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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1532	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	1-10-1866	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

1st October 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 9. From the Session Judge of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 4th September 1866, No. 12.

Under Section 394, Criminal Procedure Code, I have the honor to report, for

the information of Government, that the prisoner Ramay Gounden was tried for murder,* and found by me to have committed the act, but acquitted on the ground of insanity. I have issued orders to keep him in safe custody in the Zillah Jail, pending the orders of Government for his removal to the Lunatic Asylum at Madras.

2. Copies of my notes and the Civil Surgeon's deposition are herewith submitted, for the information of Government.

Notes in Calendar Case No. 17 of 1866, on the file of the Session Court of Coimbatore.

MURDER.

Prisoner pleads not guilty.

1st Witness, Toppa Gounden, deposes that, on the day the murder was committed, he (witness) was lying down in his field; it was Thursday night. On the Friday morning, witness was informed of the death of his brother. Witness saw the corpse of his deceased brother, it was lying on the Bank of a channel. Govinda and 3 others were lying down beside me. He (witness) did not see the prisoner at the time, as there was a great crowd of people. Witness saw his brother two or three days before he was murdered. Witness gave a deposition before the Taluq. The deceased was in good health before his death. He (witness) saw the prisoner half an hour after he saw the corpse of his deceased brother. He (prisoner) was in the custody of the Monigar.

2nd Witness deposes that he does not know the prisoner—knew the deceased. Witness does not recollect the week or day. On the night previous to the murder, witness, the deceased, and two others, were lying down in the stall. The next morning the deceased went out to see the water; after the deceased left, witness heard the noise of blows,—thereupon, he (witness) and two others went to see what was the matter. When he went to the place, he saw the prisoner at the Bar striking the deceased with a stick; the prisoner threw away the stick, and went and jumped and called out in the field. He, prisoner, appeared then to be mad. Saw the deceased lying on the ground; he was quite dead, his skull having been broken to pieces. One Tanja Gounden apprehended the prisoner. He (witness) saw the prisoner strike the deceased on the head. Witness did say in the Taluq that he saw the prisoner strike the deceased. It was about half an hour after the deceased left, that the noise of beating was heard. The prisoner was not acquainted with the deceased, neither was he known to him (witness).

3rd Witness, Patcheapen, deposes that the deceased was murdered in the month of March. The night previous to the murder, he (witness), and the deceased, and two others were sleeping in the stall. In the morning, the deceased went out to shut up the channel. Half an hour after the deceased went, a noise was heard. He (witness) and the others ran to the place, to see what was the matter. We saw the deceased, he was then lying on his face, and the prisoner was striking him with the stick before the Court—he was beating him on the head. On approaching the place, the prisoner threw down the stick, and ran into the field, about 20 fathoms distance. The prisoner was conducting himself like a mad man. The deceased was then lying dead, his head having been broken to pieces. One Tanjan apprehended the prisoner. He (witness) was not acquainted with the prisoner before, neither was he known to the deceased.

4th Witness corroborates the evidence of the 2nd and 3rd witnesses.

5th Witness, to the same point as the above, therefore unnecessary.

6th Witness deposes that, on the morning of the murder, he (witness) apprehended the prisoner at the Bar. Saw the body of the deceased, and then went and secured the prisoner, who was in a field close by. The deceased's head was broken to pieces. The prisoner was pulling up the paddy

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From the Session Judge
of Bombay / 16 Sept '66 N° 12 /
Memo from Pl. Insp. General
Medical Dept / 19th Nov - 363

Order - 1st October 1866 N° 1532.

Ordered that the Prisoner
Rameshram be transferred
from the Billa's jail at Bom-
bay to the Sanatani Asylum
at Madras.

[Handwritten signatures]

To Session Judge Bombay
- Insp. Genl of Jails
- Pl Insp General
Med Dept } *[Signature]* 5/11

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