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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 8th September 1865.

No. 67. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Magistrate of South Canara, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Mangalore, 24th August 1865, No. 39.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that a Banian, of the town of Mangalore, and who was possessed of property valued at between 2 and 3000 Rupees, has been missing since the 17th July, and, from information which has been received by the Police, there can be but little doubt that the missing man has been foully murdered.

2. The deceased was an old man, and resided in the very heart of the town, in the centre of the chief bazaar; he was well known for his penurious habits, and had also the reputation (and as has been proved to be the case) of being possessed of a considerable amount of money; his sudden disappearance, therefore, caused no little sensation. After waiting for some days, and no information having been forthcoming regarding this individual, I issued a notice in the District Gazette on the 27th July, offering a reward of Rupees 100, for any information which might lead to the detection of the supposed murderers.

3. Up to this date no certain or reliable information has been obtained by the Police; and although the body of the missing man is stated to have been seen near the bar, and notwithstanding every endeavour has been made by the Police to trace out the crime, and to obtain evidence against certain parties against whom the suspicion is very strong, there is nothing in the evidence at present which would warrant any ulterior measures being taken against them.

4. I have therefore deemed it my duty, under Section 209 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to offer a free pardon to any of the accomplices in the said murder who may give such information as may lead to the conviction and punishment of the principal, and my object in now addressing Government is to request their sanction to offer an increased reward of Rupees 300 for such information.

5. The crime of murder is, in this District, fearfully prevalent, and the ends of public justice imperatively require that no endeavours should be wanting on this occasion to endeavour to discover the perpetrators of this foul crime. I may add that the object of the murderers in possessing themselves of the property of the deceased has been happily frustrated, and the same is now in possession of the Police. The deceased has no relatives or heirs; and the property, the greater part of which is in cash, will, in all probability, escheat to Government. I, therefore, earnestly trust that the Government will be pleased to sanction the reward I propose to offer.

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1865, No. 1271.

The Magistrate of South Canara is authorized to offer a reward of Rupees (300) three hundred, for information which will lead to the conviction of the murderers of the missing Banian referred to in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of South Canara.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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The Magistrate of South Canara is authorised to offer a reward of Rs. 1300) three hundred for information which will lead to the conviction of the ~~perpe-~~ ~~trators~~ murderers of the missing Banian referred to in the foregoing letter.

Wdy

The Magistrate of South Canara.
" Inspector Genl. of Police
" Secty. Genl.

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