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10th January 1798

At a General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace
Sessions of Eyre and Terminus and General Gaol Delivery, holden at the Town Hall
in Fort Saint George, on Wednesday, the Tenth day of January, One thousand
Seven hundred and Ninety Eight.

Before
Edward Saunders Esquire

Acting President and Governor of
Fort Saint George

Lieutenant General George Harris, Commander in Chief,
and Ernst William Sallofield Esquire, Members of the Council thereof,
Justices assigned to keep the Peace, and also Commissioners of Eyre and
Terminus and General Gaol Delivery for the Town of Madraspatnam,
Garrison of Fort Saint George, and its Dependencies.

The Court being duly opened the Sheriff returns
his Precept, and the Court is then adjourned to Monday the
fourteenth day of February next for continuing the present Sessions.

J. H. H.
Clerk of the Peace

14th February 1798

At an Adjourned Court of Quarter Sessions of the
Peace, Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery holden
at the Town Hall in Fort Saint George, on Wednesday the fourteenth day
of February One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Before
Edward Saunders Esquire
Acting President and Governor of
Fort Saint George
and

Lieutenant General George Harris Commander in Chief,
and Ernst William Fallofield Esquire, Members of the Council thereof,
and Justices assigned to keep the Peace, as also Commissioners of Oyer and
Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for the Town of Madraspatnam,
Garrison of Fort Saint George and its Dependencies.

The Court being duly opened, the same is
adjourned to Wednesday the twentieth day of March next for continuing
the present Sessions.

S. L. W. R.
Ck of the peace

7th March 1798

At an Adjourned Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Sessions
of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery holden at the Town Hall in
Fort Saint George on Wednesday the seventh day of March One thousand seven
hundred and ninety eight.

Before
The Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris
President and Governor in Council and Commander in Chief of
Fort Saint George
and

Edward Saunders and Ernst William Fallofield Esquires, Members of the
Council thereof, and Justices assigned to keep the Peace, and also Commissioners of
Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for the Town of Madraspatnam
Garrison of Fort Saint George and its Dependencies.

The Court being duly opened, the same is adjourned
to Wednesday the Twentieth Instant at Ten o'clock in the Forenoon for continuing
the present Sessions.

S. L. W. R.
Ck of the peace

An Adjourned Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace
Sessions of Byer and Terminus and General Gaol Delivery holden at the
Town Hall in Fort Saint George, on Wednesday the Twenty eighth day of
March, One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety eight.

Before
The Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris
President and Governor in Council and Commander in Chief of
Fort Saint George

and
Edward Saunders and Ernst William Fallesfeld Esquires,
Members of the Council thereof, and Justices assigned to keep the Peace, as also
Commissioners of Byer and Terminus and General Gaol Delivery for the Town of
Madraspatnam, Garrison of Fort Saint George and its Dependencies.

The Court is duly opened.

In consequence of the indisposition of Mr. Stephen Tilton the
Clerk of the Peace, the Court is pleased to appoint Mr. Robert Williams to officiate
as Deputy Clerk of the Peace. He accordingly takes the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office.

The following Gentlemen are then called and sworn on
the Grand Jury.

Thomas Chase
John Stuart Smith
James Brodie
John Benicard Travers
Arthur Brooke
George Stratton
George Gilbert Keble
Richard Henry Leatham

John Rowley Esq^r Foreman.
George Taswell
Thomas Fraser
William Cockell
John Goldingham
Richard Arthur Maitland
Henry Burnaby
William Fraser
John Abbott.

Messrs Charles Baker, Thomas Anstey, George
Buchan, James Taylor, Samuel Johnston and Thomas Parry, having been
called over to serve as Grand Jurors, did not appear or answer unto their names.

Robert Blinksworth, is sworn to attend on the
Grand Jury during the present sittings.

The Foreman of the Grand Jury remains in
Court, and the following Witnesses are in his presence sworn to give evidence to
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the Grand Jury on the two several Indictments hereunder mentioned
On the Indictment

The King
against
Ramabutton
Nellavandan
and
Dappoogan } For Murder.
Witnesses Sworn.
Mootoo Pillay
Ponnappa
Kistna Button
Saumy
Venkatesham
and
Doctor George Bailey.

On the Indictment

The King
against
Suthapetta Venkata Saumya alias Venkata Shan.
Enavarty Sambyah alias Sambasivados.
Paupiah.
Narsoo.
Entyah
Venkata ramados
Mullyah
and
Caucoolyah. } For a Misdemeanor.
Witnesses Sworn.
William Simpson
Robert Barlow.
Veeranah
Casavaloo
Padryah
and
Henry Davison

The Indictments are then delivered to the Foreman, who
retires.

Mr. John Stuart Smith one of the Gentlemen of the Grand
Jury being indisposed, the Court is pleased to excuse his Attendance, - and Mr.
Thomas Anstey is sworn as a Grand Juror in his stead.

Rungapen, against whom three several Indictments were
found at the last Sessions, for an assault with an Intent to kill, is put to the Bar
and Arraigned as follows. - The Indictment being explained to him in the Native
Language by Shuningaray the sworn Interpreter.

Clerk of the Peace. Rungapen, hold up your hand. - You stand Indicted by the name of Rungapen
late of Madras within the Jurisdiction of this Court Inhabitant, for that you on
the twentieth day of September in the thirty seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lord George the Third, now King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of
the Faith and so forth, with force and Arms at Chindatropetta within the Jurisdiction
aforesaid, with a certain drawn Knife, which you the said Rungapen in your Right
hand then and there had and held, in and upon one Narrain Chetty, in the
peace of God and our said Lord the King then and there being did make an
assault with an intent him the said Narrain Chetty then and there feloniously
wilfully and of your malice aforethought to kill and murder, and thus wrongs
the said Narrain Chetty then and there did to the great damage of the said Narra
Chetty, and against the Peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

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And you further stand indicted by the name of Pungapen for that you on the said twentieth day of September in the year aforesaid, with force and arms at Chindatrepetta aforesaid within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, in and upon the said Narraim Chetty in the peace of God and our said Lord the King then and there being did make an assault, and him the said Narraim Chetty then and there did beat, wound and ill treat, so that his life was greatly despaired of, and then wrongs to the said Narraim Chetty then and there did, to the great damage of the said Narraim Chetty, and against the Peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

Clerk of the Peace. Now say you, Pungapen, are you guilty of the assault with an intent to kill whereof you stand indicted or not guilty?

Prisoner. Not guilty.

Clerk of the Peace. How will you be tried?

Prisoner. By God and my country.

Clerk of the Peace. God send you a good deliverance.

The Prisoner is then also arraigned on a further Indictment as follows.

Clerk of the Peace. You stand Indicted by the name of Pungapen late of Madras within the Jurisdiction of this Court Inhabitant, for that you on the twentieth day of September in the thirty seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, now King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and so forth, with force and arms at Chindatrepetta within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, with a certain drawn Knife, which you the said Pungapen in your right hand then and there had and held, in and upon one Paulo Chetty in the peace of God and our said Lord the King then and there being did make an assault with an intent him the said Paulo Chetty then and there feloniously, wilfully, and of your malice aforethought to kill and murder, and other wrongs to the said Paulo Chetty then and there did, to the great damage of the said Paulo Chetty, and against the Peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

And you further stand indicted by the name of Pungapen, for that you on the said twentieth day of September in the year aforesaid, with force and arms at Chindatrepetta aforesaid within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, in and upon the said Paulo Chetty in the peace of God and our said Lord the King then and there being, did make an assault, and him the said Paulo Chetty then and there did beat, wound and ill treat, so that his life was greatly despaired of, and then wrongs to the said Paulo Chetty then and there did, to the great damage of the said Paulo Chetty, and against the Peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

Clerk of the Peace. Now say you, Pungapen, are you guilty of the assault with an intent to kill whereof you stand indicted or not guilty?

Not guilty.

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Clerk of the Peace. How will you be tried?

Prisoner. By God and my country.

Clerk of the Peace. God send you a good deliverance.

The Prisoner is then further arraigned on another Indictment as follows.

Clerk of the Peace. You stand Indicted by the name of Pungapen late of Madras within the Jurisdiction of this Court Inhabitant, for that you on the twentieth day of September in the thirty seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, now King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and so forth, with force and arms at Chindatrepetta within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, with a certain drawn Knife which you the said Pungapen in your right hand then and there had and held in and upon one Venkatach Chetty in the peace of God and our said Lord the King then and there being did make an assault with an intent him the said Venkatach Chetty then and there feloniously, wilfully and of your malice aforethought to kill and murder, and other wrongs to the said Venkatach Chetty then and there did, to the great damage of the said Venkatach Chetty, and against the Peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

And you further stand indicted by the name of Pungapen, for that you on the said twentieth day of September in the year aforesaid, with force and arms at Chindatrepetta aforesaid within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, in and upon the said Venkatach Chetty in the peace of God and our said Lord the King then and there being, did make an assault, and him the said Venkatach Chetty then and there did beat, wound and ill treat so that his life was greatly despaired of, and then wrongs to the said Venkatach Chetty then and there did, to the great damage of the said Venkatach Chetty, and against the Peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

Clerk of the Peace. Now say you, Pungapen, are you guilty of the assault with an intent to kill whereof you stand indicted, or not guilty?

Prisoner. Not guilty.

Clerk of the Peace. How will you be tried?

Prisoner. By God and my country.

Clerk of the Peace. God send you a good deliverance.

The following Persons are then called and sworn on the Petty Jury, the Prisoner having been first informed of his right to object to any of them, as they came to the Bench to be sworn, and before they were sworn.

Erskine Nimmo Foreman.
John Wright.
James Brown.
John Standiver Sherman.
John Martin.
John Neilly.
and
William Ross.

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(The following Persons, namely, John King-Lane, William Learning, Arthur Hogue, George Innis, James Dobbins, and Thomas Bright, having been duly called over to serve on the petty Jury on this Trial, did not appear or answer unto their names)

Clerk of the Peace - Gentlemen of the Jury, look upon the Prisoner and hearken unto his Cause, you shall know that he stands indicted by the name of Pungapan late of Madras within the Jurisdiction of this Court Exhabitant: / Here the Indictment for an Assault with an intent to kill Narrain Chitty is read as in the arrangement. / Upon this Indictment he hath been arraigned, and thence hath pleaded not guilty, and for his Trial hath put himself upon God and his Country, which Country you are. Your Charge therefore is to enquire whether he is guilty of the Assault with an intent to kill whereof he stands indicted or not guilty, and hear your Evidence.

The same Jury are also charged on the two other Indictments on which the Prisoner has been arraigned, and the Prisoner is put upon his Trial on the three several Indictments.

Bauloo Chitty is then duly called to give Evidence on the part of the Crown, and not appearing or answering unto his name, he forfeits his Recognizance.

Veniatasha Chitty is next called and Sworn on the part of the Crown.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace - Look upon the Prisoner, and say if you have ever seen him before?

Answer - I have seen him before.

Question - Did the Prisoner at any time and when commit any and what violence upon your Person?

Answer - He did.

Question - With what Instrument did he commit such act of violence?

Answer - With a Knife.

Question - When was such act of violence committed, and where?

Answer - About seven Months ago, at Chindasripetta.

Question - At whose House?

Answer - At Tellesingay Pillay's House.

Question - Who went that House?

Answer - Myself, and others.

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Question - Relate the particulars of the act of violence committed by the Prisoner.
Answer - One Night, about two O'Clock in the Morning, the Prisoner made a hole in the wall and entered into the Room where one Bauloo Chitty was lying.

[Here the Grand Jury come into Court, and return the Indictment The King against Sulthapietta Veniatasawmy alias Veniatashan - Venawaty, Sambayah alias Sambasivadoo, Paupiah, Narsoo, Enkiyah, Encataramadoo, Mullyah, and Caucoolyah, for a Misdemeanor, endorsed "A true Bill" and then retire.]

I was lying in the Hall of the House, and heard a noise in the other Room, and immediately got up and went into the Room, where I found the Prisoner and Bauloo Chitty.

Question - Did you see the Prisoner commit any acts of violence at that time?

