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Answer Yes. very well.-

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Answer Yes. Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station. on the Mark -awn of a lame Tacker, who is dead.-

Question How do you Know these Mutinous Meetings were held?-

Answer I attended them for two months.

Question What were the particular objects of these Mutinous Meetings?-

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore. and to seize this Country.

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at these Mutinous Meetings?

Answer

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Answer — Yes. I saw the Prisoner four time at these Mutinous Meetings, and each time the Murder as above Stated was talked of.—

Question — Do you Know the Prisoner willingly assented to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon?—

Answer — Yes, the Prisoner willingly assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon.—

Question by the Court — Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?—

Answer — He was promised to be made an Officer.—

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer — Every word is positively true.—

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The Witness Veloris

Hussain Khawn Private 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evi-dence on the Prosecution. being called into Court, is duly sworn in Conformity to his Cast.—

The Charges are read and explained—

Deputy Judge Advocate— } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes, very well—

Question State to the Court what you Know respecting the Charges?—

Answer Five Months ago. my house being uncovered. I went one evining to sleep at the Mutkawn of a lame Tackur who is dead— At eight O'Clock many people came there and among them. I saw the Prisoner now before the Court. The people sat down and I overheard them speak of their intentions to murder the European Offi-cers and Artillery men in Travancore and to seize this Country— on getting up

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up to go away the Prisoner approaching the Jemidar, made him a Salam. the Jemidar asked the Prisoner. "Kummul Khawn — "are you going" the Prisoner replied yes Sir "I am going to take my rice". the Faukur ob: = served to the Jemidar "what is the reason this man / meaning the Prisoner / has sat all the time. without speaking" the Jemidar replied "He / the Prisoner / and his Brother "in Law. are the two. who bring us the intel = ligence from the lines of the 2d Battalion "18th Regiment, he is one of us for this business and there is no occasion to ask him any — questions" —

Question Do you positively swear to the — truth of what you have now deposed. —?

Answer What I said. I heard and saw, and every word is positively true. —

The Witness Retires.

The Prosecution is here Closed —

Defence

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Defence-

Prisoner I was always in the habits of re-
=maining at home. I am no drunkard.
What these people have said against
me is not true.-

The Defence is here closed.-

The Court adjourns till 10 O'clock to-
=morrow morning.-

Tuesday the 27th of October 1812.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.-
Members all present-

The Proceedings are read over and explained-

Sentence The Court having Considered with
attention the Evidence brought forward
in support of the Prosecution and what
the Prisoner has said on his Defence
is of opinion, the Prisoner Cummul Kh-
=awn Private 2d Battalion 14th Regi-
=ment Native Infantry is Guilty of the
1st Charge-

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The Court is further of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the 2d. Charge — Which being in breach of the 3d. and 4th. Articles of the 2d Section of the Articles of War, the Court doth Sentence the said Prisoner Cummul Khaun Private 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry to Suffer Death by being shot with Musketry at such time and at such Station of the Army as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct. —

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Capt. 14th N. Regt.
Acting Dy. Judge Advocate

The mark + of
Letchman Sing Subidar
1st Batt. 5th N. Regt Presidt

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
February 12th, 1813.

I approve and Confirm —
(Signed) D. Auchmuty
Lieutent. Genl.

The Native General Court Martial which assembled at Dindigul on the 18th Day of August

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in the Year of Our Lord 1812. by Order of Lieute-
=nant Colonel Hamilton Hall Commanding the
Forces in Travancore under the authority of His Ex:
=cellency the Commander in Chief. and Continued
by successive Adjournments is reassembled this
day the 27th. October 1812. - Present -
Subidar Lutchman Sing 1st. Batt. 5th. Regt. N. I.

Presidents.

Members

Subidar Syd. Abdullah. 2d. Batt. 19th. Regt. N. I.
Subidar Lutchman Sing - 1st. Batt. 5th. Regt. N. I.
Syrang Cassim ..... 2d. Batt. Artillery -
Subidar Purmalloo ..... 2d. Batt. 19th. Regt. N. I.
Subidar Hussain Cawn 1st. Batt. 5th. Regt. N. I.
Subidar Venkatachellum 2d. Batt. 11th. Regt. N. I.
Subidar Shaik Shewer - 2d. Batt. 11th Regt. N. I.
Subidar Verapah ..... 2d. Batt. 19th Regt. N. I.
Jemidar Ramasaumy - 2d. Batt. 19th. Regt. N. I.
Jemidar Shaik Ally .... 1st. Batt. 5th. Regt. N. I.
Jemidar Velliduin ..... 2d. Batt. 19th. Regt. N. I.

Jemidar

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Jemidar Shaik Dawood – 2d Battn 11th Regt N.I.

Jemidar Lelohmanah 2d Battn 11th Regt N.I.

Jemidar Kistnamiah. Returns in Consequence of indisposition –

Captain Stewart. Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

The Court having assembled. The Warrants Constituting its authority are read and explained.

Venkatasawmy Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court. The names of the President and Members are read over to him, and he is asked –

Deputy Judge Advocate – Do you object to any of the members composing the Court, by which you are about to be tried? –

Prisoner I do not object to any –

The usual Oaths are administered to the President and Members in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts –

The Acting Deputy Judge. Advocate is

also

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also duly sworn -

Sooboorow is duly Sworn in Conformity to his Cast. Interpreter to the Court -

Charge Venketsawmy Private / No. 3/3 P. Batta = lion Company. 2d. Battalion 14th Regt. = ment. Native Infantry. Confined by - Order of the Officer Commanding the Forces in Travancore on the following charges -

1st For joining, aiding and abetting in Seditious and Mutinous Meetings for the purpose of destroying the European officers and men of the Subsidiary Force in Travancore -

2d. For concealing and suppressing his know- = ledge of such Mutinous and Seditious - Meetings and not giving information there = of as directed by the Articles of War. -

Head Quarters
in Travancore
Dutton 25th May 1812.

Signed Alexr. Balmain
M. B. to the Troops
in Travancore

By Order.
Signed T. H. S. Conway /
Adjt Genl of the army

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The Charges having been read and explained to the Prisoner, he is asked,

Deputy Judge-advocate } Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you?

Prisoner Not Guilty—

Prosecution.

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence in support of the Prosecution being called into Court, is duly Sworn, and States, that about the latter end of May last, he received information of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by several men of the Force under his Command, the intent of which Conspiracy was to destroy the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore—

Lieutenant Colonel Hall after due enquiry, found the information he had received to be true, and in Consequence directed the Seizure of all who were reported to him to

be

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be concerned in the Conspiracy —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall further States the Prisoner Venkatsawmy was reported to him to be one who attended the Mutinous Meetings held at this Station —

Deputy Judge Advocate — Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means of the existence at this Station of Mutinous Meetings as detailed in the Charges? —

Answer None

The Witness Returns

Vencatram Private 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution being called into Court is duly Sworn in Conformity to his Cast —

The Charges are read and explained —

Deputy Judge advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes, very well. —

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station

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Station?-

Answer Yes. Mutinous. Meetings were held sometime ago at this Station in the Mask-=aun of a Cane Packer who is dead.-

Question How do you Know these Mutinous Meetings were held?-

Answer I attended them for fifteen days.-

Question What were the particular objects of these Mutinous Meetings?-

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to seize this Country.-

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at these Mutinous Meetings?-

Answer Yes, I saw the Prisoner four times at these mutinous Meetings, and each time, the murder as above stated was talked of, and further, I have heard the Prisoner conversing with the late-

Immidar.

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Jemidar Shaik Hussain respecting the progress of this Conspiracy, and how the Murder was to be carried into execution—

Question — Do you Know the Prisoner willingly assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European officers and Artillery men at Quilon?—

Answer. — Yes. The Prisoner willingly agreed to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon, and further the Prisoner said he would bring twelve Sepoys with him to assist in this business.

Question by the Court — Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?—

Answer — He was to be made an Officer —

Question by the Court — Do you Know any thing further of the Prisoner's Conduct in this Conspiracy?

Answer

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Answer. The Prisoner said he had been a Havildar and that he had been deprived of that situation most unjustly —

Deputy Judge advocate } Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed? —

Answer Every word is positively true.

The Witness Retires

Shaik Emaum Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution being called into Court is duly Sworn in Conformity to his Cast -

The Charges are read and explained. —

Deputy Judgad vocate - } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes, very well -

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Mutings were held some time ago at this Station? -

Answer Yes, Mutinous Mutings were held some time ago at this Station in the

Mucknawn

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Muckawn of a Lame Tacker who is dead. –

Question How do you Know those Meetings were held? –

Answer I attended them for two months –

Question What were the particular objects of those Mutinous Meetings? –

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to Seize this Country –

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at those Mutinous Meetings? –

Answer Yes, I saw the Prisoner three times at those Meetings; and each time the murder as above stated was talked of. –

Question Do you Know the Prisoner willingly assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and

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and Artillery men at Quilon?—

Answer Yes. the Prisoner willingly agreed to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon — The late Jemidar Shaik Hussain Ordered the Prisoner to endeavour to procure some men to assist in this business, the Prisoner immediately promised to get ready and when requi=red to bring ten Sepoys. The Pri=soner said one day to the Jemidar "he had "lost his Situation of Havildar and that "he was now a Sepoy. "never mind," re=plied the Jemidar, "I shall make you "a Great man and an officer when this "business is completed."—

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer Yes. every word is positively true.

The Witness retires.

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Hussain Khawn Private 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry on Evi-dence on the part of the Prosecution be-ing called into Court is duly sworn in Conformity to his Cast—

The Charges are read and explained—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?—

Answer Yes, very well—

Question State to the Court what you Know respecting the Charges?

Answer Five months ago my house being uncovered. I went one Evening to Sleep at the Muckawn of a Lame Tacker who is dead.— At eight O'Clock many people Came there, and among them I saw the Prisoner now before the Court— The people sat down and I over-heard them speak of their intentions to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to seize this Country— On getting up

to

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to go away the Prisoner was addressed by the Peniadar — "What Venkatsaumy are you "going away without giving any answer" the Prisoner replied. "I have already informed "you I have got people ready, and where= "ever you send me to, I will go, and do = "what you order in this busines" — after this, the Prisoner mist. the greater part of the people who had been with him in the mark= =own, before a Hindoo Church, where I saw and heard him, take an Oath of secre= =cy and of attachment to the Party —

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer Yes, what I have said I heard and saw, and every word is positively true —

The Witness returns

The Prosecution is now closed.

Defence

Prisoner I know nothing of any thing that has

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has been said. all these people have told falsehoods. —

The Defence is here Closed —

The Court adjourns 'till 11 O'Clock tomorrow morning —

Wednesday the 28th. October 1812

Court met pursuant to adjournment

. Members present as yesterday —

The Procedings are read over, and explained.

