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Erection of a memorial to Nanpamua
of the Guntakal shooting case.

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 Name) K. C. Manavedan Raja Esy
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From S. M., Anantapur

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SUBJECT.

Reports for orders the
 attempt to put up a tablet
 to the memory of one
 Hampanna connected
 with the Guntakal
 shooting case.

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Enclosure to
Confidential letter
No. _____ to
the Chief Secretary.
Dear Sir,

Gooty
25 August 1893.

I beg to inform you that Mr
Kerawa Pillay and certain others are
constructing a platform on a piece of
patta land adjoining the Bangalore -
Kannur high road, near Muro choultry,
at Gooty, for the purpose of placing thereon
a tablet to the memory of Hampden.
The land on which the platform is
being erected forms a portion of Survey
No. 491, dry, held as patta by one Da-
de Sahib of Gooty. They have purchased
the piece of land five yards in square from
the said Dade Sahib for the purpose -
The platform is at a distance of $3\frac{1}{2}$
feet from the boundary line of the high
road. The tablet to be placed thereon
contains the following inscription -
"Here lies the remains of Gootla -
"pothi Hampden, the Gate Keeper,
"who while defending two Hindu -
"women against a party of Euro -
"pean soldiers near the Gootla
"rest camp, was shot by one of them
"on the 21 October 1893. He died here
on

"on the 5" idem. Raised by European
'and Indian' admirers. 1895."

It will be seen that the inscription
is not quite true, as the soldier charged
with the murder of Hampden was
acquitted by the highest Court of justice
in the land.

You are aware that European
troops are passing along the Ban-
galore - Kurnool high road once a
year or so. The site on which the
tablet is to be placed is prominent
and very near the public road -
the site seems to have been pur-
posely selected, in order to attract
the notice of the passers by. When-
ever European soldiers pass along
this road, they may get annoyed in
reading the inscription, and a
breach of the peace may ensue.
I would therefore suggest that the
Law officers of Government may
be consulted as to whether the
putting up of the tablet at the
place in question could not be
prevented.

prevented, bearing in mind that
the inscription is against the
feeding of the High Court.

Yours respectfully
(Signed) K. Narayana Sagar.

(True copy)

Munamundaiah
Off District Magistrate

Anantapur District
Magistrates' Office
4th September 1896-

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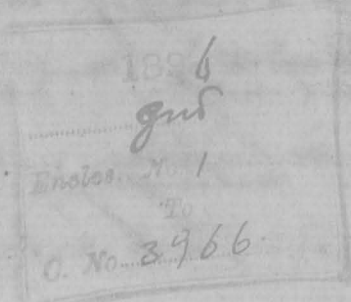
From,

K. C. Manavedan Raja Esq.
District Magistrate
Anantapur.

To, The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras.
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Sir, In submitting herewith a copy
of the Gooty Dy Magistrates' D. O., dated
25th ultimo, for the orders of Government,
I have the honor to state that the Dy-
Magistrate brings to notice that some
of the local pleaders are attempting
to put up, by the side of the high road,
near Munro choultry, at Gooty, a
tablet to the memory of one Hampa-
nna, who in October 1893, near Gooty

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Guntakal Junction was shot dead by an European Corporal named Ashford, on the apparent plea of commensurating the bravery displayed by the deceased in defending some native women, whose modesty it was supposed Ashford and his party wished to outrage. The Dy Magistrate apprehends a breach of the peace and requests whether steps may not be taken to prevent the men from putting the tablet in question.

2. I have to premise that Ashford was committed to the High Court and was acquitted by it: and on the result of the trial being made known, the very same local pleaders commenced agitation and it was at their instigation that the Native Preps. eagerly took up the question and passed much adverse criticism on the supposed injustice of Ashford's acquittal. The subject is still fresh in the minds of the public and the agitators are devising means to rouse

raise public attention to a sense of the supposed glaring injustice done to the natives and this, if not nipped in the bud, cannot but be the means of sowing seeds of disaffection among the subject population.