Answer - I went to assist Bauloo Chitty, and the Prisoner cut me in the Arm with a Knife. Bauloo Chitty and myself with great difficulty secured the Prisoner, snatched the Knife from him, and kept him in another Room, and about eight O'Clock in the Morning took him to the Jail. These circumstances happened about two O'Clock in the Morning the day after the new moon in the Month of September. Bauloo Chitty and one Narrain Chitty were also wounded by the Prisoner on the same occasion.

Question - Look at the Knife produced / Here a Knife is shown to the witness / Have you any reason to believe that it is the same Knife with which the Prisoner stabbed you?

Answer - It is the same Knife I took from the Prisoner.

Question by the Jury - Had you any knowledge of the Prisoner before this Circumstance happened?

Answer - No.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace - Do you know if the Prisoner was acquainted with Bauloo Chitty, or Narrain Chitty?

Answer - I do not know.

Question - Do you know of any existing reason which should induce the Prisoner to commit such acts of violence on your person, and on the two others?

Answer - I do not.

[Anna Sawmy is sworn as Interpreter to the Grand Jury during the present Session.]

Question - Was the Prisoner at the time intoxicated?

Answer - No, he was not intoxicated. His Body was oiled.

Question - Do you believe the Prisoner got into the House with any intention to steal?

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Answer - I do, there was a Brass Pot missing, which I believe the Prisoner had taken, and given to two others whom I understood were waiting outside.

The Prisoner being asked if he had any questions to put to the Witness, says he has not. He then withdraws, and

Narain Chetty is next sworn.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace - Have you ever seen the Prisoner before?

Answer - I have.

Question - Were you a Witness at any time to any acts of violence committed by the Prisoner either on the persons of Bauloo Chetty, Venkatachar Chetty, or yourself?

Answer - I was, in the month of September, but cannot recollect on what particular day of the Month. These acts of violence were committed at Chindabrepetta in the Night, between two and three O'Clock in the morning.

Here the Grand Jury come into Court, and return the Indictment. The King against Ramabuthoro - Nellavandaru, and Dasoojan, for Felony and Murder, endorsed "a true Bill."

The Court orders that a warrant do immediately issue to apprehend the above Persons.

Question - In whose House were these acts of violence committed, and who lived in that House?

Answer - In the House of Tellesingapillay - Bauloo Chetty, Venkatachar Chetty, and myself lived in the House.

Question - How did the Prisoner get into the House?

Answer - Through a Hole which he made in the Wall.

Question - Was the Prisoner armed when you first saw him that Night?

Answer - He had a Knife.

Question - In what part of the House did you first see the Prisoner that Night?

Answer - In a Room with Bauloo Chetty.

Question - In what situation did you find them?

Answer - Bauloo Chetty and the Prisoner were in the Room in the dark & struggling together.

Question - What brought you first into the Room?

Answer - I heard a noise, and a call of Thief, and when I went into the Room, I received several cuts about the face, from the Prisoner with a Knife.

Question - You said it was dark when you went into the Room, then how do you know it was the Prisoner cut you in the face?

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Answer - The Prisoner was secured with a Knife upon him, and shortly after, Light was brought into the Room.

Question - Were any other persons wounded in the scuffle?

Answer - Venkatachar Chetty - Bauloo Chetty, and myself, were all cut with the Knife by the Prisoner.

The Prisoner has no questions to ask the Witness.

The Prosecution is here closed, and the Prisoner being asked if he has any Witnesses to produce on his behalf, or any Defence to make, says he has no Witnesses to produce, nor any other Defence to make, than that he was intoxicated at the time.

The Jury then retire to consider on their verdict, a Bailiff having been first sworn to keep them, and after a short time a Verdict being proclaimed, they come into Court and answer unto their names.

Clerk of the Peace - Gentlemen of the Jury are you agreed of your Verdict?

Jury - Yes.

Clerk of the Peace - Who shall say for you?

Jury - Our Foreman.

Clerk of the Peace - Rungapen, hold up your Hand - / To the Jury / - Look upon the Prisoner. Now say you, is he Guilty of the Assault with an intent to kill Narain Chetty, whereof he stands Indicted, or not Guilty?

Foreman - Guilty of the Assault, but not with intent to kill.

The same being recorded -

Clerk of the Peace - Gentlemen of the Jury, hearken unto your Verdict as the Court hath recorded it. You say that Rungapen is Guilty of the Assault upon Narain Chetty, whereof he stands Indicted, but not with intent to kill, and so you say all?

Jury - Yes.

Clerk of the Peace - Now say you, is Rungapen Guilty of the Assault with an intent to kill Bauloo Chetty, whereof he stands Indicted, or not Guilty?

Foreman - Guilty of the Assault, but not with intent to kill.

The same being recorded -

Clerk of the Peace - Gentlemen of the Jury, hearken unto your Verdict as the Court hath recorded it. You say that Rungapen is Guilty of the Assault upon Bauloo Chetty, whereof he stands Indicted, but not with intent to kill, and so you say all?

Jury - Yes.

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Clerk of the Peace. - Now say, You, is Pungapen guilty of the Assault with an intent to kill Venkatachay Chetty, whereof he stands indicted or not guilty.

Foreman. - Guilty of the Assault, but not with intent to kill.

The same being recorded -

Clerk of the Peace. - Gentlemen of the Jury, hearken unto your verdict as the Court hath ordered, it. You say that Pungapen is guilty of the Assault upon Venkatachay Chetty, whereof he stands indicted, but not with intent to kill, and so you say all -

Jury. - Yes.

The Prisoner Pungapen is then taken from the Bar, and remanded into the custody of the Sheriff.

Mess^{rs} William Cockell and Christopher Breithaupt, the Surveyors and Collectors, deliver into Court the following Letter, together with their Books of Accounts for the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, - to the truth and correctness whereof they are duly sworn.

To the Honble Lieut. Genl Geo. Harris - Governor, - and others His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Town of Madraspatnam.

Honble Sirs.

We have the honor to lay before you for your Inspection, the Account of Assessment of the Town of Madraspatnam for the year 1797, made up to the 31st December last, together with the Receipts and Disbursements during that period, Humbly requesting at the same time you will take into consideration the Assessment for the present year.

And we must beg leave most seriously to complain of the obstruction we receive from the Native Inhabitants in the execution of our duty, not only in the delay of non payment of their assessments by which means the necessary works are prevented from being carried on, but also with respect to their entire disobedience of the Order of His Majesty's Justices for making of Cesspools, whereby the Water from the Houses is continually flowing over the Streets, which being combined with the ashes and leaves thrown from the Houses, creates such a filth, that our utmost endeavours both in person and otherwise have been impossible to prevent.

We remain with all due respect

Humble Sirs

Your most Obedient
and very humble servants

W. Cockell
C. Breithaupt Coll^{rs}

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The Court Order that another assessment of five per cent on the annual value of the Houses, Buildings and Grounds within the three Divisions of Madras be assessed on the respective owners and occupiers thereof, for the present year.

George Taswell Esq^r being one of the Justices, & nominated under the new Commission from Bengal, attends in Court, and takes the Oath of allegiance, and of office accordingly.

The Court then proceeds to the Trial of Chowry

Nayagam.

The Prisoner being put to the Bar, is arraigned as follows.

Clerk of the Peace. Chowry Nayagam, hold up your hand. - You stand indicted by the name of Chowry Nayagam, late of Madras and within the Jurisdiction of this Court, for that you being an evil disposed Person, and of a wicked and malicious disposition, on the ninth day of September in the thirty seventh year of our Sovereign Lord George the Third now King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and so forth, with force and Arms at Madras aforesaid, in and upon one Mary, a female Infant in the peace of God and our said Lord the King then and there being violently did make an Assault, and her the said Mary with force and arms at Madras aforesaid, within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, unlawfully and wilfully against the Will of her the said Mary did take, force and carry away, with intention and for the sake of lucre to sell and dispose of her the said Mary to the evil and pernicious example of all others in the like case offending, and against the peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

Clerk of the Peace. Now say You Chowry Nayagam, are you guilty of the Misdemeanor whereof You stand Indicted, or not guilty?

Prisoner. Not guilty.

Clerk of the Peace. How will you be tried?

Prisoner. By God and my country.

Clerk of the Peace. God send you a good deliverance.

The following Gentlemen are then called and sworn on the Petty Jury, the Prisoner having been first informed of her right to object to any of them as they came to the Oath to be sworn, and before they were sworn.

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Ersikine Nimmo - Foreman.
 William Porsier. John Wright
 William Hope James Brown
 Alexander Melvin John Standover Sherman
 Hugh Gordon John Martin
 Alexander Stewart John Reilly
 William Ross.

Clerk of the Peace. Gentlemen of the Jury, look upon the Prisoner and hearken unto her Cause. - You shall know that she stands Indicted by the name of Chaury Nagagum, late of Madras and within the Jurisdiction of this Court. (Here the Indictment is read as in the Ensignment) - Upon this Indictment she hath been arraigned, and thereunto hath pleaded Not Guilty, and for her Trial hath put herself upon God and her Country, which Country you are. Your Charge therefore is to enquire whether she is guilty of the Misdemeanor whereof she stands indicted, or not guilty, and hear your Evidence.

Marianna, a Portuguese Woman, is then called as a Witness on the Part of the Crown. - The Portuguese Interpreter not being in Court, and the Witness declaring that she perfectly understands the Malabar Language, she is thereupon sworn, her oath having been previously explained to her, by the same Magistrate, the Sworn Interpreter. -

Question by the Clerk of the Peace. Do you recollect having misped a Child of yours at any time, and for what length of time was she misping?

Answer. - Yes, about six months ago, but do not recollect the particular day. - I misped the Child for three days.

Question. - Did you make any search after the Child?

Answer. - I did.

Question. - Did you receive any information, and from whom, where your Child might be found?

Answer. - One Chaury Mootoo informed me that my Child was in Monphus Caun's Garden. - When I was going to Monphus Caun's Garden, I met two women with the Child that I had lost.

The Child being produced in Court, she declares it is the same Child that she had lost, and that she met on the occasion above mentioned, and that she is the Mother of that Child.

The Prisoner not having any questions to put to the Witness, she is directed to retire.

Baucker.

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Baucker Beg is next called, and sworn on the part of the Crown.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace. Look at the Child produced (Here the Child is shown to the Witness) - and say if you ever saw her before this day?

Answer. - I did.

Question. - Look upon the Prisoner, have you ever seen her before?

Answer. - I have.

Question. - Was that Child brought to you at any time and when for sale, and by whom?

Answer. - The was brought to me by the Prisoner, and offered for sale. - The Prisoner demanded two Pagidas, and I only paid her at that time two fanams, or one double fanam, and suspecting that the Child was not her own, desired her to call again, and that I would pay her one Pagida and an half or two Pagidas.

Question. - When was the Child brought to you?

Answer. - About seven months ago, but do not recollect the particular day.

Question. - Did the Prisoner come to you for the remainder of the Money which you promised her?

Answer. - The Prisoner returned the next day for the remainder of the Money, but the Child was delivered to her Mother before the Prisoner came to me on the next day. - Before I delivered the Child to the Mother, it having cost a good deal, I went to my Master Caun Sait, to know what I should do with it. - He (Caun Sait) gave Instructions to his servants to go about and enquire for the Mother of the Child, or to whom it belonged, - which was done, and the Mother being found, the Child was accordingly delivered to her.

Question. - What was done with the Prisoner on this occasion?

Answer. - The Mother of the Child came to me, and insisted that I would shew her the person who sold the Child - as a gold carrying which the Child had previously worn, was then misping. - I desired the Mother to wait until the Prisoner came, for the remainder of the Money, which she did, - and the Prisoner when she came was then accused by some persons present, and delivered to the Mother of the Child, who caused her (the Prisoner) to be delivered in charge to the Tulars.

Question by the Jury. - At the time you purchased the Child from the Prisoner, did you ask her where she got the Child?

Answer. - I did, and the Prisoner told me she brought the Child from Pullicat.

Question. - Did the Prisoner tell you that the Child was her own, or belonged to any one else?

Answer. - She told me that the Child was the Daughter of her Sister.

Question. - Do you know if the Carrying was found?

Answer. - I do not know.

The Prisoner having no questions to put.

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Abel Sail, is next shown.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace } Do you recollect having seen that Child before?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Was you present when the Child was offered for sale, and by whom?