Sentence The Court having Considered with attention the Evidence brought forward — in support of the Prosecution and what the Prisoner has said on his Defence. is of opinion the Prisoner Venketsawmy Pri =vate 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment Native Infantry, is Guilty of the 1st. Charge —

The Court is further of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the 2nd. Charge —

Which being in breach of the 3d. and 4th. Articles of the 2d. Section of the Arti:

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Articles of War, the Court doth Sentence the Prisoner Venkatsawmy Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry to Suffer Death by being Shot with Musketry at such time and at such Station of the Army as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct. —

(Signed) F. F. Stewart
Captain 14th N. Regt
acting D.A.G. Advocate

The mark + of
Litchmana Seng Subidar
1st Battn 5th Regt Presidency

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
12th February, 1813.

I approve and Confirm.
(Signed) S. Auchmuty
Lieut. Genl.

The Native General Court Martial, which assembled at Quilon on the 18th Day of August in the year of Our Lord 1812, by Order of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Commanding the Forces in Travancore under the authority of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Continued by successive Adjournments, is reassembled pursuant to notice

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— — notice this 9th Day of November 1812. —

Subidar Letchman Sing 1st Battalion 5th Regt N.I.

President

Members.

Subidar Syd. Abdullah 2d. Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Subidar Letchman Sing 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Syrang Capsin ..... 2d Battn Artillery

Subidar Shaik Ebram 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Subidar Purmaulloo ... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ismall 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ally ... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Subidar Hussain Cawn 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Subidar Vencatachellum 2d Battn 11th Regt N.I.

Subidar Mahomed Hussain 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Subidar Shaik Shurver ... 2d Battn 11th Regt N.I.

Subidar Verapah ..... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Jemidar Ramahsawmy ... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Jemidar Shaik Ally .... 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I

Jemidar Velliduru 2d Battn 19th Regt Jemidars

Shaik Dawud Kistnamah, and Letchmiah

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2d Battalion 11th Regiment, are relieved by order of Lieutenant Colonel Hall Commanding in Travancore—

Subidar Shaik Ebram 1st Battalion 5th Regiment Subidars, Shaik Ismail and Shaik Ally 2d Battalion 19th Regiment and Subidar Mahomed Hussain 1st Battalion 5th Regiment, take their Seats on this Trial—

Captain Stiwart, Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

The Court having assembled, the Warrants Constituting its authority are read and explained—

Esmall Beg Havildar 2d Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court, the Names of the President and Members are read over to him and he is asked,—

Deputy Judge advocate— Do you object to any of the Members composing the Court by which you are about to be tried?—

Prisoner I do not object to any.—

The usual Oaths are administered to the President

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President and Members in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts.—

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly Sworn.—

Soobroow is duly Sworn, Interpreter to the Court in Conformity with the usages of his Cast.—

Charge. Esmall Beg Havildar 6th. Battalion Company 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. Native Infantry. Confined by order of the Officer Commanding the Forces in Travancore: :core on the following Charges.—

1st. For joining, aiding and abetting in Seditious and Mutinous Meetings for the purpose of destroying the European Officers and Men of the Subsidiary Force in Travancore.—

2d. For Concealing and Suppressing his Knowledge of such Mutinous and Sedi. =tious Meetings, and not giving informa. =tion thereof, as directed by the Articles

of

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of War -

Head Quarters
in Travancore
Quilon 26th July 1812.

(signed) Alexr. Balmain
M.B. to the Troops
in Travancore

By Order

(Signed) T. H. S. Conway.
Adjutt Genl. of the Army

The Charges having been read and explain-
ed to the Prisoner, he is asked -

Deputy Judge Advocate } Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you?

Prisoner. Not Guilty -

Prosecution

Lieutenant Colonel Hall, an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court is duly sworn and states, that about the latter end of May last, he received information of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by several Men of the Force under his Command, the intent of

which

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which Conspiracy was to destroy the Europ-
pean Officers and Artillery Men on Travan
core; and about the latter end of June last
it was reported to Lieutenant Colonel Hall
the Prisoner Esmail Beg Havildar 2nd.
Battalion 18th. Regiment. Native Infantry
had joined in this Conspiracy, that he
had a Knowledge of the intentions of the
Conspirators, and that he had attended
. Meetings held at this Station,
in Consequence of which information
Lieutenant Colonel Hall directed the
Prisoner to be placed in confinement —

Deputy Judge Advocate } Did you receive any information
from the Prisoner or by his means of the
existence at this Station of Mutinous
. Meetings as detailed in the Charges? —

. Answer . None —

The Witness retires.

Shaik Emaum Private 2d. Battalion
1st.

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14th Regiment. Native Infantry an Evi-
-dence on the part of the Prosecution being
Called into Court, is duly Sworn in Confor-
-mity to the usages of this Cast—

The Charges are read and explained.—

Deputy Judge advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes. very well

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Mut-
-ings would some time ago at this
Station?—

Answer Yes. Mutinous Mutings were held
sometime ago at this Station in the Mark
-own of a Lame Tacker, who is dead.—

Question How do you Know these Mutinous
Mutings took place?—

Answer I attended them for two Months.—

Question What were the particular objects of
these Mutinous Mutings?—

Answer They were for the purpose of forming
a plan to murder the European Officers
and

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and. Artillery Men in Travancore. to Seize this Country. and to raise ten Bat: -talions to retain it by force.—

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at — these. Mutinous. Meetings?—

Answer I saw the Prisoner four times at — these. Mutinous. Meetings and each time the Murder of the European Officers and. Men in Travancore and the Seizure of this Country. were talked of.—

Question Do you Know the Prisoner willingly assented to and promised to assist at the. Murder of the European Officers and — Artillery Men at Quilon.?

Answer Yes, the Prisoner willingly agreed to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery — Men at Quilon.—

Question Do you Know any thing further, respecting the Prisoners Conduct in this business—

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business?

Answer. The Prisoner promised to bring some men of his own Battalion to assist at the Murder.

Question by the Court. Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?

Answer. The late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment. Native Infantry promised to make him an Officer.

Deputy Judge advocate. Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now Stated?

Answer. Yes. most positively.

The Witness Returns

Shaik Chaund Private 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court, is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast.

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy

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Deputy Judge advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes. very well.

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings took place some time ago at this Station?

Answer Yes. Mutinous Meetings took place some time ago at this Station. in the Muckawn of a Cane Tacker who is dead.

Question How do you Know these Mutinous Meetings took place?

Answer I attended them for two months.

Question What were the particular objects of these Mutinous Meetings?

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to Seize this Country.

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at these Mutinous Meetings?

Answer Yes. I saw the Prisoner four times at

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business?

Answer The Prisoner promised to bring some men of his own Battalion to assist at the Murder.

Question by the Court. Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?

Answer The late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry promised to make him an Officer

Deputy Judge advocate. Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now Stated?

Answer Yes. most positively.

The Witness Returns

Shaik Chaund Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court, is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast.

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy

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Deputy Judge advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes. very well.

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings took place some time ago at this Station?

Answer Yes. Mutinous Meetings took place some time ago at this Station, in New Muckaun of a Lame Tacker who is dead.

Question How do you Know these Mutinous Meetings took place?

Answer I attended them for two months.

Question What were the particular objects of these Mutinous Meetings?

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to Seize this Country.

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at these Mutinous Meetings?

Answer Yes. I saw the Prisoner four times at

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at these Mutinous Metings and each time the Murder as above Stated and the Seizure of this Country was talked of.

Question Do you Know the Prisoner willingly agreed to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon?

Answer Yes, the Prisoner willingly agreed to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon.

Question by the Court } Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?

Answer The late Jemadar Shaik Hussain 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry promised to make him a great man.

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer.

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Answer Yes. every word is most positively true.-

The Witness Retires

The Court adjourns till 10. Oclock tomorrow morning -

Tuesday the 10th. November 1812.

Court met pursuant to adjournment

Members all present.

The Proceedings of Yesterday are read over and explained -

Abdul Carrium Private 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment Native Infantry, an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being Called into Court is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast -

The Charges are read and explained. —

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes.

Question Were you ever on Duty with the Prisoner.?

Answer

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Answer. Yes. at Lieutenant Colonel Hall's, after the discovery of the Mutiny at the place.

Question At this time, had you conversation with the Prisoner, if so relate it.

Answer. At ten O'Clock at night I was Sentry, the Prisoner and Shaik Bundajee Private 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment were sitting near to me on a Chunam Seat, a little rain came on, and the Colonels family having retired, Shaik Bundajee asked the Prisoner to go to Sleep in the Hall — The Prisoner refused to do so, but he told the Sepoy to go if he liked, on which Shaik Bundajee said "if you, who are a Havildar do not go, how can I venture to do so." I then said to the Prisoner, you know the Colonels Orders are "the Orderlies and Sentry shall go into the Hall, when rain Comes," the

Prisoner

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Prisoner said "yes. I know that. but —
"I am afraid on account of the Mutiny,
"I am a family man, and will not go" —
I immediately observed to the Prisoner
"what do you mean by saying you are
"a family man, are not all of us so" the
Prisoner replied "yes, very true you are"
Shaik Bundajee said "the Person
"who has acted wrong is killed, is there
"any one else" the Prisoner replied you
"people do not know any thing — I am a
"Carnatic man, and know every thing
"very well" Shaik Bundajee asked
"what do you know" the Prisoner replied
"you and I are of the same religion, We
"are under a green tree, this is binding —
"as an Oath, therefore do not disclose any
"thing, I have said, or shall say. I know
"for a Certainty, the Great Officers —
"Heads will be cut off." Shaik Bundajee
asked "

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asked "when will this happen". The
"Prisoner replied "I cannot tell to-day,
"perhaps now. perhaps in fifteen days,
"or one month, or at any large dinner,
"but happen it will." Shaik Bundajee
asked "is this true" the Prisoner replied"
"yes; the people of this Country are like
"their weather, as it rains for a short
"time and then clears again, so are they
"easily collected and speedily dispersed
"all this I know well; perhaps these
"people know what we are now talking
"of; they are probably near to us, behind
"the hedge or in the nullah or else where."
"all this has passed under a green tree,
"therefore it is binding as an Oath, on you,
"not to disclose to any one what I have
"said". The Prisoner went away, and
Shaik Bundajee told me to recollect
what he had said that I might give

Evidence

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Evidence —

Question Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed? —

Answer Yes. most positively — Every word I have related against the Sea. =veldar. I heard from his mouth. —

The Witness Retires

The Prosecution is here closed —

Defence —

Prisoner I am in the Service thirty Years, and I have served in many Wars. — and have been a Volunteer for Foreign Service. and I am a Family man. — I know nothing of any Mutinous Meet. =ings as are here talked of. and what has been said by those three people against me, is not true. —

The Defence is here closed. —

The Court adjourn till 10 O'Clock tomorrow morning —

Wednesday

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"perhaps now. perhaps in fifteen days,
"or one month, or at any large dinner,
"but happen it will." Shaik Bundajee
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"yes; the people of this Country are like
"their weather. as it rains for a short
"time and then clears again, so are they
"easily collected and as speedily dispersed
"all this. I know well; perhaps these
"people know what we are now talking
"of; they are probably near to us, behind
"the hedge or in the nullah or else where."
"all this has passed under a green tree,
"therefore it is binding as an Oath. on you,
"not to disclose to any one. what I have
"said". The Prisoner went away, and
Shaik Bundajee told me to recollect
what he had said that I might give
Evidence

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Evidence —

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed? —

Answer Yes. most positively — Every word I have related against the Ha-=veldar. I heard from his mouth. —

The Witness Retires

The Prosecution is here closed —

Defence —

Prisoner I am in the Service thirty Years, and I have served in many Wars. — and have been a Volunteer for Foreign Service. and I am a Family man. — I know nothing of any Mutinous Meet-=ings as are here talked of. and what has been said by those three people against me, is not true. —

The Defence is here closed. —

The Court adjourn'd till 10 O'Clock tomorrow morning —

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Wednesday the 11th. November 1812.

