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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 12th May 1862, No. 260.

I have the honor to enclose two Malayalam Petitions from the Moplah State Prisoners confined in the Jail at Guntoor, received from the Session Judge, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 22nd November 1861, No. 1,431.

To the Magistrate and Collector of Malabar.

The humble Petition of COOTTY POKER of Coottoovalli Umsham in the Taluq of Calicut, now in the Zillah Jail of Guntoor.

Soliciting that the whole of his property which has been in the custody of the Circar may be given up to his son Ammadoo Cootty and others for their protection and maintenance; and that he (Petitioner) may be informed of the particulars hereof.

(Signed) COOTTY POKER.

To the Government of Madras.

The humble Petition forwarded from the Zilla Jail of Guntoor, unanimously by these persons, namely, NALACOTTA MOYIDEEN and his son PAKKI COOTTY of Poodiyanadoo Nageram in Talacadoo Umsham of Pettattanadoo Taluq, COOTTY POKER of Tamalachery Cottoovalli Umsham in the Taluq of Calicut, and CHEVALAY POKER of Maghara Umsham in the Taluq of Yernad.

Stating that four prisoners having made their escape from the Zillah Jail of Calicut, committed the murder of the Collector of the said District, and concealed themselves somewhere; that soon after they were apprehended and shot to death, a careful search was made to find out the parties who secretly gave them aid to effect the said murder; that at that time they (Petitioners) being suspected as abettors, having hand in the murder, were seized upon and taken before the Officers of Hoozoor for trial; that during the enquiry, they (Petitioners) stated that they had no hand in the murder; that they never knew or associated with the murderers; and that there being nearly eighty or ninety miles distance between their place of residence and that of the murderers, there was no possibility of their having had any mutual conversation and interview with the murderers; that notwithstanding this, they (Petitioners) were made prisoners and confined in the Zillah Jail of Calicut for about 7 or 8 months without any enquiry whatsoever: that many parties who came forward to give their evidence respecting their (Petitioners') innocence, were also confined with them without enquiry; and that subsequently they were sent to the Zillah Jail of Guntoor, and have been confined there for the last 6 or 7 years.

Observing that it has been the practice of this good Government to punish only those who are guilty, to set at liberty the suspected parties on receiving security for their future conduct, and to protect the innocent. Praying that as they are innocent of the charge for which they are punished, and as they frequently become sick by being always confined in the Jail, they may be kindly protected and kept in any other healthy place, but the Jail.

(True Translations.)

ORDER THEREON, 24th May 1862, No. 839.

The Moplah Petitions will be forwarded to the Magistrate of Malabar for report.
(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Malabar,
(with two Petitions.)
Inspector General of Jails.

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(A True Translation)

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The Magistrate of Malabar, with 2 Petitions.
Inspector Genl. of Police, 26th