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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
from 24th September to 4th October 1859.*

No. 37. Read the following report by the Appeal Court of Travancore on the order of Government, No. 418 of the 11th July last, dated 3rd September 1859, No. 210.

With reference to a report called for by Government, regarding the sentence of punishment awarded to certain Shanar prisoners at Erneel in South Travancore, the Appeal Court, in explanation of the same, observe that the imprisonment in irons with hard labour was adjudged the prisoners, not for carrying the corpse of a deceased Shanar near the Pagoda, but because it was an aggravated case of affray and wounding, and in passing the several sentences, the Court consider the punishment as fully adequate to the crime committed.

2. The Shanars evidently premeditated a disturbance, by resorting to the unusual practice of assembling a large concourse, about 1000 Armed persons, to accompany the corpse, and choosing the very road which they knew to be objectionable, in consequence of its vicinity to the Pagoda and which they had never previously traversed on similar occasions.

3. No remonstrance on the part of the Chetties was available, and the Shanars committed the affray by entering the Pagoda and destroying the images. The result was a serious affray on both sides, during which many persons were wounded and rendered senseless. The prisoners then decamped and were subsequently apprehended and brought to trial.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE, }
Trevandrum, }
21st September 1859. }

(Signed) HEBER DRURY,
Assistant Resident in charge.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1859, No. 578.

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing report, the Government see no cause for their interference.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Political Department

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From

M^r. Asst. Resident in Charge
Rangoon and Lashio.

Dated 21st September 1859.

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To the Asst. President in charge } Disptg.
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