Court met pursuant to adjournment

Members all present.

The Procedings are read over and explained—

Sentence. The Court having Considered with attention the Evidence brought forward in support of the Prosecution and what has been urged by the Prisoner or his Defence is of Opinion the Prisoner Esmall Beg Havildar 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. Native Infantry is Guilty of the first Charge.

The Court is further of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the Second Charge.

Which being in breach of the 3d. and 4th. Articles of the 2d. Section of the Articles of War, the Court doth Sentence and Adjudge the said Prisoner Esmall Beg Havildar 2d. Battalion 18th. Regt. Native

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Native Infantry to suffer Death by being Shot with musketry at such Station of the Army and at such time as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct —

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Capt. 1/4th N. Regt.
a.d.g. D. spy. g. adt.

The mark + of
Letchiman Sing Subedar
1st Batt. 5th Regt. N. I. Prod.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
12th February 1813.

I approve and Confirm,
(Signed) S. Auchmuty
Lieut. Genl.

The Native General Court Martial which assembled at Quilon on the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord 1812 by order of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Commanding the Forces in Travancore under the authority of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Continued by successive Adjournments is reassembled this day the 11th November 1812 —

Present

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Present

Subidar Lekhman Sing 1st Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

President

Members.

Subidar Seyd Abdullah 2d Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Lekhman Sing 1st Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Syrang Capsm 2d Battr. Artillery

Subedar Shaik Ebram 1st Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Purmaulloo 2d Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ismail 2d Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ally 2d Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Hussain Cawn 1st Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Vencatachellum 2d Battr. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Mahomed Hussain 1st Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Shuvee 2d Battr. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Veerapah 2d Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Ramahsawmy 2d Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Shaik Ally 1st Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart. Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

The Court having assembled the Warrants

Constituting

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Constituting its authority, are read and explained — Jemidar Shaik Hussain — 2d Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court the names of the Presidents and Members are read over to him, and he is asked —

Deputy Judge advocate } Do you object to any of the Members Composing the Court by which you are about to be tried?

Prisoner. I do not object to any.

The usual Oaths are administered to the Presidents and Members in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts. —

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly Sworn.

Sooboorow is duly Sworn, Interpreter to the Court in Conformity to the usages of his Cast.

Charge Shaik Hussain Jemidar 3d Battalion Company 2d Battalion 18th Regiment of Native Infantry, placed in Arrest by

Order

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Order of the Officer Commanding the Forces in Travancore on the following Charges—

1st For joining, aiding and abetting in Se-
-ditious and Mutinous Meetings for the purpose of destroying the European Offi-
-cers and Men of the Subsidiary Force in Travancore.—

2d For Concealing and Suppressing his Knowledge of such Mutinous and Sedite-
-ous Meetings and not giving information thereof as directed by the Articles of War.—

Head Quarters
in Travancore
Quilon 26th July 1812.

(Signed) Alexr Balmain
M. B. to the Troops
in Travancore

By Order,
(Signed) T. H. S. Conway
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

The Charges having been read and explain-
-ed to the Prisoner, he is asked,

Deputy Judge Advocate } Are you Guilty or not Guilty of—

the

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the Charges now preferred against you?

Prisoner Not Guilty —

Prosecution

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution, being called into Court, is duly Sworn, and States, That about the latter end of May last he received information of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by Several Men of the Force under his Command, the intent of which Conspiracy was to destroy the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore, and about the latter end of June last, it was reported to Lieutenant Colonel Hall, That the Prisoner Shaik Hussain Jemadar 2d Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry had joined in this Conspiracy, That he had a Knowledge of the intentions of the Conspirators,

and

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and that he had attended Mutinous Meetings held at this Station, in Consequence of which information Lieutenant Colonel Hall directed the Prisoner to be placed in Arrest.

Deputy advocate General. Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means of the existence at this Station of Mutinous Meetings, as detailed in the Charges?

Answer None.

The Witness Returns.

Shaik Emaum Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast.

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge advocate. Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes, very well.

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings

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Meetings were held some time ago at
this Station?—

Answer Yes, Mutinous Meetings were—
held some time ago at this Station, in
the Murkaun of a Lame Tacker who
is dead—

Question How do you Know these Mutinous
Meetings were held?—

Answer I attended them for two months.—

Question What were the particular objects
of these Mutinous Meetings?—

Answer They were for the purpose of form-
-ing a plan to murder the European
Officers and Artillery men in Travancore,
and as this was a New Country, it was
intended to Seize it and to Raise ten—
Battalions to retain it by force.—

Question Do you Know the Prisoner was
acquainted with these Mutinous Meet:
-ings and with the intentions of the people
who

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who were engaged in them?

Answer Yes, the Prisoner Knew of the Meet=
=ings, and was acquainted with the inten=
=tions of the people who where engaged
in them.

Question How do you Know this?

Answer Five days before the Review of the
2d Battalion 18th Regiment, at 9 Oclock
at night I accompanied the late Jemi
=dar Shaik Hussain 2d Battalion 1st
Regiment, the late Lame Tailor, and
Others to the Lines of that Corps, for the
purpose of meeting some of the Native
Officers 2d Battalion 18th Regiment.
We met them in a Muckaun, and we
exchanged Betle and Betle-nut, the
business of the Murder of the European
officers and men in Travancore was talk=
=ed over, and the Native Officers of the
2d Battalion 18th Regiment, (six in number)

agreed

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agreed to assist — The Prisoner was present on this Occasion, and I heard and saw him take an Oath, agreeing to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men, and promising never to disclose the intentions of the Conspirators —

Question. Did you ever see the Prisoner at Mutinous Meetings held in the Lines of the 2d. Battalion 4th. Regiment?

Answer. Yes. I saw the Prisoner once at a Mutinous Meeting in the late Lane Tadkurs' Mudkawn, when the Murder of the European Officers, and Men, and the Seizure of this Country, were again talked of, and to all of which the Prisoner again agreed and again took an Oath of Secrecy and of attachment to the party —

Question. Do you know any thing further of

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of the Prisoners Conduct in this busines?—

Answer Yes, the Prisoner promised to bring some men of his own Battalion to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men at Dinapore—

Questions by the Court— Do you Know if the Prisoner was promised any reward for his Services in this business?—

Answer He was promised by Jemadar Shaik Hussain 2d Battalion 14th Regiment to be made an Ameer—

Deputy Judge advocate— Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer— Yes every word is positively true

The Witness Returns

Shaik Chaund Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry, an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast—

The

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The Charges are read and explained -

Deputy Judge Advocate. } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer - Yes. very well -

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings took place some time ago at this Station? -

Answer Yes. mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station. in the New Naukaur of a Caime Packer who is dead -

Question How do you Know these Meetings took place? -

Answer - I attended them for two months -

Question What were the particular objects of these Mutinous Meetings? -

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore; and this being a new Country, it was intended to seize it and to raise Batta

= lions

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Battalions to Keep it by Force.

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at any of those Mutinous Meetings?

Answer. I saw the Prisoner Come to the Mutt-awn twice, while Consultations were going forward respecting the murder of the European Officers and Men. but on the Prisoners arrival, I. together with others was sent out of the Mutkawn, and the Prisoner remained inside in Conversation with the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, the late Lance Tadker and Salabat Cawn Private - I staid an hour outside, and after the Prisoner went away, I asked the Jemidar (Shaik Hussain) the reason of the Prisoners Coming to the Mutt-awn, the Jemidar replied, "He (meaning "the Prisoner) has come to consult about "this business and he has agreed to the "Murder of the European Officers and men

as

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"at Quilon and has promised to bring
"some men of his own Battalion to
"assist"

Question Do you know any thing further respecting the Prisoners' Conduct in this business?

Answer I do not

Question Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer Yes. every word is positively true

The Witness Retires

The Court Adjourns 'till 10 O'Clock to-morrow Morning

Thursday the 12th of November 1812.

Court met pursuant to Adjournment

Members all present.

The Procedings of Yesterday are read over and explained.

Jackerah Private 2d Battalion 11th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on

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on the part of the Prosecution being
Called into Court is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast—
The Charges are read and explained—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes.

Question Where did you first see him?

Answer I met him first in a Hut near to the Lines of the 2d Battalion 18th Regt. dressed in an undress.—

Question When was this?

Answer Two days prior to the march of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment from this place about the 16th June last—

Question At this time did the Prisoner say any thing Relating to a Mutiny which had been discovered at this Station?—

Answer. When I first saw the Prisoner he was Crying and Champing his teeth, and twisting his Whiskers, he—

appeared

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appeared very sorry and said "Ah my Bro:
"Mhurs Jemadar Shaik Hyssain and
"Salabat Cawn, How quickly have they
"blown you away"-

Question Did the Prisoner say any thing
more respecting the execution of Jemadar
Shaik Hyssain and Salabat Cawn.?

Answer He said, had they not been
blown away on that day, all of the Eu:
ropean officers would have been killed
on the following day.-

Question Did the Prisoner say any thing
of the Battalions being sent from this
Country?

Answer. Yes. he said had those Battalions
remained how a great business would
have been done.

Question Did the Prisoner say any thing
respecting the Sending away of the native
officers from this to Trichinopoly?

Answer

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Answer Yes he said, had the Jaikur (giving him great abuse) not discover=ed this mutiny to Colonel Hall, and had the Native Officers not been sent away, something great would have happened; had our first Subidar been with us, by this time, we should have Killed every European Officer between this place and Trichinopoly.—

Question While the Prisoner was speaking in this Manner, did he appear to be very Sorry at the failure of the plans of the Conspirators at this place?—

Answer Yes. he appiared exstremely Sorry and exstremely angry at the failure of this business, and he said, the European Officers think it is all over, but that is not the Case, for happen it will, some day hereafter.

