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No. 241. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Police, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 11th June 1866, No. 64.

With reference to Order of Government, No. 761, of the 18th May, I have the honor to report that the two individuals, supposed to be escaped convicts from Penang, arrived from Negapatam this morning.

2. I have compared them closely with the Descriptive List at page 638 of the Fort Saint George Gazette. Their age tallies exactly with the list, both being close upon 60 years old. They are very much alike. Their hair, moustaches, and beard are grizzled, and of a uniform length. The account given of themselves is obviously false, and they have all the appearance of convicts.

3. Moreover, the man who calls himself Mootooappah (whom I take to be Hunma Naick bin Balajee) is of a brown colour, and has a brand of marking nut on the left side of belly. As no other marks are given in the Roll, his appearance so far entirely corresponds; but his height is 5 feet 5 inches instead of 5 feet 4 inches. It is possible, however, that he may have been incorrectly measured in the first instance. This is frequently the case, unless care is taken to make men raise themselves to their full height. He speaks Canarese well, and this language is spoken about Belgaum, where he was convicted.

4. The following is the description of Rungen (supposed to be Siddeghat Curpah), on careful examination.

Height 5-5½. Robust. Dark. *Eyes not sunk in.* Iris, light hazel. Nose, rather large—*not pointed.* Ears, ordinary; right lobe bored *in one place only;* left lobe, in one place. Breast, hairy. *No scar between the eyebrows.*

The points of difference with the Descriptive Roll given are underlined, and although the general appearance tallies, yet there is a discrepancy in some very important particulars. It is very strange that a man with only one hole in the lobe of his right ear should be described as having 2. Such a mistake ought not to occur. There is no scar between the eyebrows, but there *is* a very conspicuous black mole close by, just above the right eyebrow, which could not fail to attract the attention of any one examining this man's face, in order to find particular marks. There is no entry of this mole in the description given. Rungen speaks Tamil, but appears to have some slight knowledge of Canarese, the language of Mysore where he was convicted.

5. Under these circumstances it might perhaps be well to procure, if possible, some evidence of his identity from Mysore; and should this course be adopted, the other prisoner might also be detained in the Penitentiary for the present, as the absolute identification of Siddeghat Curpah would leave no shadow of doubt about his companion.

No. 242. To the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore; dated Fort Saint George, 26th June 1866, No. 1000.

With reference to the Proceedings of this Government, dated the 17th April last, No. 564, already communicated to you, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward to you the papers noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that two per-

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sons have been apprehended at Negapatam, who are believed to be the escaped Convicts from Penang. One of them answers completely to the description given in the Descriptive Roll; but regarding the other, who is supposed to be the Mysore convict Siddeghat Curpah, the Commissioner of Police, Madras, entertains doubts. I am, therefore, directed to inquire whether satisfactory evidence of the Convict's identity can be procured in Mysore, to admit of ulterior measures being taken in the case.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Ord. J. H. Burns.

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To the Commr: for the Govt: of the Territories of H. H. the Maharajah of Mysore

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Dated 2th June 1866.

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