Answer. I was the Child was brought for sale by the Prisoner at the Bar.

Question. To whom was the Child offered for sale?

Answer. To Bomker Beg.

Question. How long ago was it?

Answer. I cannot recollect, but it was on a Monday.

Question. Did you see any money paid by Bomker Beg to the Prisoner at that time, as the consideration for the purchase of the Child?

Answer. I saw Bomker Beg pay the Prisoner a double fanam.

Question. Did you hear of any further sum being promised to the Prisoner?

Answer. I did not hear.

The Prisoner not having any questions to put to the Witness

he retires.

The Prosecution is then closed.

The Prisoner not having any Witnesses to produce on her behalf, or any thing to urge in her Defence,

The Jury, thereupon retire to consider in their Verdict, a Bailiff having been first sworn to keep them, - and, after a short time, a verdict being proclaimed, they come into Court, and answer unto their names.

Clerk of the Peace. Gentlemen of the Jury, are you agreed of your Verdict?

Jury. Yes.

Clerk of the Peace. Who shall say for you?

Jury. Our Foreman.

Clerk of the Peace. Choury Nayagum hold up your Hand - (To the Jury) - Look upon the Prisoner - how say you, is she guilty of the Misdemeanor whereof she stands indicted, or not guilty?

Foreman. Guilty.

The same being recorded.

Clerk of the Peace. Gentlemen of the Jury, hearken unto your Verdict as the Court hath recorded it - you say that Choury Nayagum is guilty of the Misdemeanor whereof she stands Indicted, and so you say all?

Jury. Yes.

The Prisoner Choury Nayagum is then taken from the Bar, and remanded into the Custody of the Sheriff.

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The Court next proceeds to the Trial of Suthapetta Vencatajainmy alias Vencataashan, Penavarty Sambiyah alias Sambasivador, Paupiah, Narsoo, Enkayah, Encataramadoo, Mulliyah, and Caucoolyah.

The Prisoners are put to the Bar, and arraigned as follows.

Clerk of the Peace. Suthapetta Vencatajainmy alias Vencataashan, Penavarty Sambiyah alias Sambasivador, Paupiah, Narsoo, Enkayah, Encataramadoo, Mulliyah, and Caucoolyah, hold up your hands - You stand Indicted by the names of Suthapetta Vencatajainmy alias Vencataashan, Penavarty Sambiyah alias Sambasivador, Paupiah, Narsoo, Enkayah, Encataramadoo, Mulliyah, and Caucoolyah, late of Madras Inhabitants, for that you being wicked and evil disposed Persons, on the fifteenth day of November, in the thirty eighth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third now King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and so forth, at Chooly, within the Jurisdiction of this Court, Thirty two pieces of false Money, made of base metals and coloured with a certain wash producing the colour of Gold, to the likeness and similitude of thirty two pieces of good, lawful and current Gold Money, and Coin of Madras, called Star Pagodas, knowingly and unlawfully did utter, pass and circulate, or cause to be uttered and paid and circulated, unto one Casavaloo at Chooly aforesaid, for and as thirty two pieces of good and lawful gold Money and Coin of Madras, called Star Pagodas, - you the said Suthapetta Vencatajainmy alias Vencataashan, Penavarty Sambiyah alias Sambasivador, Paupiah, Narsoo, Enkayah, Encataramadoo, Mulliyah, and Caucoolyah, then and there well knowing, and each and every of you well knowing the said thirty two Pieces to have been false and counterfeit as aforesaid, to the great damage of the said Casavaloo, in the evil example of all others in the like case offending and against the Peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

Clerk of the Peace. Now say you, are you guilty of the Misdemeanor whereof you stand Indicted, or not guilty?

Suthapetta Vencatajainmy	} Not Guilty -
alias Vencataashan	
Penavarty Sambiyah	} Not Guilty -
alias Sambasivador	
Paupiah	Not Guilty.
Narsoo	Not Guilty.
Enkayah	Not Guilty.
Encataramadoo	Not Guilty.
Mulliyah	Not Guilty.
Caucoolyah	Not Guilty.

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Clerk of the Peace How will you be tried?
Prisoners By God and our Country
Clerk of the Peace God send you a good deliverance.

The following Gentlemen are then called and sworn on the Petty Jury; the Prisoners having been first informed of their right to object to any of them as they came to the Box to be sworn, and before they were sworn.

Erskine Nimmo Foreman.
William Purser John Wright
William Hope James Brown
Alexander Melvin John Standiver Shorman
Hugh Gordon John Martin
Alexander Stewart John Reilly;

William Pops

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoners and hearken unto their Cause. You shall know that they stand Indicted by the names of Sathapetta Venkata-
rao alias Venkatachar, Venavarty Sambayah alias Sambasivadoo, Parpiat,
Narasa, Enkyah, Imataromadoo, Mullyah, and Caucoolyah, - late of Madras
Inhabitants. (Here the Indictment is read as in the Writings.) Upon this
Indictment they have been arraigned and thereto have severally pleaded not
Guilty, and for their Trial have put themselves upon God and their Country, which
Country you are. Your Charge therefore is to enquire whether they are Guilty
of the Misdemeanor whereof they stand Indicted or not Guilty, and hear
Your Evidence.

Colonel James Spens. Sworn on the part of the Crown.

A Packet being produced and shown to the Witness,
indorsed "Major Allan - Town Major - Fort St. George" and superscribed "Spens
Lt. Col. 73rd Regt."

Question by the Clerk of the Peace } Examine that Packet, and say if it is in the same state in which you packed it up.
Answer. It is in the same state, and I forwarded it to the Town Major of Fort Saint George.

The Packet being opened, two other smaller Packets are
found sealed, and the Witness declares they are in the same state in which he
sent them. The one packet superscribed as containing six counterfeit Pagodas,
and the other as containing twenty six counterfeit Pagodas.

Question. Please to inform the Court on what particular occasion these packets were
sealed up by you, and forwarded to the Town Major of Madras.

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Answer. As commanding the Cantonment of Wallajahabad, a complaint was made to me
of certain Persons having uttered counterfeit Pagodas. I cannot take upon myself
to identify the particular persons against whom the Complaint was made.
In consequence of such Complaint, I caused two Persons to be confined, and after-
wards a third, and gave information of it, in the first instance to the Town
Major, and afterwards to Mr. Welby, from whom I had a Public Letter on the
occasion.

Question. By whom were these Pagodas brought to you?

Answer. They were brought to me by the then Butwal, and one or two Shroffs, whose
names I do not recollect. The Prisoners having no questions to put to the Witness,
he retires.

Veeranah is next called and sworn on the part of the Crown.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace } Did you ever receive from any one, and which of the Prisoners at the Bar, any
false and counterfeit Pagodas?

Answer. I received seven Pagodas from the Prisoner Sambasivadoo (pointing him out)

Question. Were they counterfeit or good Pagodas?

Answer. I knew them to be counterfeit at the time I received them, and so did the
Prisoner Sambasivadoo. I gave to the Prisoner Sambasivadoo the Gold of six
real Pagodas, and he gave me in return seven counterfeit Pagodas. I
have seen Sambasivadoo, one of the Prisoners, making counterfeit Pagodas, and
I thought I should derive some profit.

Question. Where was it that you received these Pagodas from Sambasivadoo, and
how long ago?

Answer. At Choollee near Nipany, about five months ago.

Question. You have said that you had seen Sambasivadoo making counterfeit
Pagodas, say if you have seen any other, and which of the Prisoners engaged
in making counterfeit Pagodas.

Answer. No.

Question. Where do you live?

Answer. At Pallavarain, a short distance from St. Thomas? Mount.

Question. Where does the Prisoner Sambasivadoo live?

Answer. At Choollee.

Question. Do any other of the Prisoners live with Sambasivadoo?

Answer. No.

Question by the Jury. Where did you attempt to pass or change these Pagodas?

Answer. In my way to Treinomallee, I changed them at Keeranam.

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Question - What was the consequence of your attempting to change these Pagodas?
Answer - A Sheriff at Heveram to whom I offered the Pagodas for change seized me and carried me to the Kutwal, who carried me to the Commanding Officer of Wallajahabad.

Question - Are you one of the Persons that were sent down by Colonel Spens?
Answer - Yes I am.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace - Have you ever seen any of the other Prisoners pay, or utter counterfeit Pagodas?
Answer - I never did.

Question by the Jury - Is this the only occasion on which you received counterfeit Pagodas from Sambasivadoo?
Answer - It is.

The Prisoners not having any questions to put, the Witness retires.

Capavalos is next sworn.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace - Did you ever receive from any and which of the Prisoners, any counterfeit Pagodas?

Answer - I received twelve Pagodas from the Prisoner Sambasivadoo. He, as well as myself knew them to be counterfeit. I gave him the gold of eleven real Pagodas melted down, and received twelve counterfeit Pagodas from him in return.

Question - For what purpose were the real gold Pagodas melted?

Answer - I do not know.

Question - Have you ever seen Sambasivadoo making counterfeit Pagodas?

Answer - No.

Question - Have you ever known the other Prisoners utter bad Pagodas?

Answer - No.

Question - How long ago is it since you received these twelve counterfeit Pagodas?

Answer - About five months ago - at Chooler near Nipery.

Question - Where did you attempt to pass or change these counterfeit Pagodas?

Answer - I changed one of the Pagodas at Heveram.

Question - What were the consequences of your changing that Pagoda?

Answer - Nothing happened at the time, - I went away to drop my victuals, and a short time after some Perno, Peapoy and others came and seized me, and carried me to the Kutwal.

Question - Are you one of the Persons who were sent down to Madras by the Commanding Officer of Wallajahabad?

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Answer - I am.

Question - Did you ever receive any counterfeit Pagodas from any of the other Prisoners?

Answer - Never.

Question by the Jury - When you melted the eleven real and good Pagodas, did you mix any base metal with the gold, before you delivered it to Sambasivadoo in exchange for the twelve bad ones?

Answer - I mixed one Pagoda weight of copper with the eleven real Pagodas.

Question - What trade do you follow?

Answer - That of a Carpenter.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace - How did you know or become acquainted that there was such a place at Chooler, where you could get counterfeit Pagodas?

Answer - I lived with Sambasivadoo for ten days, and heard from him that he made counterfeit Pagodas.

The Prisoners not having any questions to put to this Witness, he retires.

Predrick is next sworn.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace - What trade or business do you follow?

Answer - That of a Gold Smith.

Question - Where do you live?

Answer - at Chooler.

Question - Did you ever receive from any and which of the Prisoners any counterfeit Pagodas?

Answer - I received thirteen Pagodas from Sambasivadoo one of the Prisoners.

Question - Did you know them to be counterfeit at the time?

Answer - I did.

Question - Did you give Sambasivadoo any real Pagodas in change for those thirteen counterfeit Pagodas?

Answer - I melted eleven and an half good Pagodas, and one and an half Pagodas weight of copper, and carried them to Sambasivadoo, and received from him thirteen Pagodas in return.

Question - How came you to know that you could get counterfeit Pagodas from Sambasivadoo?

Answer - I was accustomed to go often to the House of Sambasivadoo, and one day he informed me that somebody had given him Moulds to make Pagodas.

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Question - How long ago is it since you received these counterfeit Pagodas?

Answer - About four months and ten days ago.

Question - Where did you receive these Pagodas from Sambasivados?

Answer - From Sambasivados, at Venkateshwar (one of the Prisoners) House at Choollee.

The Prisoners not having any questions to put to the Witness.

Merry Davidson is next sworn.

a Bag sealed up is produced to the Witness, and he is desired to open it, and examine its contents, which he does.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace } Have you ever before seen these Implements contained in the Bag?