Question Do you recollect any thing more?—

Answer

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Answer. Yes. the Prisoner said, had our Battalion been Relieved from Detach. =ment two months sooner than they were. before this time, we should have done Something great; "there is a God above, on our side."—

Question. While Speaking in this way, did the Prisoner mention the names of any officers?

Answer. He mentioned Colonel Hall's name and gave him every possible opprobrious epithet—

Question by the Court. How came you to meet the Pri= =soner in the Hut you have mentioned?

Answer. I went into the Hut in consequence of rain. and the Prisoner came in a little time afterwards.—

Deputy Judge Advocate. At this time did you ask the Prisoner what his name was?—

Answer. Yes. and the Prisoner answered, my

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my name is Mahomed Cassim
Jemidar 3d. Company 2d. Battalion
18th. Regiment—

Question Do you positively Swear to the
truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer Yes, every word is positively true—

The Witness Retires—

In consequence of the indisposition
of the Prisoner—

The Court adjourns till 10 O'Clock
tomorrow Morning—

Friday the 13th. November 1812—

Court met pursuant to adjournment—

Members all present.

The Procedings of Yesterday are read
over and explained—

Fackeerah Private 2d. Battalion 11th.
Regiment an Evidence on the part of
the Prosecution is again Called into
Court and examined on his former oath—

Deputy

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Deputy Judge advocate } .At the time you met the Priso=ner in the Hut you mentioned yes=terday, and while the Prisoner was using the language you yesterday detailed, was any one present besides yourself and the Prisoner?-

.Answer Syed Cassim Private 2d Batta=lion 11th Regiment was the only person present, besides the Prisoner and My=self. Two Children were playing in the hut on our first instance, but the Priso=ner gave them a slap and sent them away before he began to Speak in the man=ner detailed —

The Witness Retires

Syed Cassim Private 2d Battalion 11th Regiment an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court, is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast. —

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The Charges are read and explained—

Deputy Judge Advocate— } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer— Yis.

Question When did you first see him?

Answer I met him in a hut near to the Lines 2d Battalion 18th Regiment in an undress.—

Question When was this?

Answer— Two days before the march of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment from this place.—

Question At this time did the Prisoner say any thing relating to a Mutiny which had bein discovered at this place?—

Answer— When I first saw the Prisoner he was crying. champing his teeth, and twisting his whiskers and appeared very Sorry, and said "my Brothers Jemidar Shaik Hussain and Sabadat Cawn, they have quickly done

your

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your busines had they delayed one day, on the next every European of-
-fice's Head would have been cut off"
and on saying this he abused Colonel
Hall in a most Shameful manner.—

Question Did the Prisoner say any thing of the Battalions being sent from this Country?

Answer Yes, he said, had Colonel Hall not sent away the Battalions so spee-
-dily a very great busines would have done been here.—

Question Did the Prisoner say any thing respecting the Sending away of the Native Officers from this to Trichi-
-nopoly.—

Answer Yes, he said "that rascal of a Jackal discovered the names and pointed out to Colonel Hall the Na-
-tive Officers who were engaged in

this

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this business, had they not been seized and sent away so quickly. and had our first Subidar remained with us — We should by this time have killed every European Officer between this place and Trichinopoly —

Question While the Prisoner was speak-ing in this manner did he appear to be very sorry at this failure of the plans of the Conspirators at this place?

Answer Yes. he appeared very sorry — and very angry; and said the European officers think this business is all over; but that is not the Case. for happen it will some day hereafter, and in future God will be with us —

Question Do you recollect any thing more?

Answer Yes, the Prisoner said, had our Battalion been relieved two months — sooner from Detachment. by this —

time

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time, a great business would have happ-
=pened.-

Question by the Court— How came you to meet the Prison-
=er in the Hut, you have mentioned?—

Answer. I went into the Hut in Compa-
=ny of Nair, and the Prisoner
came in afterwards.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— At this time did you ask the
Prisoner what his name was?—

Answer Yes, and the Prisoner replied my
name is Mahomed Cassim Pemudar
3d. Battalion 18th. Regiment.—

Question Was any one present on this occasion
of your meeting the Prisoner in the
Hut?—

Answer. Fackeerah Private 2d. Battalion
11th. Regiment was the only person pre-
=sent besides the Prisoner and Myself.
Two Children were playing in the hut
on our first entrance, but the Prisoner
before

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before he began to speak in the man-
-ner detailed. gave them a slap and
sent them out—

Question Do you positively swear to the
truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer yes, every word is positively true.

The Witness retires

The Prosecution is here closed—

Defence—

The Prisoner being put upon his de-
-fence says he most positively knows
nothing of Mutinous Meetings having
taken place at this Station. he never
Concealed his name from any one, he
is known by every one by the name of
Mahomed Cassim but in the Rolls of
his Corps his name is written Shaikh
Hussain - Every thing those four people
have said against him he most po-
-sitively declares to be false—

The

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The Defence is here Closed –

The Court Adjourns till 10 O'Clock to-
-morrow Morning –

Saturday the 14th November 1812.

Court met pursuant to Adjournment

Members all present –

The Proceedings are read over and ex-
-plained –

Thursday the 3d December 1812 –

The Native General Court Martial which
assembled at Quilon on the 18th Day of
August 1812 and Continued by Succes-
-sive Adjournments, is reassembled this
day pursuant to notice

Members all present –

The Acting Deputy Judge advocate
informs – the Court, he has received a
Letter from the Judge Advocate General
of the Army Containing the Commands
of His Excellency the Commander in Chief

to

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to the Court to revise it's Sentence

This Letter alluded to is here inserted

To Captain Stewart

Acting Judge Advocate

Quilon

Sir.

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to return to you the accompanying Proceedings on Jemadar Shaik Hussain of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment for Revision —

The following part of the Evidence of one of the Witnesses on the Prosecution Shaik Emaum Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment, has attracted particular notice.

Five days after the Witness deposes before the Review of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment, at 9 Oclock at night I accompanied the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d Battalion 14th Regiment, the late Lance Jaukur

and

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and others to the Lines of that Corps. for the purpose of Muting some of the Native Officers 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment — We met them in a Muckawn. and we exchanged Betle and Betle nut. the business of the Murder of the European Officers and Men in Travancore was talked over and the Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment / Six in number / agreed to assist — The Prisoner was present on this Occasion. and I heard and saw him take an Oath. agreeing to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and men. and promising never to disclose the intentions of the Conspirators" —

It was material to have ascertained how who these other persons were who accompanied the Witness on that occasion It was also material to have ascertained who these Six Native Officers were. who agreed to assist

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assist—

The Rule of Evidence is that the best proof shall be produced by the Prosecutor which the nature of the Case affords — as the non production of it seems to imply that some Concealment was intended by the Witness—

A similar omission occurs on the evidence of Shaik Chaunid Private 5. Battalion 14th. Regiment — The Witness says "I saw the Prisoner come to the Muckaun — twice, while Consultations were going forward respecting the Murder of the European Officers and men, but on the Prisoner's arrival, I together with others, was sent out of the Muck - aun, and the Prisoner remained inside in Conversation with the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, the late Lance Jaukes and Salabut Caun Private —

The next Witness Jackunah

Private

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Private 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment is asked indeed whether any one was present at their conversations besides himself and the Prisoner; to which he replies that Syd Cassim was.- But the very circumstance of this question having been specifically asked in this instance gives rise to the query- Why it was not asked also in the former instances? - There was an equal reason for doing so in the one case as in the other - The remaining Witness Syd Cassim is also asked as to any person being present at the Conversations he held with the Prisoner -

In a Criminal trial every circumstance of the transaction becomes of importance. A corrupt witness may by a general unqualified deposition convict any the most innocent man. But where a circumstantial account of all facts and particulars is required, none but a correct

Witness

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Witness can stand the test of the examina-
-tion — It is true, that in a case similar —
to the present in a Common Law Court, —
the Witness would have been cross-examined
as to the Omissions in such way, by the Priso-
-ners' Counsel as would have sifted out the
truth, and ascertained the Credibility due to
his evidence — But an ignorant prisoner —
does not know how to avail himself of those
advantages —

In making these remarks
it is by no means the intention of the Com-
-mander in Chief, to say that the Prisoner —
ought to have been acquitted —

Nor does he on the other hand
wish to insinuate that he ought to have been
Condemned — He only perceives an irregularity
and defect in the proceedings which it becomes
proper, in the Case of Life and death, to —
point out to the Court, who will determine —
accordingly

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accordingly. Truly. For themselves, what
judgement they shall ultimately pass —

(signed) J. Leith

J. A. G.

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24th. November 1812.

The Procedings having been again read
over and explained the Court proceeds
to pass Sentence —

Sentence on Revision

The Court having Reconsidered
with mature attention the Evidence
brought forward in Support of the Pro-
=secution and what the Prisoner has
urged on his Defence, is of opinion —
the Prisoner Jemadar Shaik Hussain
2d. Battalion 18th Regement. Native
Infantry, is Guilty of the first charge
The Court is further of Opinion
he is guilty of the Second Charge —
Which being in breach of the 3rd
and 4th. Articles of the 2d. Section of
the Articles of War the Court doth —
accordingly

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accordingly by virtue of the said Arti-
cles adjudged and Sentence the said
Prisoner Jemadar Shaik Hussain 2.
Battalion 18th Regiment Native In-
fantry to suffer Death by being hang
ed by the neck at such time and at
such Station of the Army as His Ex-
cellency the Commander in Chief may
be pleased to direct—

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Capt. 14th N. Regt
acting Deputy Judge
Advocate.

The mark + of
Lotchman Sing Subedar
1st Batt. 5th N. R. Present

I approve and Confirm
(Signed) D. Auchmuty
Lieut. Genl.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
12th February 1813.

To Lieutenant Colonel Pitts.
Judge Advocate General
Fort St. George.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose
Proceedings

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Proceedings on the trial of Jemidar Seyd Mazaffer Native Adjutant 2d Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry —

I am requested by the Presi-dent and Members of the Court to state to you for His Excellency's information that this Prisoner in the room of shewing the slightest Contrition for his Crime and of behaving in a decorous manner while on trial, has con-ducted himself with most pointed insolence and disrespect to the Court and to Lieutenant Colonel Hall when called on to give his Evi-dence, and has throughout his trial persisted in attaching most approbrious epithets to each of the Native Witnesses on the Prosecution, — and even to the one he called on his defence notwithstanding the Court on each of those occasions severely Censured his Conduct —

I have the honor to be Sir &c &c

Dinlon

21st December 1812.

