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Dated 18-5-~~19~~38

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No. 31. Read the following letter from W. M. MOLLE, Esq., Session Judge of Honore; to the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 8th May 1858, No. 295.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the following circumstances. I have heard that Mr. Robinson, the Commissioner in Soopah, has apprehended and convicted a considerable number of persons connected with the insurgents under Hunmunth Savunt.

2. The old Jail here is in a very insecure condition, and has already in it more Convicts than it can conveniently hold.

3. The Inspector of Prisons, in passing through this, expressed to me his opinion that the new Jail would not be available for some time, as the outer wall must be re-built. This cannot be even commenced before the end of this monsoon.

4. A case has been sent in from the southern frontier of Soopah, in which there are forty prisoners, who committed a gang robbery in the name of Hunmunth Savunt.

5. If a part even of these prisoners is convicted, I must transfer some short sentenced prisoners from the old Jail to the new one, insecure as it is, to make room for these prisoners.

6. In this isolated place the difficulty even of procuring fetters is such, that although urgently requested lately by Mr. Binny, the Assistant Magistrate, to send him fetters for use in Soopah, I could not get them made, except at the forge in the Jail. There are only two Blacksmiths in the Jail, and to get fetters made for any large number of prisoners, if sent in here by Mr. Robinson, would occupy a considerable time.

7. I would therefore beg to suggest that instructions be sent to Mr. Robinson, directing him, in the event of his convicting and sentencing to imprisonment any large number of persons connected with the insurgents in Soopah, that they be forwarded to Dharwar or Belgaum to undergo their sentence of imprisonment.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, No. 636; dated 15th May 1858.

Ordered that copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Special Commissioner, Mr. J. D. Robinson.

It is observed that Mr. Robinson has already applied to the Judge of Dharwar for permission to send to his Jail prisoners convicted of complicity in the disturbances prevailing on the frontier of North Canara.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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It is observed that Mr Robinson has always objected to the Judge of Skalwags sending to his Jail to this Jail prisoners convicted of complicity in the disturbances prevailing on the Frontiers of North Canara.

J.P.

Fort St George
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