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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	822	Press Mis.
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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 21st December 1858.

No. 20. From G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor General; to A. R. YOUNG, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Allahabad, 6th December 1858, No. 582.

Home Department. SIR,

Adverting to the 10th and following paragraphs of my letter, No. 519, dated the 8th November 1858, I am directed by His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General to request that the Honorable the Lieutenant Governor will make known to all Officers concerned, the following instructions regarding the treatment of Sepoys, belonging to Regiments which murdered their Officers.

2. All mutineers have been admitted to mercy with exception of those, who may now or hereafter be "convicted of having directly taken part in the murder of British Subjects."

3. Whenever it may be proved that a Sepoy was present at the Head Quarters of his Regiment when the Regiment murdered its Officers, or was present with a Wing or Detachment, similarly chargeable with murder, that fact alone will not be sufficient to convict him of "having directly taken part in the murder." But, unless there is ground for reasonable presumption that he was not implicated in aiding and abetting the murder, he is to be retained in custody for trial hereafter. If there is ground for such presumption, he is to be allowed to go to his home.

4. A report of every order retaining a Sepoy in custody for future trial, should be promptly made to you, with a Register showing the Regiment, Name, Residence, &c. of the Prisoner, and an outline of the evidence.

5. Where a Sepoy is known to have belonged to a Regiment which murdered its Officers, but where there is no proof of his having been present at the Quarters at which the murder took place, he is to be allowed to go to his home.

6. Sepoys allowed to go to their homes, under paragraphs 3 and 5 of this Order, are to be warned that, if evidence should be found of their having been directly concerned in the murder of British Subjects, they will be sought out, and brought to justice. The fact will be noticed in the Certificate to be given to the Sepoy under paragraph 11 of my letter, dated the 8th November; and will also be noted in the Register, a copy of which is, under the same para: to be submitted to the Bengal Government.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 822; dated 21st December 1858.

Communicated to the Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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