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
adjt. Deputy J. A. Ste

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The Native General Court. Martial which assembled at Quilon on the 18th. day of August in the year of Our Lord 1812. by order of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Comm=ing the Forces in Travancore, under authority from His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Continued by successive adjournments to met this day the 19th December 1812, pursuant to adjournment — Present.

Subidar Letchman Sing 1st. Batt. 5th Regt. N.I.
President

Members.

Subidar Seyd. Abdullah ... 2d. Batt. 19th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Letchman Sing ... 1st. Batt. 5th Regt. N.I.
Syrang Capein ... 2d. Batt. Artillery
Subidar Shaik Ebram ... 1st. Batt. 5th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Pennaulloo ... 2d. Batt. 19th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Shaik Ismall ... 2d. Batt. 19th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Shaik Ally ... 2d. Batt. 19th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Hyder Cawn ... 1st. Batt. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar

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Subidar Vencatachellum 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar. Mahomed Hussain 1st. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Shuver .... 2d Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Verapah .... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Ramahsamy .... 2d Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Shaik. Ally ..... 1st. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart. Acting Deputy Judge Advocate

The Court having assembled, the Warrants

Constituting its authority were read and

explained. —

Jemidar Syd. Mazaffer 2d. Battalion 9th.

Regiment. Native Infantry a Prisoner being

in Court. The names of the President and

. Members are read to him; and he is asked.

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you object to any of the Me-

composing the Court. by which you

about to be tried? —

Prisoner I do not object to any. —

The usual Oaths are administered

the President and . Members in Con-

=mence

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Conformity to the usages of their respec=
=tive Casts —

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is
duly Sworn —

Sooboorow is duly Sworn, Interpreter to the
Court in Conformity to the usages of his Cast —

Charge. Syd. Mozaffer Sinidar and Native
Adjutant 2d Battalion 9th Regiment —
Native Infantry placed in arrest by —
Order of the Officer Commanding the Forces
in Travancore on the following Charges —

1st For joining aiding and abetting in
Seditious and Mutinous Meetings for the
purpose of destroying the European —
Officers and Men of the Subsidiary Force
in Travancore —

2d For Concealing and Suppressing his
Knowledge of such Mutinous and Sedi=
=tious Meetings, and not giving informa=
=tion thereof, as directed by the Articles of
War —

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Head Quarters
in Travancore
Quilon 28th May 1812.

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(Signed) Alexr Balm
M. B to the Fo
in Travancor

By Order.
(Signed) F. H. S. Conw
Adjt. Genl. of the

The Charges having been read and
plained to the Prisoner he is asked,

Are you Guilty or not Guilty o

Deputy Judge Advocate. the Charges now preferred against y

Not Guilty

Prisoner.

On opening the Prosecution on

Deputy Judge Advocate. trial, I have to regret that a Wi
has absented himself, and no tidin
can be learned of him, whose testim
would have been most direct and p
-ed in support of the Charges, and
would otherwise have been very sa
satisfactory to the Court, as he gave th
first information against the Prisoner

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There is reason to suppose this Witness has been induced to abscond either from apprehension of his personal safety by remaining at this place to give Evidence on the trial of this Prisoner and others similarly situated, or from having been promised or perhaps having received a pecuniary reward to absent himself — The Witness to whom I allude is Hussain Shaw a Packer, who in the Course of these Proceedings will be shown to have had a perfect Knowledge of these Mutinous Meetings detailed in the first Charge and frequently to have attended them. and I shall prove by the testimony of Lieutenant Colonel Hall and Major Winfield, that after a most minute examination of the Prisoners person &c. he pointed

out

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out the Prisoner as one of the Conspira-
-tors, to a Board of Officers assembled
at this place to investigate this muti-
-ny — The absence of the Evidence —
Hussain Shaw will not however so —
materially lessen the Force of the Pro
-secution as from what I have said
might be inferred — The whole of the
Native Witnesses here present will
deliver testimonies directly and point
-edly in support of the Prosecution and
will clearly show the Priso
in these Mutinous Meeting
-sented to and promised to
the murder of the Europea
and Artillery men at Quil
first Evidence, I shall cal
Colonel Hall. —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall a

the Prosecution is duly s

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Lieutenant Colonel Hall } I received information about the latter end of may last. of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by Several men of the Fora. under my Command, the intent of which conspiracy was to destroy the European Officers and artillery men in Travancore with a view to investigate fully the truth of this in= formation. and to obtain a Knowledge of the extent of the Conspiracy. as also to detect the men who were engaged in it. I ordered a Court of Enquiry or Board of Officers. to assemble. of which I was President — at this Board. many wit= nesses were examined and among others a man by name Hussain Shaw a Sark= ar sent to me. by the Resident in Travancore. this person by his own Con= fession in the first instance to the Resident and afterwards by undoubted

evidence

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evidence received by the Board of Offi-
:cers. was found to have been one of
the Conspirators and very well aware
of all the Leading men. engaged in this
. Mutinous Conspiracy. in his testimony
before the Board of Officers he declared
several. Native Officers belonging to
this Force to be engaged in this. Mutin-
:nous plot and in consequence of this
declaration. Several. Native Officers
were sent for. by name Shaik. Nutter
Syrang artillery. Jemadar Syd=
. Mozaffer. Native Adjutant 2d. Bat.
:talion 9th. Regiment. Subidars Said
. Noor. and Nebby Cawn 2d. Battalion
11th Regiment. Subidars. Mahomed
Khawn. Poran Sing and Mahomed
. Ally 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment.
Subidars. Abdul. Nabby. Abdul Caw
:der. Budda or Khader Oudien=

Khader

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Khadir Cawn, and Jemidar Bo:
:ran Beg 2d Battalion 18th Regiment
and were brought into the room
where the Board of Officers with
the Packer Hussain Shaw were
sitting. — The Packer pointed out
the Prisoner Syd: Mozaffer Jemidar
and Native Adjutant 2d Battalion
9th Regiment, and said he was one
of the Conspirators, and he pointed
out the other native Officers, as being
also engaged in this Mutinous Con:
:spiracy; the whole of them brought
to the Board of Officers, on suspicion
to be identified, having been gone
through, the Packer appearing to me
to have doubts of some of them, and
for the purpose of preventing as much
as possible any mistake, I directed
the Packer Hussain Shaw to withdraw
when

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when the positions of the several Officers
he accused were changed; while absent.
Hussain Shaw was most assiduously and
improperly told by Major Winfield —
by my orders to be clear and positive of
the people he pointed out, as it was mat-
:ter of most serious consequence to them
and not to point out any one but of whom
he had a personal Knowledge: on re-
entering the room I directed the Jackar
Hussain Shaw again to regard every one
of them with great attention, and again
to say if he knew all of them to be im-
:plicated. — On this more minute exa-
:mination he declared three of them —
namely, Syrang Shaik Nutter artillery
Subidars Poran Sing and Mahomed
Ally 2d Battalion 14th Regiment not
to be engaged in this Conspiracy with
his Knowledge, but he again most —
positively

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positively said. The Prisoner was implicated together with Subidars Sud. Noor and Nobby Cawn 2d. Battalion 11th Regiment, Subidar Mahomed Cawn 2d Battalion 11th Regiment. Subidars Abdul Nabby. Abdul Cawder. Budda or Khader Oudeen. Khadir Cawn. and Jemadar Boran Beg 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment — He was a second time desired to withdraw, the positions of the Native Officers were again changed, the Cautions were repeated to him, and on being introduced again he pointed out exactly the same Native Officers as he had done the second time, and he made the same exceptions. —

In consequence of this information, I placed the Prisoner under arrest, and the other Native Officers said to be implicated and sent them under an Escort to Trichinopoly —

Deputy

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Deputy Judge Advocate — Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means of the existence at this Station of Mutinous Meetings as set forth in the first charge?

Lieutenant Cole Hall — Now.

Question by the Prisoner — Did I not at the Board of Officers ask this Packer Hussain Shaw to state what he knew respecting my Conduct in this business?

Lieutenant Cole Hall — I do not recollect that the Prisoner put any such question to the Packer, but it might have taken place, as my mind was much engaged.

The Witness Retires

Major J. P. Winfield 2d Battalion 11th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn.

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge advocate — Do you know the Prisoner?

Major Winfield — Yes.

Question

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Question Was you a Number of a Board of Officers assembled at Quilon about the latter end of May last to investigate a Mutinous Conspiracy which had been discovered among the Troops at this Station? –

Answer I was.

Question Who was President of the Board?

Answer Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Question At this Enquiry was a man by name Hussain Shaw a Faukeer consider=ed a principal Witness? –

Answer He was.

Question Did he appear to be perfectly aware of the extent of the Plot and to Know well the leading men engaged in it? –

Answer He appeared perfectly aware of the extent of the Plot and to know those who were principally engaged in it? –

Question Did this man Hussain Shaw say, any

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any Native Officers were engaged in this Conspiracy, if so, mention their names?

Answer — He stated that he was present himself at a Meeting at a Packeer's place Khat Pawa Ha mokawn, at which Meeting a proposal was made to kill the Officers and to seize this Country, and at this Meeting were present the late Cane Packer, Sergoorow Packer, Abdul Cabby Subidar, Budda Ulum Subidar, Abdullah Khawn Subidar, Abdul Cawder Subidar, and a Mogul Jemidar, those five of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment, the first and second Subidars of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment, the Native Adjutant of the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment, Mahomed Khawn Subidar, the late Shaik Hussain Jemidar, the late Salabat Khawn, Ally Cawn and Mustapha, Sepoys 2d Battalion 14th Regiment.

Besides

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Besides these. in consequence of informa=tion received from this Faqueer Hussain Shaw. three other native officers, by name Shaik. Nutter Syrang Artillery, Maho: =med. Ally Subidar 2d Battalion 4th Regiment, and a Rajahpoot Subidar of Grenadiers of that Corps, were brought to the Board of Officers.-

Question. Do you perfectly recollect, that this man Hussain Shaw said the whole of the Native officers. whose names you have mentioned, were implicated in this Mutinous Conspiracy.—

Answer. Yes, with the exception of the three last mentioned, he pointed them out individually and repeatedly in the pres=ence of the Board of Officers. before whom they were arranged for his examination, but he hesitated both the first and se=cond time. as the two Native officers

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of the 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment,
but the third time he positively knew
=did them -

Question You are Certain Hays and Shaw
& the Board of Officers and in your
presence, pointed out the Prisoner as
one, engaged in this Mutinous Con:
=spiracy? —

Answer - Most Certain

Question On what authority or grounds did
he say he acted, in thus pointing out
the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators?

