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No. 212. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Magistrate of Coimbatore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 12th August 1863, No. 57.

In laying the enclosed original correspondence* before Government, I beg to recommend that Adam Sahib's sentence be remitted; he bears a good character since he arrived at the Gaol, and he no doubt saved the life of the Constable who was so murderously assailed by the other prisoner Mada Gounden. Adam Sahib's sentence has still about eight months to run. The Inspector General of Police, you will observe, supports the recommendation.

* From the Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, to the Inspector General of Police, dated 23rd July 1863, No. 219.
From the Inspector General of Police, to the Magistrate of Coimbatore, dated 4th August 1863.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to P. GRANT, Esq., Magistrate of Coimbatore, dated Trichinopoly, 4th August 1863.

In forwarding the accompanying report by the Superintendent of Police, I beg to support his recommendation; but, consider that you are the proper channel through whom to lay the matter before Government.

From Captain T. WELDON, Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, dated Coimbatore, 23rd July 1863, No. 219.

I beg to bring the following case to your notice.

On 7th of July 1863, a party of Police escorting two prisoners from Collegal arrived at Hassanoor. One prisoner, Mada Gounden, had been sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment, the other, "Adam Sahib," sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment for housebreaking.

When the party arrived at Hassanoor it was and had been raining heavily. On arrival one of the guard took off his sword and belt to enable him to divest himself of his wet cloth coat. Whilst doing so one of the prisoners, Mada Gounden, managed to get hold of the Constable's sword and belt and walked with it into the bungalow. He was immediately seen and followed by the Constable (No. 625, L. Abdool Gaffoor). On the Constable entering the room the prisoner, Mada Gounden, made a most murderous attack on the Constable with the drawn sword which he held in both hands. The Constable received one wound across the left temple and another on the left wrist before he could inflict a third wound the other prisoner, "Adam Sahib," threw himself on this ruffian and with the assistance of the other men of the guard he was disarmed. The avowed intention of the assailant was to kill the Constable and cut his way through the guard. There is no doubt that the Policeman owes his life to the gallantry of the other prisoner, Adam Sahib, and I have little doubt that if the facts were represented to Government, His Excellency the Governor would consider Adam Sahib's case as a fit one for the exercise of clemency and remit a portion, if not all, of the unexpired portion of the sentence awarded.

Mada Gounden stands committed for trial at the next Sessions for an attempt to murder.

Eight months of Adam Sahib's sentence remain unexpired.

The Jail authorities give the man Adam a good character for steadiness and obedience since he arrived at the Jail.

I may observe that on inquiry no wilful carelessness or negligence on the part of the Constable is apparent.

No. 213. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1863, No. 1,376.

Before directing the immediate release of the prisoner referred to, the Governor in Council desires to be informed of the nature of the offence for which he is now under sentence of imprisonment.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Judicial Department.

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Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Coimbatore.

(Here enter 13th August 1863 No. 67).

Order thereon 25th August 1863 No. 1576

Before directing the immediate release of the prisoner referred to the Governor in Council desires to be informed of the nature of the offence for which he is now under sentence of imprisonment.

To,
The Magistrate of
Coimbatore.

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