Answer - On the twenty second of November, I received a Letter from Mr. Totton, Clerk to the Justices. (I am one of the Constables of Madras) desiring me to come into the Fort at gun fire the next morning. I did so. Mr. Totton told me he had received Information from Mallojabad respecting some people making counterfeit Pagodas, at a House to the Northwest of Avadamam Pampiah's House at Mipury. - Mr. Totton desired me to take Taliahs and other Constables, and such other Persons as I thought proper. - I proceeded with Taliahs and two other Constables to the Northwest of Pampiah's Garden, before I made any enquiries whatever. We met some natives on the other side of Pampiah's Garden, near the Place where Mr. Totton informed me I was likely to meet with them. - I then enquired if any Goldsmiths lived near there. - a native pointed out a House a little distance from us, which he said had formerly been the House of a Gold Smith. - I then went forward myself, rather in front of the rest. - A man was standing at the door of the House which had been pointed out to me; and on my approach he went in and shut the Door; and after I had passed it, he opened the Door again; and the other Constables and Taliahs went in. - I followed the other Constables in; and we then shut all the door about the House. - We enquired for a Person by the name of Venkateshwar, and the Prisoner Venkateshwar was the person who answered to that name; and said that was his name. Six more persons were sitting down in the same Room, they are the six Prisoners, Pampiah, Encataramadoo, Sambasivados, Narroo, Indiah, and Mulliah. - The six Persons with Venkateshwar we tied together, and put them into the Verandah. - On searching the Rooms we found the Prisoner Caucooliak behind one of the Doors. We searched all the Rooms as we were.

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were desired, and in one of the Rooms I discovered one part of the Clay rather blacker than the rest; and in this spot there were a number of Carpenter's Tools. - I removed the Carpenter's Tools from this spot, and took a shovel and began digging this soft black place. - I then found a piece of Iron with the impression of a Star Pagoda, with other Implements or Tools for coining (which the Witness here points out) buried about a foot deep. - Some other of the implements (which the Witness also points out) were found in the Room in which Venkateshwar was. - I then put the Implements, Tools or Instruments all together in a Bag and brought them to the Justices Office. - The Prisoners were then brought also to the Justices.

The Prisoners having no questions to put to the Witness, he retired.

The Prosecution is here closed, and the Prisoners being severally asked if they have any Witnesses to produce on their behalf, or any thing to urge in their Defence.

Encataramadoo, says, he went to the House of the Prisoner Venkateshwar, where Narroo, one of the Prisoners lived, for the purpose of getting some Japs made; that he was there found and apprehended.

Caucooliak, says, that he accompanied Encataramadoo on the occasion above mentioned, and was apprehended with him.

The Jury being fully of opinion that the Evidence can only tend to bear upon one of the Prisoners named Sambasivados, observe that it would be unnecessary to put any of the other Prisoners upon their Defence.

Sambasivados, states, that he knows nothing of the Crime alleged against him. - that the Witnesses brought forward against him are the very Persons who coined the Pagodas; and that the several Tools and Instruments produced in Court belong to them. - and that Venkateshwar and Indiah (two of the Witnesses) wrote him a Letter, to confess that he had committed the offence; and produces the Letter written in question. - That the rest of the Prisoners were present when he received the Letter in goal. - The Prisoners being desired to produce any Witnesses he might have to prove the hand writing, and declaring that he had no Witnesses or Witnesses to produce for that purpose.

The Jury thereupon retire to consider on their verdict.

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Verdict, - Bailiff having been first sworn to keep them, - and, after a short time a Verdict being proclaimed, they come into Court and answer unto their names.

Clerk of the Peace. Gentlemen of the Jury, are you agreed of your Verdict?

Jury. Yes.

Clerk of the Peace. Who shall say for you?

Jury. Our Foreman.

Clerk of the Peace. Suthapetta Venkatajurny alias Venkataashan, Penavarty Sambyah alias Sambasivadoo, - Paupiah, Narsoo, - Enkyah, - Encataramadoo, - Mullyah, and Caucoolyah, hold up your hands. (To the Jury) Look upon the Prisoners, how say you, are they Guilty of the Misdemeanor wherof they stand Indicted, or not Guilty?

Foreman. Penavarty Sambyah alias Sambasivadoo, Guilty, - and Suthapetta Venkatajurny alias Venkataashan, - Paupiah, - Narsoo, - Enkyah, - Encataramadoo, - Mullyah, - and Caucoolyah, not Guilty.

The same being recorded.

Clerk of the Peace. Gentlemen of the Jury, hearken unto your Verdict as the Court hath recorded it, - you say that Penavarty Sambyah alias Sambasivadoo, is Guilty of the Misdemeanor wherof he stands Indicted, - and that Suthapetta Venkatajurny alias Venkataashan, - Paupiah, - Narsoo, - Enkyah, - Encataramadoo, - Mullyah, - and Caucoolyah, are not Guilty, and so you say all?

Jury. Yes.

The Prisoner Penavarty Sambyah alias Sambasivadoo, is thereupon remanded into the custody of the Sheriff, - and Suthapetta Venkatajurny alias Venkataashan, - Paupiah, - Narsoo, - Enkyah, - and Encataramadoo, - Mullyah, - and Caucoolyah, are discharged by Proclamation.

The Court is then adjourned to Friday the Thirtieth Instant, at ten Clock in the Forenoon, for continuing the present Session.

William
Deputy Clerk of the Peace

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At an Adjourned Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, holden at the Town Hall in Fort Saint George, on Friday the Thirtieth day of March One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Before

The Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris
President and Governor in Council, and Commander in Chief of
Fort Saint George.

and

Edward Saunders and Ernst William Fallofield Esquires
Members of the Council thereof, Justices assigned to keep the Peace, - and also Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for the Town of Madraspatnam, Garrison of Fort Saint George, and its Dependencies.

The Court being duly opened, - proceeds to the Trial of Authum, - Madinah Saib, Absool Beg, Huseiny Beg, - and Lateefa.

The Prisoners are put to the Bar and arraigned as follows.

Clerk of the Peace.

Authum, - Madinah Saib, - Absool Beg, Huseiny Beg and Lateefa, hold up your Hands.

You, Authum, stand indicted by the name of Authum, late of Madras and within the Jurisdiction of this Court native Inhabitant, for that you on the Seventeenth day of October in the thirty seventh year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, now King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, with force and arms at Madras aforesaid within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, out of the dwelling House of Colonel Gent, one Silver gilt Pillager's Load's Dressing Box of the value of fifteen Pagodas, - one pair of Bracelets with gold enamelled clasps of the value of Ten Pagodas, - one pair of gold earrings of the value of Two Pagodas, - one gold necklace with gold locket of the value of five Pagodas, - one Gold Ring with Hair and Cypher B. G. of the value of one Pagoda, - one Gold Ring with Cypher W. W. of the value of one Pagoda, - one long cloth gown of the value of one Pagoda, - three Dimity Petticoats of the value of one Pagoda, - one fringed Palampoor of the value of one Pagoda, the Goods and Chattels of the said Colonel Gent then

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then and there feloniously
and there being found, did steal, take and carry away, against the peace
of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

And you Madinah Saib, Muspeiny Beg, Abrol Beg,
and Lateefa, stand indicted by the names of Madinah Saib, Muspeiny Beg,
Abrol Beg, and Lateefa, Inhabitants of Triplicane, and within the
Jurisdiction of this Court, for that you the said Goods and Chattles by the
said Authum feloniously stolen as aforesaid, of and from the said Authum
unlawfully, unjustly, and for the sake of wicked gain, did buy and receive,
you the said Madinah Saib, Muspeiny Beg, Abrol Beg, and Lateefa,
and all and every of you, well knowing the said Goods and Chattles to
have been feloniously stolen, to the great damage of the said Colonel.
Sent against the form of the statute in that case made and provided,
and against the peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

Clerk of the Peace

Now say you Authum, are you guilty of the Grand Larceny whereof
you stand Indicted, or not guilty?

Authum Not guilty.

Clerk of the Peace

Now say you Madinah Saib, Abrol Beg, Muspeiny Beg and Lateefa
are you guilty of having received the stolen goods, knowing them
to be stolen, or not guilty?

Madinah Saib Not guilty.

Abrol Beg Not guilty.

Muspeiny Beg Not guilty.

Lateefa Not guilty.

Clerk of the Peace

Now will you be tried

Prisoners

By God and our Country.

Clerk of the Peace

God send you a good deliverance.

The Prisoners on being informed of their Privilege
to choose a Jury of half Europeans, and half Natives, desire that
the Jury may consist of Europeans only.

The following Persons are then called and sworn
on the petty Jury, the Prisoners having been previously informed of
their right to object to any of them as they came to the Box to be
sworn and before they were sworn.

Erskine

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Erskine Nimmo Foreman.

William Hope

Alexander Melvin

Hugh Gordon

Alexander Stewart

John Wright

Thomas Blyth

John Martin

John Reilly

William Ross

Alexander Goodall

Samuel Moore.

The following Persons, namely, John King Lane,
William Basser, William Leamy, Arthur Hogue, James Brown,
George Innis, John Standivor Sherman, James Dobbyn, and
William Augustus Williston, having been duly called over to serve
on the petty Jury on this Trial, did not appear or answer unto their names.

Whereupon the Court directs that a fine of five Pagodas
be levied on William Leamy, Arthur Hogue, George Innis and James
Dobbyn, who did not appear when called upon either on this day, or the
last day of sitting.

Clerk of the Peace

The Jury are then charged by the Clerk of the Peace.

Gentlemen of the Jury, look upon the Prisoners, and hearken unto this
Cause, you shall know that they stand Indicted by the names of Authum
late of Madras within the Jurisdiction of this Court, Native Inhabitant,
and Madinah Saib, Abrol Beg, Muspeiny Beg, and Lateefa, late of
Triplicane, within the Jurisdiction of this Court, Inhabitants (here the
Indictment is read as in the Arraignment); upon this Indictment
they have been arraigned, and therunto have severally pleaded Not
Guilty, and for their Trial have put themselves upon God and their
Country, which Country you are, your Charge therefore is to enquire, whether
they are guilty of the Crimes whereof they severally stand Indicted, or not
guilty. If you find them guilty, you are to enquire what Goods and
Chattles, Lands or Tenements they had at the time of the offence committed,
or at any time since. If you find them not guilty, you are to enquire if they
fled for it. If you find that they fled for it, you are to enquire of their
Goods and Chattles, Lands and Tenements, the same as if you had found
them guilty. If you find them not guilty, and that they did not fly
for it, you are to say so, and no more, and hear your Verdict.

Colonel

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Colonel William Gent, is then called and sworn on the part of the Crown.

a Filigree Box, containing several articles of Jewellery is shown to the Witness.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace: Examine the articles now produced to you, and particulars of any and which of them are your property?

Answer: The Filigree Box of the value of about fifteen Pagodas, a necklace, and a pair of Bracelets, two gold Rings, and a pair of Ear-rings, they are all my property.

Question: How long ago may it be since you mislaid those articles?
Answer: They were stolen on the seventeenth of October.

Question: From whence were they taken?

Answer: From my Dwelling House, on Choultry Plain.

Question: Have you any reason to know or believe that any or either of the Prisoners were concerned in stealing those articles.

Answer: On the twentieth of November in the evening, the Prisoner Madinah Saib, brought the Filigree Box to my House for sale. - He first brought it to Mr. Gent, and he was detained until I came home. - I knew the Box, and asked the Prisoner Madinah Saib, where he got it. - he answered that he had received it from another Man. - I then sent two Seapoy to bring the Man from whom the Prisoner Madinah Saib said he had received the Box. - The Seapoy brought to me the Prisoner Muspeing Beg, who acknowledged that he had given it to Madinah Saib to sell; - and that he had received it from Abrool Beg, one of the other Prisoners; - and Abrool Beg, on being charged said he had received it from the Prisoner Lateef, who said she had received it from the Prisoner Anthum, who boarded with her. - These Persons were separately brought to me by the Seapoys according to the Information which I had received from them severally: on hearing this from the Prisoner Lateef, I sent to her House, and the Prisoner Anthum was brought to me. - I then charged him with having taken the Box, and he acknowledged it. They were detained for the Night at my House, and I took them the next morning before the Justices.

Question: When did you first get any Information regarding the other articles?

Answer: The Prisoner Anthum confessed before the Justices that he had sold them to an Armenian. - a Talidar was then sent with the Prisoner Anthum, to ascertain who that Armenian was, and on the same day Mr. Baboon brought the several articles of Jewellery before enumerated to the Justices.

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Question by the Jury: Relate the particulars of the Prisoner Anthum's Confession to you.