Answer - It appeared to me his reason
for pointing out the Prisoner as one of
the Conspirators was this / the Prisoner /
having agreed to the proposal to Kill
the Officers and to Seize this Country
& the Meeting I have before mentioned

Question By the investigation gone through
by you, as a Number of the Board of
Officers

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Officers can you conscientiously declare that you consider this Prisoner to have been one of the Conspirators?—

Answer— I do not think there was sufficient proof before the Board of Officers to enable me to say so. There was nothing but the assertion of the Packer Hyder Shaw.

Question— Since the dissolution of this Board of Officers of which you was a Member, have you had occasion to make enquiry into this Mutinous Conspiracy, or have you had an opportunity of acquiring a further Knowledge of the Men who were engaged in it?—

Answer— Yes, at the desire of the British Resident and of the Officer Commanding in Travancore I have made further enquiries into the late transactions.—

Question— State the Source of your information

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information?—

Answer— The principal Source of my information has been the affidavits of Shaik Emaum and Shaik Chaund who were engaged in this Conspiracy, and the intelligence brought to me by Confidential men of my own Corps on whose Correctness I place every reliance—

Question Then can you conscientiously declare you think this Prisoner was engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy?—

Answer Yes. From these subsequent ex=aminations I have no hesitation in saying that my opinion is. "the Prisoner was engaged in the Mutinous Conspiracy discovered at Vellore about the latter end of May last."—

Question Do you recollect that by orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hall, at the Board.

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Board of Officers you anxiously and impressively warned the Sadker Hussain Shaw to be most particular and Cautious in saying these. Native Officers were engaged in the Mutinous Conspiracy and not to point out any one. he was not personally acquainted with? —

Answer. Yes. by orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hall. I took him into the front Verandah of the main Guard, and there particularly urged those points to him; and repeated my cautions to him on that score. after he had a second time examined them and previous to the third examination —

The Witness here gives a Specimen of his Knowledge in the Hindoostanee Language. which is highly satisfactory to the Court —

The Witness retires

Shaik

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Shaik Chaund Private 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution. is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast.—

The Charges are read and explained.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer— yes, very well

Question. Do you Know that. Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station?—

Answer yes, Mutinous. Meetings were held some time ago in the Mudkawn of a lame Tacker, who is dead.—

Question How do you Know?

Answer. I attended these. Mutinous. Meetings for two. Months.—

Question What were the objects of these Mutinous. Meetings?—

Answer— They were for the purpose of forming

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forming a plan to murder the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore and this being a New Country it was intended to seize it -

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at those Mutinous Meetings? -

Answer Yes. I saw the Prisoner four times at those Mutinous Meetings - There were eight or ten Sepoys present as also the late Cassim Fackier and the late Jemadar Shaik Hussain 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment, on one occasion when the Prisoner came - The Prisoner joined in the Meeting and Consultations respecting the Murder of the Europeans and the Seizure of this Country went on, when the Prisoner said he would assist in this business, and when the Prisoner left the Meeting in the Buckhaun, he was accompanied to a little distance by the

late

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late Jemidar Shaik Hussain with whom he conversed for some time. Asked the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain if the Prisoner was to be depended on and he told me "Yes. such Officers have joined with us. why should you be afraid" — and he further said "the Prisoner had promised to bring all the men of his own Corps there were at Head Quarters about a Company. to assist. whenever the murder should be determined on."

Question Do you positively know the Prisoner assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Dindigul?

Answer Yes. the Prisoner willingly agreed to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Dindigul. —

Question

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Question On any of the occasions you saw the Prisoner at those Mutinous Mutinyings was Shaik Emaum Sepoy present?

Answer Yes. Shaik Emaum Sepoy was present on two occasions, when I saw the Prisoner at those Mutinous Meetings.

Question Do you know what share the Prisoner was to take in this business?

Answer I do not know, I only know the Prisoner promised his assistance whenever the Murder should be attempted.

Question Do you know a man by name Hussain Shaw a Packer?

Answer Yes, I know him well

Question Did you ever see this Man at those Mutinous Meetings?

Answer He was constantly there and the Prisoner came twice to those Mutinous Meetings when this man Hussain Shaw was also present This man

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man kept the names of the principal men engaged in this Conspiracy, — written on a piece of paper. and he was in the habits of encouraging the men at the Meetings, by telling over the Names of the leading people and Native Offi: cers who had joined in this Mutiny. —

Question — Did you ever hear this man — Hussain Shaw say the Prisoner was en: :gaged in the Mutinous Conspiracy? —

Answer — He had the Prisoner's Name written down, and has often mentioned it in my hearing in those Mutinous Meetings, as one whose assistance might be depended on. —

Question by the Court — Do you know, the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business? —

Answer — All the Native Officers who joined in this business were to be made Great.

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Great mun. and their names were written down to remember them —

Deputy Judge Advocate. } Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed? —

Answer. Yes, most positively —

The Witness retires.

Shaik Emaum Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast.

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate — } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes. very well.

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Mutings took place some time ago at this Station? —

Answer Yes. Mutinous Mutings were held some time ago at this Station. in the Muckawn of a Cane Packer who — is dead.

Question

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Question How do you Know?

Answer I attended them for two Months.

Question What were the objects of those Mutinous Meetings?

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European Officers and Artillery men at Vellore and this being a New Country it was intended to seize it, and to raise Battalions to keep it by Force.

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at those Mutinous Meetings?

Answer Yes. I saw the Prisoner twice at those Mutinous Meetings and each time every thing connected with the intended Mutiny was talked over and the Prisoner approved of all the plans. On one of those occasions there were seven or eight people present, and among them were the late Jemidar Shaik.

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Shaik Hussain the late Cazie Packer, the Packer who has run away (Hussain Shaw). Ally Cawn and Shaik Chaund Sepoys — The Prisoner and the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain Consulted very closely, and said this business must be wholely done, not half done-

Question Do you positively Know the Prisoner assented to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon?

Answer. Yes. the Prisoner willingly assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery Men at Quilon. His name was written down by the same Packer as one who was to assist in this business.-

Question

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Question Do you know, if any particular part in this business was assigned to the Prisoner?

Answer. I do not know — He promised to bring all the Men of his Corps. at Head Quarters, about a Company, to assist when the Murder should be determined on.-

Quest.n - Did you frequently see at those Mutinous Meetings Hyssain Shaw a Tailor whom you mentioned? —

Answer Yes. Constantly.- He used to encourage the men at the Meetings by telling over the Names of the principal men and Native Officers engaged in this Conspiracy. He had all the names written down on paper, and I have heard him say in the Mucknawn that the Prisoner was one of the Conspirators — This Man Hyssain Shaw Knew all this.

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Shaik Hussain the late Cazie Packeer, the Packeer who has run away (Hussain Shaw) Ally Cawn and Shaik Chaund Sepoys — The Prisoner and the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain Consulted very closely, and said this business must be wholly done, not half done—

Question Do you positively Know the Prisoner assented to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon?—

Answer. Yes. the Prisoner willingly assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery Men at Quilon. His name was written down by the same Packeer as one who was to assist in this business.—

Question

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Question Do you know if any particular part in this business was assigned to the Prisoner?

Answer. I do not know — He promised to bring all the Men of his Corps. at Head Quarters about a Company, to assist when the Murder should be determined on.

Quest. Did you frequently see at those Mutinous Meetings Hussain Shaw a Tailor whom you mentioned? —

Answer Yes. Constantly. — He used to encourage the men at the Meetings by telling over the names of the principal men and Native officers engaged in this Conspiracy. He had all the names written down on paper, and I have heard him say in the Mackawn that the Prisoner was one of the Conspirators — This Man Hussain Shaw Knew all

this

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This business very well.—

Question by the Court } Do you Know the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?—

Answer He was to be made a Great man.—

Deputy Judge advocate. } Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now stated?—

Answer. Yes, most positively—

The Witness Retires

Hussain Khawn Private 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment an Evidence on the Prosecution, is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast—

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge advocate— } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes, very well.

Question State to the Court, what you Know respecting the Charges?

Answer. Six or Seven Months ago, my House being uncovered, I went one evening

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evining to Sleep at the Muckawn of a Lame Facker who has been executed. About eight Oclock many people came there. They seated themselves. — and I overheard them begin to speak of their intentions to murder the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to Seize this Country - There were there, the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, the late Lame Facker, Havildars Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cawder. Ebram Naigue, Shaik Hamed Ally Cawn and the late Salabat Cawn Sepoys, and Several other Sepoys. the Prisoner was also there, and was walking up and down, before the people who were seated, the Prisoner was in an undress and had a Stick in his hand, and was so near to the people who were speaking of Murdering

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the Officers. he must have heard—
every word. they said—. Ally Cawn
Sepoy asked the Prisoner to sit down,
and the Prisoner said I wish to speak
to the Jemidar (late Shaik Hussain)
and afterwards I mean to go away.—
The late Shaik Hussain Jemidar—
went to a little distance with the Priso
=ner. and they both sat down and
spoke together. for some time, the Pri:
=soner afterwards went away, and—
Shaik Hussain returned to his seat
in the Mutkawn.—

I have known the Prisoner personally
for four or five years. and when we
used to meet in the road. we always
salamed to each other.—

Deputy Judge Advocate.— Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer— What I have said, I heard

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and saw. and every word is positively true —

The Witness returns

Vencatram Private 2d Battalion —

14th Regiment Native Infantry an

Evidence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn

in Conformity to the usages of this Cast. —

The Charges are read and explained —

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner? —

Answer. Yes, very well.

Question State to the Court what you Know relating to the Charges? —

Answer. I attended Mutinous Meetings for fifteen days at this Station, some time ago, and at these Meetings it was plan=ned to murder the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to seize this Country. The late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d Battalion 14th Re=giment and the late Lance Jacker were

two

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two of the leading men in this busi-
=ness. I have seen the Prisoner come
four or five times to the Mudkawn
when Consultations about the Mutiny
were going on. and each time the Pri-
=soner came. either the Jemidar Shaik
Hussain or the lame Packer got up,
and went generally to a little distance
with the Prisoner: and Conversed with
him for some time and I have heard
Jemidar Shaik Hussain. after these
conversations with the Prisoner. say.
two or three times publickly in the Meet-
=ing at the Mudkawn. that the Priso-
=ner had joined in the Conspiracy.—
and that he had promised to furnish
some Muskets for Men who were ex-
=pected to join from the Bazar. on the
night of the Murder.—

Question Do you know a man named
Hussain

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Hussain Shaw a Packer? —

Answer — Yes, I know him well. he joined in the Conspiracy and Knew every thing and every principal person Connected with the Mutiny. This man had the names of some of the Conspirators — written down and used to mention them at the Meetings in the Muckaun, but I do not recollect that this Man mentioned the Prisoner's Name. —

Question — Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer — Yes. every Word is positively true.

