or 8 months ago, a letter was received at Masulipatam stating that he was dead, and that in consequence of that letter his brother performed his funeral ceremonies.

5. It was reported at the time that he had committed some murders and had been killed in return; but the Fakeer by whom the letter was received denies any knowledge of such report; it

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is however clear that from some cause or other, this Fakeer is anxious to conceal what he knows about the man.

6. About 10 or 12 days ago, he appeared suddenly in the town in the guise of a Brahmin, with the sacerdotal thread on his shoulder, and the red cast mark on his forehead; he stayed a day or two in the town, and then went to live at Gádúr, a village some 4 miles distant, where he was apprehended.

7. His reputed death is said to have occurred in Chedderghat; when disguised as a Brahmin he called himself Rámápresad or Lakshmanpresad.

8. His Descriptive Roll is enclosed, and I shall feel obliged by your instituting such enquiries regarding him as you may think necessary, and informing me of the result.

(A True Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Magistrate.

From Lieutenant Colonel CUTHBERT DAVIDSON, c.b., Resident at Hyderabad; to the
Magistrate Kistna District, Masulipatam, dated 17th April 1862, No. 676.
Political Department.

I have the honor to transmit for your information the accompanying copy of a note* received from the Minister, with reference to your letter of the 7th instant, No. 164, regarding an individual apprehended on suspicion of being the Mahratta Brahmin, for whose apprehension a reward of 5,000 Rupees has been offered by the Nizam's Government, and to beg that in compliance with the Minister's request the individual in question may be forwarded to Hyderabad with a view to his identification.

Translation of a letter from Nabob MUKTEYARLMULUK; to Colonel DAVIDSON.

Your letter of the 11th Shaval, No. 823, requesting to be informed as early as possible of the particulars of the individual therein referred to, has been received together with the letter from the Magistrate of Kistna District, Descriptive Roll of the individual apprehended on suspicion, and depositions.

From the Descriptive roll received with the Magistrate's letter, it appears that the suspected individual has marks of small pox on his face, while it seems from the depositions taken from the individuals (apprehended here) who were in the service of Ramaráo, Kishan Ráo now at large, that they have no such marks. The said men in confinement do not disclose the description of

the runaways, but try to conceal as far as possible. On enquiry it is known that the Mansabdar† alluded to in the Descriptive Roll is absent at Mecca. As it is not practicable to decide whether the arrested man is either Ramaráo or Kishan Ráo, it is requested that he may be sent here to be recognized by those acquainted with him, so that the doubt may be removed. Should any charge be incurred in his journey for bandy, &c., it will be borne by the Circar.

† In whose house Gholam Ruzool stated he was living.

The enclosures are returned.
(True Copy and Translation.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Magistrate.

17th April 1862.

No. 51.

ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1862, No. 742.

The Government authorize the Magistrate of the Kistna District to forward the individual in question to Hyderabad for the purpose stated.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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