Answer: When I first charged him, he said he had received the things from a Pray, who formerly lived in my House; - after he had been confined he sent to me, desiring to speak with me: He was then brought to me, and he acknowledged himself to be the Thief. - He said that he got into the Bed Room through a window that was open, and took away the Filigree Box, which was laying on a Table, and also a gown, a palampore, and as far as I can recollect, two Petticoats that were laying on a Chair.

The Prisoners being asked if they have any questions to put to the Witness, say they have none.

Mahomed Ibrahim, Seapoy, is next sworn.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace: Look at this Filigree Box, do you recollect to have ever seen it before?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Was that Box ever brought to Colonel Gent's House for sale, and by whom.

Answer: It was brought by Madinah Saib, one of the Prisoners, about four Months ago.

Question: Do you recollect whether the Prisoner Madinah Saib was at that time questioned where he had got that Box, which he had brought for sale?

Answer: Mr. Gent questioned him where he had got it, and he said he had got it from another man by name Muspeing Beg.

Question: Were any and what means taken to find Muspeing Beg?

Answer: I and another Seapoy were ordered to go and bring him. Madinah Saib informed us where to go, and we accordingly went and brought the Prisoner Muspeing Beg to Colonel Gent's House. - Muspeing Beg, said that he had got the Box from Abrool Beg, whom he said he would produce. - He accordingly went with me and the other Seapoy, and we found and brought Abrool Beg another of the Prisoners to Colonel Gent's House. - The Prisoner Abrool Beg then said that he had received it from a Woman Lateef, whom he said he would produce. - I then went with the other Seapoy to the House we were directed to go by Abrool Beg, and having found the Prisoner Lateef, she said she got the Box from the Prisoner Anthum, who lived in her House; - and two other Seapoys were sent (under the directions of the Prisoner Lateef) to apprehend the Prisoner Anthum, which they did, and brought him also.

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also to Colonel Gents.

Question: Was you present when the Prisoner Anthum was charged with having taken the Box?

Answer: I was - and he acknowledged having taken it.

The Prisoners have no questions to put to the Witness.

Stephen Marcar Baboom, Sworn.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace: Examine the Articles contained in the Filigree Box - Can you swear that you have ever seen them before?

Answer: I have, - the Necklace, - Bracelets, - and two gold Rings.

Question: Were they ever offered for sale by any person in your presence?

Answer: They were, by the Prisoner Anthum.

Question: How long ago?

Answer: About four months ago. - I cannot particularly recollect the day.

Question: To whom were they offered for sale?

Answer: To my mother Mr^s Marcar.

Question: What price did the Prisoner ask for them?

Answer: Sixteen Pagodas.

Question: Did you conceive sixteen Pagodas to be the full value of the Articles that he then offered for sale?

Answer: I do not know.

Question: Did you put any questions to the Prisoner, as to whom the property belonged?

Answer: I did. He said they belonged to a Lady, who was very much in distress for money - and had desired him to sell them.

Question: What did he at last agree to take for them?

Answer: Eight Pagodas.

Question: Did you see the Money paid to him?

Answer: I did, it was paid to him by Mr^s Marcar.

Question: Where did this take place?

Answer: at Mr^s Marcar's House in Black Town.

The Prisoners not having any questions to put - the Witness retires.

Mr George Gilbert Keeble, one of the

Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, comes into Court and states that the Grand Jury are desirous that Colonel William Gent, - William Simpson, and William Taswell, may be sworn to

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answer such questions as shall be put to them by the Grand Jury. They are accordingly sworn, and retire with Mr Keeble into the Grand Jury Room.

Shah Hussain is then called and sworn on the

part of the Crown.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace

(The Filigree Box is produced to the Witness) Have you ever seen that Box before?

Answer: I have.

Question:

On what occasion do you recollect to have seen it?

Answer:

I saw it at Colonel Gents Garden, - it was brought by Madinah Saib, one of the Prisoners for sale, about four months ago.

Question:

Do you recollect Madinah Saib being questioned by any person at that time, regarding the Box?

Answer:

He was by Mr^s Gent. - He said that he got the Box from another man by name Hussain Beg. - I and another Seapoy were ordered by Colonel Gent to go and bring Hussain Beg, who was produced by Madinah Saib. We accordingly found Hussain Beg, who said that he had got the Box from Abdul Beg, who was also produced. - Abdul Beg produced the Prisoner Lateefa, and said she had given him the Box. - Lateefa then said that the Prisoner Anthum was the person who had given it to her.

Question:

Did she say for what purpose the Prisoner Anthum had given the Box to her?

Answer:

She said it was given her for sale.

Question:

Were any means taken to find out Anthum?

Answer:

Lateefa informed us where Anthum was, - and I and another Seapoy brought him to Colonel Gents.

Question:

What did Anthum say for himself when he was brought to Colonel Gents House?

Answer:

He acknowledged to have stolen the Box.

Question:

Did Anthum say for what purpose he had given the Box to the Prisoner Lateefa?

Answer:

He said that he had given it to her for sale.

Question:

Did he say that Lateefa had given him any consideration for the Box?

Answer:

He did not.

Question:

Were you present when the Prisoners were brought to Colonel Gents?

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Answer - I was present when all the Prisoners were brought to Colonel Gento.
 Question - Did any of the Prisoners give any account whether, and how, they came fairly and honestly by the Box?
 Answer - They said that they had each received it from the other, for the purpose of offering it for sale.

The Prisoners not having any questions to put to the Witness, he retires.

Henry Davison is sworn truly to answer such questions as shall be put to him by the Grand Jury - they having conveyed their desire of having him sworn, thro' Mr George Gilbert, Keable, one of the Grand Jurors.

William Taswell, Junior, Sworn.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace - Were you present at the House of Colonel Gento, at any time, when a Confession was made by any person, and whom, regarding certain Articles having been stolen from Colonel Gento's Dwelling House?

Answer - I was present some time in the month of October, when the Prisoner Authum confessed having stolen various Articles of Property from Colonel Gento's House.

Question - Was Colonel Gento present at that time?

Answer - He was.

The Prisoners not having any questions to put to the Witness, he retires.

The Prosecution is here closed.

The Prisoners being asked if they have any Witnesses to produce on their behalf, or any thing to urge in their Defense, - reply in the negative.

The Jury thereupon retire to consider on their Verdict, a Bailiff having been first sworn to keep them, and after a short time, a Verdict being proclaimed, they come into Court and answer unto their names.

Clerk of the Peace - Gentlemen of the Jury, are you agreed of your Verdict?

Jury - Yes.

Clerk of the Peace - Who shall say for you?

Jury - Our Foreman.

Authum

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Clerk of the Peace - Authum - Madinah Saib, Absol Beg, Muspiny Beg, and Lateefa, hold up your hands - / & the Jury / - Look upon the Prisoners - How say you is Authum Guilty of the Grand Larceny, whereof he stands indicted, or not Guilty?

Foreman - Guilty.

Clerk of the Peace - What Goods, and Chattels, Lands and Tenements do you find he had at the time of the Grand Larceny committed, or at any time since?

Foreman - None.

The same being recorded.

Clerk of the Peace - Gentlemen of the Jury, hearken unto your Verdict as the Court hath recorded it - you say that Authum is Guilty of the Grand Larceny, whereof he stands indicted, and that he had no Goods and Chattels, Lands or Tenements, at the time of the Grand Larceny committed, or at any time since, and so you say all?

Jury - Yes.

Clerk of the Peace - Now say you are Madinah Saib, Absol Beg, Muspiny Beg, and Lateefa, Guilty of having received the stolen Goods from Authum, knowing them to have been stolen, whereof they stand indicted, or not Guilty?

Foreman - Guilty.

Clerk of the Peace - What Goods and Chattels, Lands or Tenements, do you find they had at the time of such offences by them committed, or at any time since?

Foreman - None.

The same being recorded.

Clerk of the Peace - Gentlemen of the Jury, hearken unto your Verdict, as the Court hath recorded it - you say that Madinah Saib, Absol Beg, Muspiny Beg, and Lateefa, are Guilty of having received the stolen Goods from Authum, knowing them to have been stolen, whereof they stand indicted, and that they had no Goods and Chattels, Lands or Tenements, at the time of such offences, by them committed, or at any time since, and so you say all?

Jury - Yes.

The Prisoners are then taken from the Bar, and remanded into the Custody of the Sheriff.

The several Articles sworn by Colonel William Gento, to be his property, are restored to him by order of Court.

Rungapen

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Rungapen is then put to the Bar to receive the Judgment of the Court.

Clerk of the Peace

Rungapen, hold up your hand. You stand here convicted of three several Assaults on the persons of Pauloo Chetty, Venkataasha Chetty, and Narain Chetty. What can you say for yourself why the Court should not proceed to give Judgment against you as the Law directs?

The Prisoner not having anything to offer. Proclamation for silence was made, and the Clerk of the Peace pronounced the sentence of the Court against the Prisoner as follows.

Clerk of the Peace

You Rungapen shall be flogged on three several Saturdays in the publick Bazaar, receiving two dozen strokes of a Rattan each time, and be imprisoned for one year, and on the expiration thereof to find security for your good behaviour for the next ensuing year.

Rungapen is then taken from the Bar.

Chowry Nayagum being put to the Bar.

Clerk of the Peace

Chowry Nayagum, hold up your hand. You stand here convicted of a Misdemeanor. What can you say for yourself why the Court should not proceed to give Judgment against you as the Law directs?

The Prisoner not having anything to offer the Clerk of the Peace pronounced the sentence of the Court against her as follows.

Clerk of the Peace

You Chowry Nayagum, shall be publicly flogged on three several Saturdays, receiving one dozen strokes of a Rattan each time, the first time near the House of Mauphus Law, the next time at Triplicane, and the third time at the great Bazaar of Madras. You shall pay a Fine to our Sovereign Lord the King of Twenty five Pagodas, and be imprisoned for two years, and remain in prison until the Fine be paid and until you shall give sufficient security for your good behaviour for seven years.

The Prisoner is then taken from the Bar.

Penavarty

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Penavarty Sambyah alias Sambasivadas, being brought up and put to the Bar.

Clerk of the Peace

Penavarty Sambyah, alias Sambasivadas, hold up your hand. You stand here convicted of a Misdemeanor. What can you say for yourself why the Court should not proceed to give Judgment against you as the Law directs?

The Prisoner not having anything to offer, the Clerk of the Peace pronounced the sentence of the Court against him as follows.

Clerk of the Peace

You Penavarty Sambyah, alias Sambasivadas, shall pay a Fine to our Sovereign Lord the King of One hundred Pagodas, and be imprisoned for six Months, and until the Fine be paid.

He is then taken from the Bar.

Anthum Madinah Saib, Abrool Beg,

Musceing Beg, and Lateefa are put to the Bar.

Clerk of the Peace

Anthum, Madinah Saib, Abrool Beg, Musceing Beg, and Lateefa, hold up your hands. You, Anthum, stand here convicted of Grand Larceny, and you Madinah Saib, Abrool Beg, Musceing Beg, and Lateefa, stand convicted of being Accessories in receiving stolen Goods from the said Anthum, knowing the said Goods to have been stolen. What have you to say for yourselves why the Court should not proceed to give Judgment against you as the Law directs?

The Prisoners not having anything to offer, the Clerk of the Peace pronounced the sentence of the Court against them as follows.

Clerk of the Peace

You Anthum shall be put to hard labour on the public Roads in chains for and during the space of fourteen years.

You, Madinah Saib, Abrool Beg, Musceing Beg, and Lateefa, and each and every of you shall be imprisoned for two years, and pay a fine of five Pagodas each to our Sovereign Lord the King, and that you, and each, and every of you shall also find securities for your good behaviour for seven years next ensuing the period of your imprisonment, and remain imprisoned until your several fines be paid, and the securities given.

The Prisoners are then taken from the Bar.

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Mr. William Taswell, Junior, having sworn that a double barreled Gun, a brace of Pistols, and a bunch of Keys, produced in Court on the Trial of Anthony and others, were his property, the same are accordingly restored to him by order of Court.

The Grand and Petit Jurors are then called and thanked for their services, and dismissed for this Session.

The Court is then adjourned to Wednesday the Eighteenth day of April next at Ten o'clock in the Forenoon for holding another Session.