The Witness Returns

The Prosecution is here Closed.

Defence —

Prisoner — The four Sepoy Witnesses against me. have said that I went to a Muck:aun where Mutinous Meetings were held. to form a plan to murder the European

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European officers and Men and to seize this Country. I beg to inform the Court, I never could join in any such Company — I am a Commissioned Officer and know how to Conduct myself — I have got a good situation, handsome pay, Cloths and victuals in abundance, what can possibly I want more than that; if I was Connected with such people and wished to destroy the European Officers — prove it, and I shall deserve to be blown from a Gun. — Hyssain Shaw Sacker and myself quarrelled some time ago, and I think he must have brought this business upon me, from revenge. If I really had joined in those Mutinous Meetings it is to be supposed I would have endeavoured to secure my own Men; and that

some

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some of them would have told what I had said to them. yet. none of them are here. to bear witness against me – I have served the Honorable Company twenty eight years. Captain. Macleod has known me for many years, under him I have been Drill. Naigue, Drill Havildar and Havildar. Major, and native. Adjutant for three years, and I shall beg to call on this Officer to attest what I have said –

The Court Adjourns till 9 O'Clock on. Monday. Morning –

. Monday the 21st Day of December 1812.

Court met pursuant to adjournments

. Members all present.

Captain. Macleod 2d. Battalion. 9th Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Defence is duly sworn –

Question

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Question by the Prisoner. } Will you State to the Court how long you have Known me, and what you consider to be my Character?

Captain Macleod— } I have Known the Prisoner, from Sepoy February 1801. and I have invariably Considered him an active and Zealous Soldier. The Prisoner was noticed, as an uncommon Smart Drill Havildar, and he was in consequence Recommended for the Situation of Native Adjutant, immediately on his Promotion to the rank of Jemadar and during the time the Prisoner has been Native Adjutant, I have on several occasions commanded the Corps, and he has always executed his Duty equally to my Satisfaction and to his own Credit. I can only add I have always considered the Prisoner as a man of good private Character—

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Character.

The Witness Veloris

Vencatram Private 2d. Battalion 14th

Regiment. Native Infantry an Evi:

=dence on the Defence is again called

into Court and examined on his former

Oath.—

Question by the Prisoner.— Was you the first to give inform

=ation to Colonel Hall of the existence

of this supposed Mutiny—

Answer.— I gave the information to Lieutenant

and Adjutant Cox who gave it to Lieu:

=tenant Colonel Hall.—

Question by the Prisoner.— At the time you informed. did

you give in my name to Lieutenant—

Colonel Hall. or did you mention it to

any European Officer?—

Answer.— The first day I gave in some na:

=mes. and the Second day I mentioned

your name to Lieutenant and Adju

=tant

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. Adjutant Cox. which by mistake of the Writer of the Light Company 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment was forgotten on the first day—

The Witness Returns

The Defence is here Closed—

The Proceedings are read over and explained—

Sentence The Court having Considered with attention the Evidence in Support of the Prosecution and what has been said by the Prisoner on his Defence is of opinion the Prisoner Jemidar Syd. Mozaffer Native Adjutant 2d. Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry is Guilty of the 1st. Charge—

The Court is further of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the 2d. Charge—

Which being in breach of the 3rd and 4th. Articles of the 2d. Section of

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the Articles of War, the Court doth accordingly by Virtue of the said Articles, Sentence and adjudge the said Prisoner Jemidar Seyd moz: affer Native Adjutant 2d Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry to suffer Death by being hanged by the neck in front of the Troops of this Station, and his Body to be afterwards Suspended in Chains at such time, place and manner as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct —

(signed) F. P. Steward
Capt. 14th N. Regt
acting Deputy J. A.

The mark + of
Lethiman Sing Subidar
1st Batt. 5th Regt. N.I. Prisr.

The Court adjourns till further Notice —

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
12th February 1813.

I approve and Confirm
(signed) D. Auchmuty
Lieut. Genl.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Leith

Judge Advocate General

Fort St. George.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward here-
=with, Proceedings of the Court on the trial of
Subidar Shaik Burrau 2d Battalion 9th Re-
=gimnt Native Infantry; and at the particu-
=lar desire of the Court I have the honor to state
to you that the demeanour and Conduct of
this Prisoner, during the whole of his trial, have
been most highly decorous and becoming the
Court has also desired me to say, it has as-
=certained in a Satisfactory manner that this
Prisoner from the period of his being put in
arrest has shown great penitence and Con-
=trition. -

I think it necessary to remark
to you, that one of the Evidences on this trial
Abdul Cawder, is very Strongly Suspected of
having

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having been engaged in this mutinous —
Conspiracy, and he is in Consequence in Con:
=finement. — At the time of this discovery he —
was Derogah of Police to the Resident, ...
and he is the person to whom this Prisoner
declared so profoundly and from whom
he Craved mercy, on learning from the
Derogah the Packer Hussain Shaw had
accused him. — The Resident conceived this
man would have told every thing he knew,
without hesitation, but instead of doing so,
he with great difficulty could be got to give
the imperfect and incorrect Statement, which
appears. — It is also necessary to say, — that
Shaik Soliman, the person mentioned by this
Evidence as being present when the Packer
mentioned the names of Some native
officers, on being examined by me, was —
found to be quite ignorant of the matt=
=ter. —

I have

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I have the honor to be

Yea Yea

(Signed) F. P. Stewart

Acting Dy. J. Advocate

The Native General Court Martial which assembled at Quilon on the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord 1812 by Order of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Commanding the Force in Travancore, under authority from His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and Continued by successive adjournments, is reassembled this day the 22d. of December 1812, pursuant to notice —

Present

Subidar Lalchman Sing 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.

Presidents

Members

Subidar Seyd Abdullah 2d. Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Lalchman Sing . . 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.C.

Syrang Cassim . . . . . 2d Battn Artillery —

Subidar

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Subidar Shaik Ebram 1st Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Permalloo ... 2d. Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ismail 2d. Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ally .... 2d. Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Hyfsain Cawn ... 1st. Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Vencatachellum 2d. Battr. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Mahomed Hyfsain 1st. Battr. 5th. Regt. N.I

Subidar Shaik Shaver 2d. Battr. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Veeraspah ..... 2d. Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemadar Ramahsawmy — 2d. Battr. 19th Regt. N.I

Jemadar Shaik Ally .... 1st. Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart, Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

The Court having assembled the Warrants Constituting its authority are read and explained. –

Subidar Shaik Barrau 2d. Battr. 9th Regt. N.I.

a Prisoner being brought into Court, the names of the Presidents and Members are read to him and he is asked, –

Deputy Judge Advocate – } Do you object to any of the – Members.

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Members Composing the Court by which you are about to be tried?—

Prisoner I do not object to any.—

The usual Oaths are administered to the President and Members in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts.—

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly sworn.—

Sobboorow is duly sworn. Interpreter to the Court in Conformity to the Customs of his Cast.—

Charge Subidar Shaik Bavrae of the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry placed in Arrest by Order of the Officer Commanding the Forces in Travancore, on the following Charge Viz.—

"For having a Knowledge of a Mutinous and Seditious Conspiracy formed at

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at Quilon for the purpose of destroy
=ing the European Officers and Men
in Travancore and concealing his =
Knowledge thereof and not giving =
information agreeable to the Articles
of War."—

(Signed) Alexr. Balmain
. M. B to the Troops
in Travancore

Quilon
September 1812.

By Order,

(Signed) T. H. S. Conway.
. Adjtt. Genl. of the Army—

The Charge having been read and
explained to the Prisoner. he is asked,—

Deputy Judge Advocate— . Are you Guilty or not Guilty of
the Charge now preferred against you?—

Prisoner . Not Guilty.—

Prosecution

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence
on the Prosecution is duly Sworn—

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Hall } I received information about the latter end of May last of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by several Men of the Force under my Command, the intent of which Conspiracy was to destroy the European Officers and men in Travancore—

After due enquiry, I found this information to be true— The Prisoner was at this time in Command of the Escort at the Residency, and I learned by letter from the Resident in Travancore Major J. Munro that he entertained suspicions of the Prisoner being engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy, and that he wished the whole of the Escort to be relieved which was immediately done by a Detachment of the 2d Battn 11th Regiment—

Sirs

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Since this period. I have received further information of the Prisoners Conduct on the occasion above alluded to, and I consequently directed him to be placed in arrest.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Did you order the relief of the Escort at the Residency solely in consequence of the suspicions entertained by Major Munro of the fidelity of the Purgun?—

Answer— Yes. solely; otherwise the Escort would have remained for four months more, to have completed their — six months tour of Detachment.—

Question Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means of the existence at this Station, of a Mutinous and Seditious Conspiracy as set forth in this Charge?—

Answer— None.

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The Witness returns

Vencatram Private 2nd. Battalion 14th. Regiment Native Infantry an- Evidence on the Prosecution, is duly Sworn, in Conformity to the usages of his Cast.-

The Charge is read and explained.-

Deputy Judge Advocate.- Do you Know that a Mutinous and Seditious Conspiracy was formed sometime ago at Quilon by Several men of this Force?-

Answer Yes.-

Question How do you Know?-

Answer I joined in the Conspiracy and attended Mutinous Meetings of Men of this Force. for fifteen days. in the Neighbourhood of a Lame Tailor who is dead.

Question What were the intentions of the Men who engaged in these Mutinous Meetings?-

Answer- Their intentions were to murder the

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the European Officers and Artillery
Men in Travancore and to seize this
Country -

Question Do you know that any time was
fixed on to carry these plans of Murder
into execution? -

Answer It was determined to destroy
the European Officers on the night of
the review of the 2d Battalion 18th
Regiment while at Dinner in the Mess
Room of that Corps. and if prevented
on that occasion. it was fixed to attempt
the murder at a large Dinner expected
soon to be given by the President or at
any other favourable opportunity -

Question Did you ever see the Prisoners
at any Mutinous Meetings here. or
do you know he joined in a Mutinous
Conspiracy as mentioned in the charge? -

Answer No.

Question

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Question — Did you ever hear, at the time those Mutinous Meetings were going on, that should the Murder of the European Officers be attempted at the President's House, the Subidar who Commanded the Guard, would assist the Conspirators.—

Answer — I never heard—

The Witness retires

Shaik Emaum, Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution, is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Coast.—

The Charge is read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you know that a Mutinous and Seditious Conspiracy was formed some time ago at Dindigul by some Men of this Force?

Answer — Yes.

Question

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Question — How do you know?

Answer — I joined in the Conspiracy and attended Mutinous Meetings of men of this Force for two Months at this Station in the Muckaun of a Lame Tailor who is dead.

Question — What were the intentions of the Men engaged in these Mutinous Meetings?

Answer — Their intentions were to murder the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore and to Seize this Country.