3. On a careful consideration of the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code regarding prevention of the breach of the peace and the High Court's rulings on the subject, I find nothing in them to bear upon the present question. On the other hand, the attempt seems to me to border upon a very serious offence and I consider I should place it before Government before any action is taken by me in the matter. The motive of the agitators is apparent; their object is evidently to haul up the supposed injustice of Government in screening its European soldiery from whatever violence and outrage it may commit on the natives and especially on their women. Their

Object

object is thus to move the feelings of the
native population and thereby create a
kind of disaffection towards Government;
and as such, I think, the attempt
comes within the purview of section
124 A of the Indian Penal Code.
Their object cannot be any thing
else, as this case has been greatly
taken advantage of for much
adverse criticism by the native
Press and the present attempt will
only tend to revive the public memory
in respect of the past events and
serve to fan up feelings of dis-
affection among the people.
With the approval of Government,
I propose to warn the leaders of the
agitation of the risk they run
in putting the tablet in so con-
spicuous a place as the main
Bangalore high road and also near
an important place of public
resort like Munro Choultry,
as forth, these travellers of
all

all classes and kinds meet.
There can be no objection to their
putting the tablet in an out of the way
place.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Manmohan Lal.

Off. District Magistrate.

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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 3966.

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Execution of a memorial
to Hamparner of the Guntakal
shooting case

FOR ORDERS.

It is true that Ashford was
acquitted, but I fear justice
was not done in the case.
I don't consider that it was a
can murder but I do think
that it was one of native popula-
tion has reason. I am dissatisfied
with the result of the case. This
is unfortunate, but there is no
possible way of allaying that
dissatisfaction - on the other
hand, to interfere with the
execution of the memorial
would almost certainly inflame
it - I should tell the S.M.
to say I do nothing -

RS
1879/96

The Mr. Magte, Anantapur
sub solicits the orders of Govt. in
regard to a movement to put
up, in a public place, a tablet
to the memory of Hamparner, who
a Railway gate keeper at Guntakal,
who was shot by Ernest Ashford
a Lance Corporal in the 2^d Welsh
Regiment. Mr. Manavardau Raja
considers that the movement "if
not nipped in the bud,
cannot but be the means of
sowing seeds of disaffection among
the subject population". He says
that the attempt comes within
the purview of section 124 A. of the
Indian Penal Code and proposes
with the approval of Govt., to warn
the leaders of the agitation of the
risk they run in putting the
tablet in so conspicuous a place.
It appears, however, that
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if the St. Mayor is satisfied that the erection of the memorial would lead to a breach of peace, he can put a stop to it under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Orders are solicited whether the Advocate ^{general} may be consulted before taking any action.

The first question seems to be whether ^{into} the manner in which action should be taken, but whether any action should be taken at all. O.S. remembers seeing a long time ago in the papers that this tablet was to be erected, & its ^{the idea} erection apparently caused very little sensation. If Govt. now stops the erection of the tablet the commotion will probably begin all over again in the Native Press. It is not likely it is submitted that the tablet will cause soldiers marching through to commit breaches of the peace. Soldiers of other religions won't care much about the matter, & there will be no one in charge of the tablet to quarrel with if they did.

It seems doubtful also whether the disaffection excited by the tablet would be appreciable. Submitted that Govt. interference would transfigure Hampanna into a ^{Kenningsington}. What the U.S. says about this is ^{over} ^{sub} ^g ^{ab}.

FOR ORDERS.

~~H. E. THE GOVERNOR.~~

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

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FOR ORDERS.

There being small chance of the erection of the tablet being likely to cause disaffection seems correct. Apparently the inscription is only in English so the number of persons likely to read it will be but small. I am not so sure about European soldiers not taking any notice of the tablet. It will probably be smashed not by some of them ere long. This is the only chance ^{a few chances} of trouble being caused by erection of the tablet. The inscription is of a very imaginative character. No far as I remember Hampanna neither died nor was buried anywhere near the spot where the tablet is being put up.

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Current No. 3966 of 1896, dated 4/9 , from Dm., Anantapur.

" " " 189 , " " "

(From orders) " 189. , " " "

FOR ORDERS.

H. M.

ORDER. No 1537 of 22 Sept 96.

The District Magistrate
will be instructed to take no
action ^{of any kind} ~~in the matter~~ ^{in the matter of the creation of the tablet referred to.}
(From orders).

W. S. G.

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Dm., Anantapur (P)
22/9/96

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