Robert Williams
Deputy Clerk of the Peace

18th April 1798

At a General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, holden at the Town Hall in Fort Saint George, on Wednesday the Eighteenth day of April One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Before

The Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris
President and Governor in Council, and
Commander in Chief of Fort Saint George

and

Edward Saunders and Ernst William Fillefield Esquires
Members of the Council of Fort Saint George appointed Justices
assigned to keep the Peace, as also Commissioners of Oyer and
Terminer and General Gaol delivery for the Town of Madraspatnam
Garrison of Fort Saint George and its Dependencies.

The Court being duly opened, the Sheriff returns
his Precepts.

The following Gentlemen are then called and
sworn on the Grand Jury.

The Honble Basil Cochrane. Foreman

Henry Wilson

Henry Brown

Charles Wynne

George Coleman

Robert Sherron

Thomas Stephen Ware

James Taylor

Charles Beauvoir Torin

James Scott Savory

James Keppern

George Paske

Thomas Stephens

Thomas Parry

James Connell

William Hart

George Hay

Messrs. Matthew Yeats and Edward Watts, who were
duly called over to serve on the Grand Jury, did not appear or
answer unto their names.

Messrs. Thomas Wisset and Edward Croft Granway
having been also called over to serve on the Grand Jury,
appeared

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appeared, and stated that they were under age. The Court was therefore pleased to dispense with their attendance -

Robert Plinksworth is sworn to attend the Grand Jury during the present Session.

The Grand Jury return into Court, and there being no business for them to proceed upon, they are thanked for their attendance, and dismissed for this Session.

The Court is then adjourned to Wednesday the Eighteenth day of July, next, at Ten o'clock in the Forenoon for holding another Session.

R Williams
Deputy Clerk of the Peace

18th July 1798

At a General Court of Quarter Sessions
of the Peace Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Gas Delivery
held at the Town Hall in Fort Saint George on Wednesday the
Eighteenth day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety
Eight.

Before
The Honorable Lieutenant General George Hume
President and Governor in Council Commander
in Chief
Fort Saint George

and
Edward Saunders and Esq. William Fuller
Esquires Members of the Council thereof and Justices assigned
to keep the Peace and also Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer
and General Gas Delivery for the Town of Madraspatnam and
Garrison of Fort Saint George and its Dependencies.

The Court being duly opened the Sheriff returns
his Obedience.

The Court is then adjourned to Wednesday the
Twenty Ninth day of August next at Ten o'clock in the fore
noon for continuing the present Sessions.

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An Adjourned Court of Quarter

Sessions of the Peace Sessions for Cypr and Limerick and General
Just Delivny held in at the Town Hall in Fort Saint George
on Wednesday the Twenty ninth day of August One Thousand Seven
hundred and Ninety Eight.

The Right Honble
Lord Clive the
Governor was absent.

Before

Lieutenant General George Harris

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders and Ernst William Fallopfield
Esquires Members of the Council at Fort Saint George and Justices
assigned to keep the Peace and also Commissioners of Cypr and Limerick
and General Just Delivny for the Town of Madraspatnam Garrison
of Fort Saint George and its Dependences.

The Court being duly Opened.

The Following Petition was delivered in Court by the Clerk of the Peace having
been referred to them by the sitting Justices.

To the Worshipful John Chamier Esquire

His Majesty's Justice of the Peace.

The humble Representation of M. Kamm
and Latchmadas.

That your Petitioners about 3 years before was taken up
on a Suspicion of being Concerned in the Murder of Corojee Lallah at
Ganjam and was lodged in Confinement that being inconsequence of
his long and strict confinement afflicted with a dangerous illness &
which threatens his life your Petitioners was Released from imprison-
ment on condition of giving to His Majesty's Justice of the Peace
Bail for their Appearance, that your Representatives Accordingly
signed on the 17th day of September 1793 a Recognizance binding
themselves

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themselves and two other securities for your Petitioners Appearance at the
Sessions next ensuing that evidence that period your Petitioner is
wanting Sessions after Sessions in the expectation of being brought to
Trial and has been prevented from attending to other Concerns.

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly Pray
that they may be Released from this dreadful Situation, by being at
length brought to Trial or that their Recognizance may be given
up which your Petitioner humbly trust will not be thought an
Unreasonable Request, when it is considered that at the an inno-
cent Man they have undergone, during such a length of time
as seems a punishment as if they had been guilty of a great
Offence and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall Ever Pray
Madras — Signed M. Kamm and Latchmadas in the
21st August 1798 Native Language

Mr. Compton made an Application on behalf of the Petitioners that
the Recognizance taken before the Members of Government in the year
1793 from them for their appearance at the next Quarter Sessions
to answer the said Charge should be Cancelled.

Ordered Accordingly

And the Court is then adjourned to the morning
the Twenty Sixth day of September next at ten o'clock in the fore-
noon for Continuing the Present Sessions.

J. T. H. M.
Clerk of the Peace
At

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An Adjourned Court of Quarter

Sessions of the Peace Sessions of Pleas and Assizes and General Sessions of the Peace held at the Town Hall in Fort Saint George on Wednesday the twenty eighth Day of September one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Eight.

Before
The Right Honorable Edward Lord Clive
President and Governor of
Fort Saint George

and
Edward Saunders and Ernst William Falkland
Esquires Members of the Council at Fort Saint George and
Justices assigned to keep the Peace and also Commissioners of
Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for the Town of
Madraspatnam Garrison of Fort Saint George and its
Dependencies.

The Court being duly Opened.

The following Gentlemen were then called by name and sworn in
the Grand Jury.

John Rowley Esq. Foreman

Mr. E. Kinsersley

Charles Baker

James Brown

J. B. Travers

Arthur Brooke

George Hardman

George Gilbert Kibble

Mr. Colham Craig

R. A. Martin

Thomas Barry

Henry Burnaby

William Innes

George Hay

John Dennis

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A Bailiff Robert Blackworth is sworn to attend the
Grand Jury during the present Sessions.

Mr. Rowley the Foreman of the Grand Jury remains in Court and
the following Witnesses are sworn.

On the Indictment

The King
at
Thomas Powell
for Embezzling Naval Stores
and
Alex. Brownlie
Accessory thereto
before the Fact.

Witnesses Sworn
H. Swell Esq.
J. S. Smith
V. S. Smith
J. S. Smith
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J. S. Smith

On the Indictment

The King
at
Pedro de Rosario
for Stealing

Witnesses Sworn
Lieut. J. M. B. B. B.
Lieut. J. M. B. B. B.
Lieut. J. M. B. B. B.
Lieut. J. M. B. B. B.
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On the Indictment

The King
at
Booden
Ellamah
Shewacha
Buckley
Atchee
for Murder

Witnesses Sworn
V. S. Smith
V. S. Smith
V. S. Smith
V. S. Smith
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V. S. Smith
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V. S. Smith
V. S. Smith
V. S. Smith

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On the Indictment

The King

of
Abdool Kheemari
for an Assault and
False Imprisonment

Witnesses Sworn
Aushamah
Cathajah Cawnum
Kheemara Big
Cotatty Sawmy

On the Indictment

The King

of
Ramasaumy
Cauder
for Stealing Bullocks

Witnesses Sworn
Cathajah Naickhen
Mahomed Sheriff
Nootoo
Maick Sarud

On the Indictment

The King

of
Ramasaumy
for Pilory

Witnesses Sworn
Donnan

On the Indictment

The King

of
David Woolfe
for an Assault

William Love

William Love the Prosecution is called, and does not answer. Ordered
his Recognizance to be perfected.

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The Indictments are then delivered to Mr Rowley

who takes...

Mr Rowley the Foreman of the Grand Jury after a space of four hours
returns into Court and returns the Indictments. The King of
Thom. Powell for Embezzling Naval Stores Endorsed "a true
Bill" and of Mr. Brounlie for pay, threats Endorsed "not
found"

The Prisoner Alexander Brounlie is then put to

the Bar and discharged by Proclamation.

The Court is then adjourned to Thursday the
Twenty seventh September One Thousand Seven Hundred and
Ninety Eight at ten o'clock in the Forenoon for continuing the present
Sessions.

S. TOWN
Clerk of the peace

At

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At an Adjourned Court of Quarter &

Sessions of the Peace Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General
Just Delivery holden at the Town Hall in Fort Saint George
on Thursday the Twenty seventh Day of September One Thousand
Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight.

Before

The Right Honorable Edward Lord Clive

President and Governor of

Fort Saint George

and

Edward Saunders and Ernst William Tallofeld
Esquires Members of the Council at Fort Saint George and
Justices assigned to keep the Peace and also Commissioners
of Oyer and Terminer and General Just Delivery for the
Town of Madraspatnam Garrison of Fort Saint George and
its Dependencies.

The Court being duly Opened.

The Prisoner Thomas Powell is then put to the Bar and
arraigned as follows.

Clerk of the Peace Thomas Powell holds up your Hand you stand indicted by
the name of Thomas Powell for that you the said Thomas Powell
late of Madras Boatman of his Majesty's Ship Suffolk
on the Fifth day of September in the thirty eighth year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord George the third King of Great Britain France
and Ireland Defender of the Faith and so forth with Force and
Arms at Madras aforesaid twelve Bolts of Canvas of the Value
of Sixty Pounds of the Goods and Naval Stores of our said Lord
the King then and there being in the Charge of you the said
Thomas Powell and forced out of the Store under charge of
Henry

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Henry Swell Esq. his said Majesty's Naval Officer Resident at
Madras then and there feloniously did steal take embezzle and
carry away against the Form of the Statute in such case made
and provided and against the Peace of our said Lord the King
his Crown and Dignity.

Clerk of the Peace How say you Thomas Powell are you Guilty of the Felony wherof
you stand Indicted or not Guilty.

Prisoner - Not Guilty

C of the Peace How will you be tried

Prisoner - By God and my Country

C of the Peace God send you a good Deliverance

The following persons are then called and sworn
on the Petition the Prisoner being first informed of his Right
to challenge them or any of them as they come to the Book to be
sworn and before they are sworn.

Erskine Nimmo Foreman

William Basser

John Keilly

Alexander Stewart

John Martin

John Wright -

William Kofi

Hugh Gordon

Alexander Gosall

James Brown

Samuel Moore

John Hanswiler Sherman

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoner and listen
unto his Cause you shall know that he stands indicted by the
name of Thomas Powell where the Indictment is read as in the
arraignment. Upon this Indictment he hath been arraigned and
thereunto hath pleaded not Guilty and for his Trial hath put himself
upon God and his Country which Country you are; your Charge is
therefore to enquire whether he is Guilty of the Felony wherof
he stands indicted or not Guilty. If you find him Guilty you
are to enquire what Goods and Chattels Land or Tenements he
has

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has at the time of the said Felony committed or at any time since if you find him not Guilty you are to enquire if he fled for it if you find that he fled for it you are to enquire of his Goods and Chattels Land and Tenements, the same as if you had found him Guilty, if you find him not Guilty, and that he did not fly for it you shall say so and no more, and hearken unto the Evidence.

Henry Sewell Esq. is then called in and sworn on the Part of the Crown.

Mr. Ricketts attends in Court to Conduct the Prosecution.

By Mr. Ricketts Do you hold any and what Employ in the Naval Department at Madras.

Answer - I am His Majesty's Naval Officer Resident at Madras.

Question - How long have you held that appointment.

Answer - About two years and an half.

Question - Do you recollect any thing of the Prisoner at the Bar having delivered an Indent for Naval Stores at your Office if so relate the particulars.

Answer - A Demand for Naval Stores Dated the thirtieth August and signed "Bulfinch Malcolm" was delivered at my Office the first of September by the Prisoner at the Bar.

Question - Was the Indent Complied with.

Answer - In great Measure.

Question - Was any Canvas issued out of the Stores in part Compliance with the Indent.

Answer - I gave Direction for the Indent to be Complied with and it has since come to my Knowledge that twelve Bolls of Canvas were part of the Articles included in that Indent.

Question - In whose charge were those Stores delivered.

Answer - They were issued out of the Naval Stores in the usual manner by Soubiah my Head Concoply.

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Question by the Prisoner - Do you know whether those Stores were delivered to the Prisoner or any one else.

Answer - I don't know.

Question by the Prisoner - Do you know the present Market price of a Boll of Canvas.

