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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 25th January 1859.

No. 8. EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION in the Judicial Department under date the 12th January 1859, No. 36.

(*Vide* Diary, Judicial Consultation, 18th January 1859, Nos. 9 and 10.)

(*Regarding the treatment of Mutineers and Rebels who may surrender themselves subsequently to the 1st of January 1859.*)

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 60; dated 19th January 1859.

To be Recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 36.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 12th January 1859.

Read the following letter from G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor General; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Fort William, dated Allahabad, the 28th December 1858, No. 626.

Home Department.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 599, dated the 8th Instant, I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Honorable the President in Council, the accompanying copy of instructions which are to be issued by the Government of the North-Western Provinces, regarding the treatment of mutineers and rebels who may surrender themselves subsequently to the 1st of January 1859.

2. These instructions prescribe the course of action which in His Excellency's opinion will be the most politic; namely, the continued extension of the Royal mercy to those who are least unworthy of it; and the careful reservation to the Government of a power of exacting or modifying, according to circumstances, the full penalties of the Law in the case of those who come within the classes which from the beginning have been excepted from free pardon.

3. His Excellency requests that His Honor in Council will be good enough to issue corresponding instructions to the Government of Bengal.

No. 628.

Copy forwarded for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George.

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
*Secy. to the Govt. of India,
 with the Governor General.*

COMMISSIONERS,
 SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS, AND
 MAGISTRATES.

Allahabad, the 27th December 1858.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General to communicate the following instructions to you regarding the treatment of mutineers and rebels who may surrender themselves subsequently to the 1st January 1859.

2. Although by neglecting to avail themselves of the Queen's gracious pardon before the date prescribed in the Royal Amnesty, these persons have lost all rightful title to benefit by its provisions, yet the Governor General desires that the spirit of the Amnesty be still adhered to in all ordinary cases.

3. Mutineers and rebels, not included in any of the three excepted classes, will continue to be treated in accordance with the Circular Orders, No. 4582, dated the 5th November and No. 4583, dated the 6th November.

4. The excepted classes will continue to be tried under the Penal Commissions. But His Lordship requires that Special Commissioners shall continue to report every case of conviction to Government, and further that they shall await its orders before carrying into execution the sentence passed, whether it affect the life, liberty, or property of the Criminal.

5. These reports should now be furnished separately for each case, instead of being thrown into a Weekly Statement; they should be full and detailed, both as regards the charge, the facts, and the evidence; and they should be submitted immediately on conviction.

I have &c.,

Order.—Resolved that a copy of the foregoing communication be furnished to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, to the Commissioners appointed under Acts XIV of 1857 and XXII of 1858, and to the several Magistrates in the Provinces for information and guidance, as also to the Military and Political Departments, in continuation of the papers communicated in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 7th January Instant, No. 19.

(True Extract and Copies.)

T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Judges of the Court of Foujdaree Udalut.
„ Commissioners, under Act XIV of 1857.
„ Magistrates.
„ Military Department.
„ Political do. — *[Signature]*

