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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th May 1877, No. 1,667.

Read the following paper :—

No. 152. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd May* 1877, *Miscellaneous No.* 6,460 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Gudiatham, 18th April 1877, No. 256.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Session Judge's letter to the High Court, dated 4th December last, No. 44, in which he referred, for the confirmation of the High Court, the sentence of death passed upon one Muniyan, prisoner in Calendar Case No. 169 of 1876.

2. Muniyan belonging to Arcot deliberately murdered his wife by hacking her with a sickle that he had specially made for the purpose, and attempted to commit several other murders on persons whom he supposed to be privy to his wife's infidelity. He was running about the streets of the town of Arcot in a state of frenzied excitement with the bloody weapon in his hands, intent on killing his mother-in-law and her sons. A number of Police Constables were present, but they all behaved in the most cowardly manner, and not one of them attempted to arrest the murderer.

3. Varadarajulu Reddiar, Tahsildar and 2nd-Class Magistrate of Arcot (now Acting Tahsildar of Wallajah), hearing of what had occurred, proceeded to the spot, boldly went up to Muniyan, and commanded him to lay down the sickle, and then prostrate himself at his feet. His courageous demeanour had such an effect on the man that he obeyed the order after very little demur, and was then arrested. This highly praiseworthy conduct of the Sub-Magistrate at a most critical moment undoubtedly saved the lives of several people whom the murderer in his desperate fury was about to put to death. The Session Judge, in paragraph 13 of his letter above mentioned, has made favorable remarks regarding the meritorious conduct of the Sub-Magistrate on that most trying and difficult occasion.

4. It is very seldom that an instance of such indisputable courage has to be recorded on the part of one of our native officials who, as a rule, are beyond measure cautious as to how they expose themselves to any risk of bodily injury that can by any possibility be avoided. I have, therefore, all the more pleasure in laying this matter before Government for their favorable notice. Varadarajulu Reddiar is one of my ablest and most useful Tahsildars, and has always done his duty unobtrusively and most efficiently. On the present occasion, he merely desires that the Government may be pleased to record such an expression of their approbation of his conduct as they may deem appropriate, and which he proposes to have entered in the usual Register of his services. His request is a very modest and reasonable one, and I feel sure that the Government will be prepared to comply with it. I should have made this reference earlier, but it was only within the last few days that I became aware that the Session Judge had made any allusion in his letter of reference to Varadarajulu Reddiar's courageous behaviour.

Revenue Department, 8th May 1877, *No.* 1,667.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government. The conduct of the Sub-Magistrate as described by Mr. Whiteside seems to merit some special mark of the approval of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

No. 153. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1877, No. 1,667.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government have perused with much interest Mr. Whiteside's report on the behaviour of Varadarajulu in the arrest of the murderer Muniyan. The courage and firmness displayed by Varadarajulu well merit the praise of Government. Mr. Whiteside will inform him accordingly.

2. Paragraph 2 will be referred to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Judicial Department.

Ed. F. R. Bandeman.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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No 256

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From

W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Collector of North Arcot

To

H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Session Judge's letter to the High Court dated 4 December last, No 44 in which he referred for the confirmation of the High Court the Sentence of death passed upon one Mutian, Prisoner in Calendar case No 109 of 1876.

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Mutian

2 Almighty Father, I beg of thee
to forget & blot entirely remember &
bear in life by sacking her
with a veil that he had
especially made for the purpose
and attempted to commit
carnal thee murder on
person whom he confessed
to be guilty of his unfaithfulness. He was arrested
about the street of the town
of Arnot in a state of
frenzied excitement with the
bloody weapon in his hand
which he threw in the road
and his coat of similar
color & texture which he
also threw in the road
and ran home. He was
arrested & taken to the
police station & locked in
a cell. He was arraigned
in court the next morning

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[illegible] instantaneous death
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Courageous behaviour

North Arcot
Coll's Cir Office
Gudiatham 18 April 1799

I have &c
(Sd) W. S. Whiteside
Collector

Submitted for the favorable Consideration of Government. The conduct of the Sub Magistrate as described by Mr Whiteside seems to merit some special mark of the approval of Government.

(True Copy & Extract)

[signature]
Sub Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government R.D.
with one Enc: to be returned

[signature]

Revenue (1877) Department

No 2359

Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

Dated 2 May 77.
Recd 3 May 77
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Submitting for the favorable consideration of Govt N. Arcot Collr's letter bringing to notice the courageous conduct of the Tahs of Wallajah in the arrest of certain murderers

Order No 1669 of 8-5-77

The Govt have perused with much interest Mr Whiteside's report on the ~~[illegible]~~ behaviour of Varadarajulu in the arrest of the murderers mentioned. The courage & firmness displayed by Varadarajulu will [illegible] the [illegible] of Govt ~~[illegible]~~

Govt Mr Whiteside will inform him accordingly

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