Answer - About thirteen Pagodas a Boll.

Question by the Court - Have you the Indent for Stores in your possession.

Answer - I have it in Court.

Here the Indent is produced and shown to the Witness.

Question - Are you sufficiently acquainted with the Hand Writing of Peter Kainia and Bulfinch Malcolm to be able to declare whether those Names are of their respective Hand Writing.

Answer - I believe them to be their Hand Writing.
The Witness retires.

Soubiah is next called in and sworn on the Part of the Crown.

Question by Mr. Ricketts - Are you the Concoply of Henry Sewell Esq. Naval Officer Resident at Madras.

Answer - I am.

Question - Do you recollect having delivered Twelve Bolls of Canvas to the Prisoner at the Bar by your Masters Order and when.

Answer - It was on the fifth of September last.

Question - By whose Order did you deliver the Canvas.

Answer - By Order of Mr. Sewell in Compliance with part of an Indent for Boatwain's Stores presented by the Prisoner.

Question - Was any person present when you delivered the Canvas to the Prisoner.

Answer - An European and another Concoply.

Question - Do you know the Names of either of those Persons.

Answer - The Concoply's Name was Verasimmy I don't recollect the European's Name.

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Question - Should you know the European if he was shown to you

Answer - Should.

Then William Davidson is called into Court and identified by the Witness.

Question - Is this the European who was present when the Canvas was delivered to the Prisoner.

Answer - This was the European who was present.

Question - What further papers after Delivery of the Canvas to the Prisoner at the Bar.

Answer - I gave Order to Verasawmy the other Concofly to go with the Canvas and see it put into a Boat and Carried on Board his Majesty's Ship Suffolk.

Question Did Verasawmy in Compliance with your Direction go away with the Canvas immediately.

Answer - He and some Coolies went away with the Canvas.

Question Did they all go together from the Store Godown

Answer - They all went away together.

Question by the Jury } Was the Prisoner present at the Store Godown.

Answer - He was.

Question - Did the Prisoner give the Canvas in charge of any one else

Answer - I delivered it to the Prisoner and the Coolies Carried it away. They all left the Godown together.

Question by the Jury } At what hour of the Day was the Canvas delivered.

Answer - About twelve o'clock

Question - Was your Order to deliver it to the Prisoner or to send it on Board the Suffolk.

Answer - My Order was to Comply with the Insent. the Prisoner is the Boatman of his Majesty's Ship the Suffolk and the Stores were usually delivered to him.

Question by the Jury } You say you delivered twelve Bolls of Canvas. should you know the Canvas if shown to you to be the same.

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Answer - I should not

Question - Was the Prisoner present when Mr Swell gave Order to Comply with the Insent.

Answer - The Prisoner delivered the Insent Mr Swell gave Order afterwards The Witness testifies.

Verasawmy is next called in and sworn on the part of the Crown.

Question by the Jury } In whose Employ are you.

Answer - I am a Deputy Concofly under Soubbiak Concofly to Mr Swell. Naval Officer.

Question - Do you know of twelve Bolls of Canvas having been lately issued out of the Naval Stores and when.

Answer - On the 15th of September

Question - By whose Order were they Delivered

Answer - By Soubbiak the Concofly

Question - To whom were they Delivered

Answer - To the Prisoner

Question - Relate what further Order you received from Soubbiak after the Delivery of the Canvas to the Prisoner.

Answer - I was Ordered to go along with the Canvas and put it in a Boat to be sent off to the Admirals Ship.

Question - Did you Comply with those Orders.

Answer - I did.

Question - Did you procure a Boat to Ship off the Stores and see the Canvas put in.

Answer - I did.

Question - Did any one get into the Boat with the Boatman.

Answer - An European.

Question - Should you know that European

Answer - I should.

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Then William Davidson is produced
and identified by the Witness - -

Question - Do you recollect whether that was the European.

Answer - He is.

Question - Are you sure of it.

Answer - I am.

Question - When did you first see that European.

Answer - At the Store Godown.

Question - Did you go with him from the Store Godown to the Beach.

Answer - I did.

Question - After the Canvas was put into the Boat what Order did you give to the Coxswain of that Boat.

Answer - To Carry the Canvas to the Admiral's Ship.

Question - At what hour of the Day was this.

Answer - About half past ten o'clock.

Question - Did the Prisoner accompany them from the Godowns to the Beach.

Answer - I don't recollect.

The Witness testifies.

Isobrah the former Witness is called up.

Question by Mr. Nicholls - After you delivered the Canvas to the Prisoner did he give any Orders with respect to shipping it off.

Answer - He did not.

Question - Do you recollect the Number of the Boat.

Answer - Yes, it was No. 53.

The Witness testifies.

Francis is next called in and sworn on the oath of the Crown.

Question by Mr. Nicholls - Are you Coxswain of Boat 53.

Answer - I am.

Question - Do you recollect Mr. Swell's Concocting that Boat.

Answer - Yes.

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Question - Should you know him again.

Answer - I should.

Then the last Witness, Vencatasan is produced
and shown to the present Witness - -

Question - Is this the Man.

Answer - Yes, is the Man.

Question - What Orders did you Receive and from whom after the Canvas was put into the Boat.

Answer - The Concocter now produced gave me directions to Carry them to the Admiral's Ship.

Question - What Order did you give to the Coxswain of that Boat.

Answer - The same Order.

Question - When the Boat returned back did you enquire of the Coxswain if he had obeyed this Order.

Answer - I did.

Question - And what Reply did he Make.

Answer - The Coxswain told me that the Canvas was not delivered on Board the Admiral's Ship but on a two Mast Vessel.

Question - What Reason did the Coxswain assign for not having obeyed your Order.

Answer - He told me that the European who went in the Boat after Coasting the Surf had told them that they were under his Orders and that they must carry the Boat along side a Two Mast Vessel.

Question - Did you see any European get into the Boat.

Answer - I did.

Question - Should you know that European again appeared out to you.

Then Davidson is produced and identified
by the Witness - -

Question by the Jury - Do you know the Prisoner.

Answer - I do not.

The Witness testifies.

Vencatasan is next called in and sworn on the oath of the Crown.

Question by Mr. Nicholls - Are you Coxswain of Boat 53.

Answer - I am.

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Question - Do you know of Indian Bells of Canvas being put on Board that Boat.

Answer - Yes

Question - Where was you directed to Carry it

Answer - To the Admiral's Ship

Question - Who gave you those Orders

Answer - The Comoply and the European and the Linsal

Question - Did you see an European get into the Boat.

Answer - Yes

Question - Should you know him again if pointed out to you -

Answer - I should

Then Davidson is produced and identified by the Witness.

Question - Relate to the Court why you did not obey the Orders you had Received.

Answer - As they were going in the Boat the European told them they must go to a Two mast Schoop lying in the Road.

Question - Did you make any Objection

Answer - Yes

Question - What Objection did you make

Answer - I told him our Orders were to go to the Admiral's Ship the European said he only wanted to speak to a Person on Board the two Mast Vessel.

Question - Did you in consequence carry the Boat along side the two Mast Vessel.

Answer - Yes he did

Question - When you came along side the Vessel did the European quit the Boat and go on Board that Vessel.

Answer - He did

Question - What became of the Canvas

Answer - When the European got on Board he sent word that we must deliver the Canvas on Board which Mr. Vepers saying that we were ordered to take it on Board the Admiral's Ship but the European said they must obey his Orders and sent Lascar into the Boat who took away the Canvas.

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Question - Did that European return with them in the Boat.

Answer - He did

Question - When you returned on Shore did you see the Indian

Answer - He did not see him. I sent the Night to him

Question by the Prisoner - Did you see me on the Beach at that time

Answer - I did not

Question by the Jury - What European do you mean to say gave you the Orders to go to the Admiral's Ship

Answer - The European who went with us in the Boat

Question - Was it the in consequence of Fresh Orders afterwards received from that European when in the Boat that they went along side the two Mast Vessel.

Answer - Yes

The Witness testifies William Davidson is next called in and

sworn on the part of the Crown.

Question by Mr. Nicholls - Do you know the Prisoner at the Bar

Answer - Yes

Question - When did you first see him

Answer - To the best of my Recollection in Mr. Lynn's House

Question - How long ago was it that you saw the Prisoner at Mr. Lynn's House.

Answer - On the fourth of this Month

Question - Had you any Conversation with him at that time

Answer - I had talked him if he had any thing to dispose of such as Canvas he told me he would try Afterwards I met the Prisoner in the Port with some Canvas he said it is to go on Board your Vessel.

Question - What Ship do you belong to

Answer - I do belong to the Snow Beresford

Question - Relate what passed afterwards

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Answer - I accordingly went off in a Boat and Carried on Board the Snow Bismarck and got Mr. Fagan the Chief Officer Receipt for it.

Question - What Quantity of Canvas was it

Answer - About exactly known.

Question - By whose Order did you go in the Boat

Answer - By the Prisoner's Order.

Question - Did the Boatmen make any objection about going to the Vessel.

Answer - At first they made some Objection but I told them they were to go on Board the Brig. I spoke to them in Moor.

Question - What became of the Canvas when you came along side the Bismarck.

Answer - I went into the Ship's Cabin and told Mr. Fagan I had brought some Canvas. He ordered the Landard to get the Canvas on Board which was done. Mr. Fagan gave me a Receipt for it.

Then the Receipt is produced and identified by the Witness.

I then took the Receipt and came on Shore. I saw Captain Brouncker about three quarters of an hour afterwards at the Beach House. Brouncker asked me if the Canvas was on Board. I said yes and that I had left Mr. Fagan's Receipt at his House. He then gave me a fifty Pagoda Note for the Prisoner at the Bar. I went up to Mr. Barlow's Tavern and left it with him. I soon after met the Prisoner who asked me if I had any Money for him. I answered I had a fifty Pagoda Note. I then gave him the fifty Pagoda Note. He then gave me ten Pagodas more. You have got a fifty Pagoda Note for me and him to receive ten Pagodas more. He then went to Mr. Barlow's where the Prisoner received the fifty Pagoda Note either from Barlow or myself. I am not certain which.

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Question - What ship did you belong to at the time this transaction took place

Answer - I did belong to the Snow Bismarck but had left it. When Captain Landier purchased the Vessel and Captain Brouncker took the Command he said he had appointed Mr. Fagan Chief Officer. I did not like to serve as Second Officer and consequently left the Ship.

Question by the President - Did you not meet the Prisoner in the China Bazaar the Day after your first Meeting.

Answer - I did. Did any Conversation then pass relative to the Canvas. The Prisoner said he had some Canvas to go off to the Ship. I told him I was going on Board in the Course of the Afternoon and would see it delivered.

Question by the Clerk of the Peace - Having now ascertained from you that you had seen the Prisoner in the China Bazaar between the first meeting at Lynn's and meeting him afterwards by accident in the Park of your former answer that you had not seen the Prisoner from the time of the Meeting at Lynn's to the time of meeting him in the Park with the Canvas - must have been erroneous and from want of Recollection.

Answer - It was from want of Recollection.

Question by the Jury - When did you deliver the Canvas on Board.

Answer - On the twentieth of this Month.

Question - At what place did you receive the Order from the Prisoner to go into the Boat with the Canvas.

Answer - I received the Order near the Beach the Prisoner and I went down together to the Boat.

Question - What time of Day was it you got into the Boat with the Canvas

Answer - About two or three o'clock in the Afternoon.

The Witness retires.

James Fagan is next Called in and sworn on the Oath of this Court.

