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No. 134. Read the following letter from A. W. SULLIVAN, Esq., Session Judge of Tellicherry; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tellicherry, 7th November 1863, No. 105.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government of the 2nd instant, No. 1713, Judicial Department, in which it is ordered that the attendance of a Medical Officer or Medical Subordinate at the execution of criminals is not necessary, I have the honor respectfully to offer the following observations, I do so because I believe that the Acting Joint Magistrate made the official request noticed at paragraph 2 of Dr. Beaman's letter, to which the Proceedings of Government refer, at my suggestion.

2. It is by no means an unfrequent occurrence, I have witnessed such myself, for the criminal to be so overcome at the gallows as for it to be impossible to carry out the sentence without the use of restoratives, &c., which ought in my opinion only to be administered by a Medical Officer.

3. It may not certainly be necessary that the Zillah Surgeon should attend himself; but I am clearly of opinion that one of his subordinates ought to be in attendance for the reason specified in the foregoing paragraph and to certify to the extinction of life.

4. I believe I am right in stating that the Jail Surgeon and Chaplain attend all executions in England.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1863, No. 1792.

The Governor in Council adheres to the Order passed in the Proceedings of Government, under date the 2nd instant, No. 1713, on the subject referred to in the foregoing letter.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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To the Secretary Judges of Settlements

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