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No. 218. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 5th December 1864, No. 373.

In forwarding the enclosed petition from two Moplas, State prisoners, confined in the Jail at Chicacole, now about to be abandoned, I have the honor to recommend their prayer so far as to suggest that they may be transferred to Guntoor where three of their sect are detained.

2. The prisoners' request for release was held by Government to be inadmissible.

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To

J. ROHDE, Esq.,

Inspector General of Jails.

The humble Petition of SYED MAHOMED and MAMOONY SAID, Prisoners in the Jail at Chicacole.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your petitioners most submissively beg to represent their condition again to you. It is now nearly 10 years since we came to Chicacole Jail on mere suspicion of having assisted the prisoners who escaped from Calicut Jail, "the murderers of Mr. Connolly." Having laid our grievances before your honor when you last visited Chicacole in March 1863, you then promised to do something for your petitioners.

2. That your petitioners were not guilty of the offence imputed to them, nor was their case inquired into.

3. That your petitioners were never molested by the Government in any way. The murderers were inhabitants of a village, which is situated some three or four days' journey from that of your petitioners'.

4. That your petitioners were quite ignorant of the murderers being in the Calicut Jail, nor did they know nor ever converse with any of them, which you may consider was impossible in their position of life. Therefore if your honor was to take the above circumstances into your true consideration, and represent the same to Government, no doubt your petitioners would get released from this long confinement.

5. That your petitioners have never been complained against for bad conduct, or for associating with bad persons, or for unfaithfulness towards the Government, previous to their confinement.

6. That your petitioners with three others were thrown into this Jail some 10 years ago; two died from a decease, caused by their grief of having received an injury to their reputation, which proved incurable and at last fatal through the prolongation of their long confinement. The other one was released last year, and that your petitioners are always laboring under some diseases or other, and that it would have been far better if your petitioners supposed crimes have been inquired into and if guilty punished them, instead of confining them in this Jail on mere suspicion.

7. That it is unjust on the part of Government to keep your petitioners, who are in the prime of life, in Jail. Had they in any way assisted the murderers, or been guilty in any way of the offence imputed to them, they would not complain; or had they been guilty, they would have resisted the summons of the Circar, but your petitioners offered no resitances.

8. Had your petitioners' case been inquired into, they would have been liberated, and the Government would never had an occasion to act so cruelly towards them. Regarding your petitioners' conduct, if your honor was to inquire from the Sessions Judge, Zillah Surgeon, or Jailor here, they could state as to your petitioners' behaviour in this Jail.

9. That your petitioners having now left their houses since 10 years ago, and being men of property, they humbly pray that your honor will intercede with the Government, to let them be released on bail.

10. Your petitioners also wish to inform your honor, that some two years ago when Mr. Knox was Sessions Judge at Chicacole, he was so good as to allow your petitioners to petition to your honor regarding the welfare of their families. Ever since then your petitioners are ignorant of the state of their families.

11. Your petitioners, therefore, most humbly beg that your honor will kindly take their deplorable case into your kind consideration, by interceding for them with Government and get them released from this long and dreary confinement, and enable them once more to join their families.

For this act of charity your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

CHICACOLE JAIL, *25th October* 1864.

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1864, No. 1831.

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1. Narrakatputhenwittil Syed Mahomed Coyakutty.
2. Kullathil Padikel Mamunny.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Jails.
„ Sessions Judge of Chicacole.
„ Sessions Judge of Guntoor.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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The Inspector General of Jails. 3
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