Question by Mr. What Ship do you belong to

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Answer - - - To the Snow Berserance.
Question - - - What are you
Answer - - - I am the Chief Officer on board that Ship.
Question - - - Do you recollect whether any Canvas has been sent on board -
lately and when -
Answer - - - On the fourth of this Month Davidson the last Witness brought -
twelve Bolts of Canvas and delivered them when he came along
side the Ship he said to Mr Shaw brought you twelve Bolts
of Danish Canvas, you must give me a Receipt for it or -
Captain Brounlie will not let me have the Money to pay for
it -
Question - - - Then you received the Canvas and gave a Receipt for it
Answer - - - Yes and inserted it in the Log Book as usual.
Question - - - Do you recollect any Officer from the Admiral's Ship coming on
Board and Claiming that Canvas -
Answer - - - A Midshipman from the Admiral's Ship whose Name I have
since understood to be Williams came along side and asked
if it was the Snow Berserance, that he had orders to detain
her on the high way. Lieutenant Howe of the Majesty's Ship
Suffolk came on board and said I understand you have got
some Canvas I replied yes and immediately went down with
them into the Storage and showed it to him -
Question - - - What then passed
Answer - - - The Canvas was then handed upon Deck and put into the Boat
and Lieutenant Howe carried it away -
Question - - - Was this the Canvas which had been brought on Board by
Davidson -
Answer - - - The very same.
Question - - - Is that your Signature
[Receipt provided]
Answer - - - Yes
Question by the Jury - - - Do you recollect when the Conversation took place between
you and Davidson -
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Answer - - - On the Quarter Deck.
Question by the Jury - - - Was he down in the Cabin while on board.
Answer - - - We went down into the Mess place together.
Question - - - Was it before the Canvas was taken out of the Boat that Davidson
asked you for a Receipt -
Answer - - - It was before.
Question - - - Do you recollect when you gave him the Receipt
Answer - - - On the Deck before he left the Ship.
The Witness retires
Robert George is next Called in and sworn on
the Part of the Crown -
Question by Mr
Nickolls - - - To what Ship do you belong
Answer - - - His Majesty's Ship Suffolk.
Question - - - In what Capacity are you on Board that Ship
Answer - - - Sail Maker.
Question - - - Did you lately take Charge of twelve Bolts of Canvas.
Answer - - - Yes.
Question - - - When were they delivered in your Charge -
Answer - - - Between the tenth and twelfth of this Month.
Question - - - From whom did you receive it
Answer - - - Lieutenant Howe was on Deck and in his Presence the
Commanding Officer desired me to take charge of it.
Question - - - Did you do so.
Answer - - - Yes.
Question - - - Where did you deposit it
Answer - - - In the Fore Sail Room.
Question - - - Was it kept separate -
Answer - - - There were Ship Sails there but no Canvas in Bolts.
Question - - - Do you Affix any Particular Mark upon the Canvas.
Answer - - - On the fourth of this Month I put a Particular Mark on
each of the Bolts -
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Question - Should you know the Canvas again

Answer - I should.

Volts of Canvas opened and things examined
his private Mark and identifies the same
The things Cited.
The Prosecution here Closes

The Prisoner delivers in his Defence in writing which is read
in Court.

My Lord and Gentlemen of the Jury

I am now on my Trial for a very serious and
aggravated Offence which if proven would subject me
to the most severe punishment which the Law can inflict.

It will therefore be for your most serious Consideration whether
there is sufficient Evidence before you of that Guilt which
is implied by the Indictment for if not I am well assured
you that you would for Conscience sake be disinclined that
the Sentence of the Law should pass on Me.

I am indicted for having stolen and embezzled
his Majesty's Stores committed to my Charge so that
the Substance of my Offence is a Breach of Trust that
I had the Articles mentioned in the Indictment entrusted
to Me and that I abused that Trust by converting them
to my own Use - You will see how the Evidence makes
out the charge imputed to Me.

It has been endeavored to be shown by Sobriak
that he delivered to Me the Bolts of Canvas in Question. He
does not mention however the Particulars attending this
pretended Delivery - May he has said chiefly that his
Orders were to Supply the Indent - You will Consider that

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to attach such a Crime to Me the Evidence of Delivery must
be positive - and not a Simple Delivery to Me in any other Capa-
city than as in my relation of Boatman of the Suffolk. Nothing
is evidenced to this point. A bare Delivery to Me individually or
to any other Person to Carry such Stores on board the Suffolk
would if abused amount to a Felony or any other Crime than a
Slight Misdemeanor. If Goods are given to a Cooly or Porter to
Carry or Convey from one place to another and he converts them
to his own Use by the Way - This will only reach to a
Breach of Trust and for this plain Reason that it is a naked
Fraud that Common Sense and Prudence can easily guard
against.

Therefore in this Case I ought to have been
proven that there was a Special Delivery to Me as Stowkeeper
or as a person being used to the Care of Stores or it cannot in-
fect Me.

But if such Evidence has been given in this
Case I ought not to prevail against Me for I am not charged
even if having received the Goods or Bolts of Canvas as Stow-
keeper to keep for Me. Therefore Evidence could not be
given to Support what is not even Charged.

But Sobriak has said Gentlemen that after
the Bolts of Canvas has been as he has called it delivered
to Me that he Sobriak ordered a Concopter by the name
of Vurasawmy to Accompany it to the Beach see it on
Board a Boat and send it to the Admiral's Ship.

You will recollect Gentlemen that this
Sobriak was the immediate Agent of the Naval Stowkeeper
and was the Person charged with the Delivery - and that
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after he had delivered as he has said the Canvas to Me that he desired Vermausamy his Conceptly or next immediate Agent and as Subagent of the Chavali Kulkar to take Charge of it to the Beach so that after the alleged Delivery of the Canvas to Me it is clear that Sobiah who was charged with the Delivery Remains such Delivery and took Charge of it himself by his own immediate Agent Vermausamy.

So that in point of Fact and Law the Possession was from that time taken for me and vested in the Chavali Kulkar through the Medium of his Agent.

And there is no after Delivery proved so as to affect Me.

I did not leave the Office and Accompany the Canvas to the Beach nor give any Orders touching the Same this you have heard from Sobiah and Vermausamy.

Therefore Gentlemen of the Jury as there is no Special Trust chargeable to Me by the Indictment nor any in point of Fact - I should hope that before you adjudge Me to Death You will favour and Consider whether I am Guilty or Could be Guilty of the Crime laid to My Charge. I am Sure you will humanely weigh My Case and give to it Ample and Substantial Justice - My life I cheerfully Commit to your Hands.

The Evidence of Davidson is so full of prevarication that I need not observe a word on it I shall therefore humbly say that Sobiah and Vermausamy have said that I did not Accompany the Canvas to the Boat And Davidson has positively said that I went along with it to that I can never be supposed to be concerned in any

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any Orders given by him and at that time.

The Prisoner then desires Robert Barlow might be Called
Robert Barlow is Called and Sworn on the Part of the Prisoner.

Question by the Prisoner - Did you on the Fifth of this Month deliver to Me a Note for Fifty Pagodas and if so, was any one else present.

Answer - A Fifty Pagoda note was left with Me on the Fifth of this Month but I did not deliver it to you.

Question by the Prisoner - Did Davidson in your presence deliver such a Note to me.

Answer - No.

Question by Mr. Ricketts for the Crown - Did Davidson Deposit a Fifty Pagoda Note with you.

Answer - He did.

Question - When he Deposited the Note with you did he say for what purpose.

Answer - He said he wanted to pay part of a Bill he had Contracted in my House.

Question - Did you ever give it back to Davidson.

Answer - I did.

Question - Why did you part with it as Davidson had Deposited it with you in payment of his Bill.

Answer - It returned it to Davidson as he said he would get it changed himself.

Question - Pray how long was this Note in your Possession.

Answer - A quarter of an hour when he took it from Me he told me he wanted to get it changed.

Question - Was any one present when he asked you for the Note or when you gave it to him.

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Answer - - No one.

The Witness Retires

Henry Sewell Esq. Called in and Sworn on
the Part of the Prisoner.

Question by the
Clerk of the Peace } How long have you known the Prisoner.

Answer - - Four Years.

Question - - What has been his General Character During that time.

Answer - - Perfectly Correct and Regular as far as any Transactions I
have had with him.

Question - - Have you had Occasion to place any trust in the Prisoner.

Answer - - Repeatedly.

Question - - What was his Conduct in those Situations of Trust.

Answer - - Faithful as far as has fallen within to my Knowledge.

The Witness Retires

Lieutenant George Collier is next.

Called in and Sworn on the Part of the Prisoner.

Question by the
Clerk of the Peace } How long have you known the Prisoner.

Answer - - Between three and four Years.

Question - - What has been his General Character During that time.

Answer - - Perfectly honest as far as I know, I know him to be a
good Boatswain and an excellent Seaman.

The Jury did not retire.

Clerk of the Peace } Gentlemen of the Jury are you agreed on your Verdict.

Jury - - Yes.

Clerk of the Peace } Who shall say for you.

Jury - - Our Foreman.

Clerk of the Peace } Thomas Powell holds up your Hands (to the Jury) look
upon the Prisoner how say you Gentlemen is Thomas Powell
Guilty of the Felony whereof he stands indicted or not Guilty.

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Foreman -

Not Guilty

Which being Recited

Clerk of the Peace

Gentlemen of the Jury I recite unto your Verdict as the
Court hath Recited as you say that Thomas Powell is not Guilty
of the Felony whereof he stands indicted and so you say
all is

Jury -

Yes

The Prisoner is thereupon Discharged by

Proclamation.

An Inquest taken before Mr Compton the Coroner on the
Body of Cooperasamah Deceased having been delivered in -
Court is now produced and upon Examination thereof the
Court Order the same to be Quashed for Insufficiency and
the Prisoner Mary Chong who had been Committed to
Gaol by the Coroner is put to the Bar and discharged by
Proclamation.

Mr Rowley the Foreman of the Grand Jury Comes into Court and
Returns the Indictments.

The King against Pedro de la Rosario - For Stealing
Entered "a True Bill"

The King against Booden, Ellamah, Theerue
Ka. Buckley and Mchee - For Murder Entered
"a True Bill"

The King against Abdool Roheeman -
For an Assault and For Imprisonment Entered "a True Bill"

The King against Ramasawmy and Cauder
For Stealing Bullocks Entered "a True Bill"

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The King against Ramasamy - For Felony
Entered "a Sum. Bill"

The King against David Wolfe - For an Assault
Entered "Ignominious"

The following Presentment is then returned by the Grand Jury and
Read in Court as follows

Madraspatnam Indors

At the Grand Jury of the Town of Madraspatnam
Sworn to enquire for the body of the said Town being Justly sensible
of the Many Advantages arising to this place by the gracious
dispensation of His Majesty's Royal Charter as it hath conveyed
with it the Laws of England and proscribed the method of putting
those Laws into execution as

Do present that one William Davidson of Madras
an Evidence in the Indictment given in charge to the Jurors &c.
aforesaid at the present Indors entered "The King against
Thomas Powell and Alexander Proudlee"
did on the 14th day of September last before upon oath touching
the Indorsment aforesaid before John Chamber Esq. One of His
Majesty's Justices of the Peace as follows

That Informant and the said Thomas Powell went from
Lyons Tavern to the House of Captain Proudlee when some
Conversation took place and Captain Proudlee gave the
said Thomas Powell Three Dollars Whereas it appeared
in evidence which came before the Grand Jury that the said
Three Dollars were given to the said William Davidson and
returned by him to the said Thomas Powell And the said
William Davidson in the said information did also declare

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as follows

That Informant and the said Thomas Powell then went to a
Mr Barlow's together in whose custody the Note was by the
Informant deposited - And in the presence of Barlow this
Informant gave the said Thomas Powell the Fifty Pagoda Note
Whereas it appears by the Evidence of the said Barlow given
before the Grand Jury that the said Thomas Powell was not
present when he the said Barlow returned the Fifty Pagoda
Note to the said William Davidson, nor did he see the said
Fifty Pagoda Note returned to the said Thomas Powell - And
the Grand Jury do further present that from the Evidence which
came before them the Testimony of the said William Davidson
appears to them to be of a very swarting and unsatisfactory
nature and by no Means deserving of full Credit

All which Matters and things are Contrary to
the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, his Crown and
Dignity

/Signed/ John Howley Foreman
A. E. Mansfield
Chas. Parker
A. Brooke
J. B. Travers
R. Mardonian
J. G. Keble
A. C. Craig

/Signed/
H. A. Davidson
Thomas Barry
H. Burnaby
Jm. Lacro
Jm. Denis
J. Brodie
Jm. Hay

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The Court inform the Grand Jury that they will take the same into
consideration.

The Grand and Petit Jury are then thanked for their services
and dismissed for this Session.

The Sessions are then Closed and the Court adjourned to Wednesday the Tenth Day of October One or Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight at ten o'clock in the forenoon for holding a new Sessions.

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