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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
12th November 1867.*

No. 139. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 30th October 1867, No. 101.

I have the honor to forward, for such notice as the Government may think proper, copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, dated 24th instant, No. 300, bringing to notice the meritorious conduct of J. Ramiah Naidoo, Tahsildar of the Neilgherry Taluq, in recapturing five of the seven Chinese convicts who effected their escape from the Lovedale Jail on the night of the 14th September 1867. It is no doubt due to the exertions of the Tahsildar that the convicts were recaptured where they were, and I think that an opinion, expressive of the approbation of Government as to his conduct, is merited by the Tahsildar, and will tend to incite others to similar exertions on like occasions.

From the Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, to the Magistrate of Coimbatore; dated Coimbatore, 24th October 1867, No. 300.

You have been already informed of the recapture of the seven Chinese convicts who escaped from Lovedale Jail on the night of the 4th September 1867.

2. The first two were recaptured on the 2nd day after their escape in the vicinity of the Jail; but, although Police parties were sent out in different directions and to great distances, no information could be obtained from the Burghers or Todas of the remaining five convicts.

3. I, therefore, applied to Ramiah, the Ooty Tahsildar, asking if he could assist me in getting intelligence, by persuading the Burghers to search for the missing convicts. The Tahsildar at once set to work, proceeded to Davashollay, where he remained for several days, and, having called up the Headmen of the neighbouring villages, persuaded them to send off Burghers in all directions to search the different sholas, and in a few days afterwards the convicts were brought in by them.

4. I have the honor, therefore, to bring to your notice the great assistance rendered by the Tahsildar, as it was entirely owing to his exertions the Burghers exerted themselves in the way they did.

5. The names of the Burghers who effected the capture have been sent in to the Superintendent in charge of Lovedale Jail for the Government reward laid down, but it has taken me some time to ascertain the names of the Burghers who really worked in the case, so many having come forward to claim the reward.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1867, No. 1813.

The Governor in Council considers that the activity shown by Ramiah, the Tahsildar of the Neilgherry Taluq, in the capture of Chinese convicts who escaped from the Lovedale Jail, is very creditable to that Officer.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Coimbatore.
,, Inspector General of Police.
,, Inspector General of Jails.
,, Revenue Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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