Question — Do you know that any time was fixed on to Carry these plans into execution?

Answer — It was determined to destroy the European Officers on the nights of the Review of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment while at Dinner in the Mess room of that Corps, and if prevented on that occasion, it was fixed to attempt the Murder

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Murder of the Officers at a Dinner ex-
pected soon to be given by the Resident or
at any other favorable opportunity.—

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at
any of those Mutinous Meetings or do you
know he joined in a Mutinous Con-
=spiracy as mentioned in the Charge?—

Answer No—

Question Did you ever hear at the Meet-
=ings Mutinous Meetings were going for-
=ward That should the Murder of the
European Officers be attempted at the
Resident's House the Subidar in Command
of the Escort there, would assist the Con-
=spirators?—

Answer— On hearing the Murder of the Euro-
=pean Officers was likely to be attempted
at the Resident's House I asked the
late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d Batta-
=lion 14th Regiment the leading man

in

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in this Mutiny, how he meant to ma:
=nage in going with a party to the Re:
=sidency when a Company was stationed
there, the Jemidar said to me "On the
day it was determined to attempt the
Murder of Officers, he would send a
Message to invite the Subidar of the
Guard at the Residency, to assist; do
you hold your tongue and give your:
=self no trouble about the busines" —
I do not know who was the Subidar
of the Guard at this time. —

Question — Do you know a Man by name
Hussain Shaw, a Packer? —

Answer — Yes. he was always at the Mu:
=tinous Mutings, and he knew all the
principal men and Native Officers
engaged in this Mutiny, and every
thing connected with the Conspiracy, —
He has run away —

Question

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Question — Did you ever hear this Man Hussain Shaw, at any of those Mutinous Meetings, say, the Prisoner was engaged in this Conspiracy?

Answer — No.

Question by the Prisoner — Did you ever see me prior to the discovery of this Mutiny, speak to any one engaged in it?

Answer — No.

The Witness Venkatram Private 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment. Native Infantry, an Evidence on the Prosecution, is again called into Court, and examined on his former Oath

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you Know a Man by name Hussain Shaw, a Packer?

Answer — Yes, he was always in the habits of attending those Mutinous Meetings and he knew well, all the principal men and Native Officers engaged in this

Mutiny

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. Mutiny and every thing connected with the Conspiracy,— He has run away.—

Question Did you hear this . Man Hyder Shaw at any of those . Mutinous . Meetings say, the Prisoner was engaged in this — . Mutinous Conspiracy?—

. Answer . No.

Question by the Prisoner.— Did you ever see me, prior to the discovery of this . Mutiny speak to any one engaged in it?—

. Answer . No.

The Witness retires.

The Court adjourns till 9 O'Clock tomorrow morning.—

Wednesday the 23d December, 1812.—

Court met pursuant to adjournment

. Members all present. —

The Procedings of yesterday are read over and explained — Major D. Munro Resident in Travancore, an Evidence on the

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The Prosecution is duly sworn.

The Charge is read:

Deputy Judge Advocate } State to the Court what you know relating to the Charge.—

Major S Munro } The Prisoner was in charge of my Escort at the period of time when the Mutinous Conspiracy detailed in the Charge was discovered at Quilon — soon after the discovery of the Conspiracy I received information that a Packer living in the Bazar possessed a full Knowledge of that transaction; having sent for this Packer named Hyder Shaw and the same who has since absconded. I examined him and gave him in Charge to Abdul Cawder the Derogah of Police, with instructions to examine him again and very strictly and to report to me any information he might obtain from him.—

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The Derogah brought me a report. Stating the Packer had accused a Consi=derable number of Native Officers of being concerned in the Conspiracy, on which I gave Orders that the Packer= might again be brought into my own presence that I might re-examine him myself.— The Packer came attended by the Derogah, and the Prisoner about nine or ten O'clock at night, and gave me the same evidence he had communicated to the Derogah regarding the Conspiracy but without mentioning the Prisoner's name of whom at this time I had no particular Suspicion— I desired the= Packer to be detained under charge of my Escort during the night, and on= giving this order, I observed the Derogah make a Secret Signal to me with his= eye. as if he wished to speak to me apart.

I dismissed

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I dismissed the Subidar and questioned the Derogah, who told me. that in examining the Packer in the Tent in presence of the Prisoner, the Packer had mentioned the Prisoner's name amongst those who were implicated in the Conspiracy and that the Prisoner immediately exclaimed to the Packer "what, do you accuse me of being con: :cerned in this plot?" — or words to this effect to which the Packer answered. "Yes — you know you were concerned in it and were to have had a certain situa :tion" and that the Prisoner was una: -ble to make any reply to this charge. — after receiving this information from the Derogah, I examined the Packer, who accused the Prisoner of being im: -plicated in this plot. and I delivered over the Packer to the custody of the

Derogah

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Drogah during the night. As there were several Prisoners accused of being connected in this Conspiracy under charge of my Escort, I judged it proper on receiving this accusation against the Prisoner to have the Escort relieved on the following morning. The Prisoner on making his report of the Guard to me on that morning, shewed evident marks of Confusion and self-Condemnation. In the course of that day I again particularly examined the Packer relative to the Prisoner's Conduct. when the Packer gave much less positive evidence than he had communicated the night before saying "that he had heard the Prisoner was implicated in the Conspiracy but did not himself know the fact" The Packer soon afterwards absconded and was again taken up and again examined.

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examined by me particularly touching the Conduct of the Prisoner, and the Packer again ascribed his knowledge of the Subject to hear-say, disclaiming any positive acquaintance with the Conduct of the Prisoner regarding the Conspiracy. It appeared to me from the change in the Packers' evidence, that some private communications might have taken place between him and the Prisoner, or their friends, but the Packers' departure from his first evidence prevented me from suggesting the expediency of the Prisoners' removal from Quilon, together with the other native Officers who were sent to Trichinopoly, particularly as I considered the Prisoner, who had been with my Escort some weeks, a harmless inoffensive man - On the morning the Prisoner was relieved from my Escort,

I addressed

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I addressed the Prisoner "stating generally. This is a bad affair. the Conduct of the people has been very bad" or words to that effect; the Prisoner. without raising his eyes from the ground answered "it was very unfaithful."—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Prior to this discovery and accusation of the Prisoner was his manner usually confused. or did he appear to your diffident and abashed in delivering you the reports of his Guard.—

Major Munro— No. his manner was always quiet and respectful.—

Question Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means of the existence at this Station of a Mutinous Conspiracy. as set forth in the charge?—

Answer— Never, the smallest intimation.—

Question by the Prisoner.— Do you recollect if I was the first person who gave you information respecting

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respecting this Packeer Hussain Shaw?

Answer — I cannot positively state. who was the person who gave me the first information of this Packeer. but I think it was Abdul Cawder, Durogah of Police.

The Witness Retires.

Abdul Cawder formerly Durogah of Police to the Resident in Travancore, a Witness on the Prosecution, is duly sworn in conformity to his Cast —

The Charge is read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer — Yes. I know him very well, when he was Subidar of the Escort at the Residency. —

Question — State to the Court what you Know relating to the Charge? —

Answer — On the discovery of a Mutinous Conspiracy among the men at this Station, several people in the Bazar were

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was taken up accused of being engaged with the Troops in this Mutiny. Their names are, Puckally, Shaik Amur, Shaik Ebram, discharged Sepoy, a Lame Packer. Shaik Madar and Bawa Saib. These people were pointed out by Vencatram Sepoy 2d Battalion 14th Regiment, there was brought also a man by name Hussain Shaw a Packer. but who brought him, I do not Know. By Major Munrow's Orders I went to enquire very particularly respecting this Mutiny. from this Packer Hussain Shaw, the Prisoner. a Writer (now at Madras) and a Trooper, Shaik Salemaun, were with me, and during this enquiry, We were in one of the guard tents — I desired the Packer to state every thing he Knew relating to the Mutiny. and he at first answered

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answered he Knew nothing. which he continued to say for two hours, at length after repeatedly asking him. he gave me the names of some Native Officers (which I do not recollect) as being engaged in this business, this took place about ten O'Clock at night. and I reported it to Major Munro. who desired me again to ask the Packer in the Morning — In the Majors' Bungaloe. I do not recollect whether it was in the Morning or Evening. the Packer. in my presence and in that of a Writer (now at Madras) accused the Subidar of the Resident's Guard as being concerned in this Mutiny. which I reported immediately to the Resident, who. sent for the Packer. The Packer again said in the presence of the Resident that the Prisoner was implicated, and

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the Guard was in consequence relieved and this is all I know - The Court finds it requisite here to remark that this Witness has delivered a most unsatisfactory evidence, he has prevaricated so much and has evaded every Statement, it is strongly supposed, he knows, respecting the Prisoner's Conduct on the occasion alluded to in the charge, the Court declines continuing his examination, and the Prisoner also declining to ask him any questions, the Witness is directed to Retire.-

Abdul Rytuin Kot Havildar 7th Company 2d Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast.-

The Charge is read and explained -

Do you Know the Prisoner?

Deputy Judge Advocate

Answer

. Answer - Yes. very well. he is my Comp:
=pany Subidar.—

Question Was you on the Resident's
Guard at Quilon in May last. when
a Mutinous Conspiracy was discover=
=ed among the men at this Station?—

. Answer - Yes.

Question Who Commanded the Guard?—

. Answer - Subidar Shaik Burrae the
Prisonier—

Question State to the Court. what you
know relating to the Charge?

. Answer - The evening before the execution
of a Jemidar and a Sepoy of the
2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment / that
is the 26th. 27th. or 28th. May last /
the Resident's Dorogah came into
the left tent of the Escort. where a
Tacker by name Hussain Shaw was
confined. this was about Seven at
night.

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night - The Prisoner was at this time in the tent. The Devogah desired every one to go out and he came near to the Packer, and said he had Major Munros' orders to ask him particularly respecting this Mutiny, The Packer remained silent, and the Devogah again spoke to him. The Packer said "direct the Subidar to go out and I will speak," The Devogah told the Subidar to go outside of the tent. The Subidar refused to do so, saying "he had Major Munros orders to remain in the tent" The Devogah immediately remarked "The Subidar will not go out and the Packer will not speak, therefore I shall go away." The Devogah left the tent, and was followed by the Subidar. The Devogah returned into the

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the tent directly and asked the Packer "Why he would not speak before the Subidar?" the Packer replied How can I speak before him when he himself has joined in the Conspiracy, and wished to be a Commander" - The Durogah wrote this down and went out of the tent and addressed the Subidar "The Packer tells me Subidar. that you too are join=ed in this Conspiracy, and that you wished to be a Commander" the Subidar immediately said "I am a Family man you must serve me" and he salamed to the ground and put his Hands on the Durogahs feet, the Durogah gave the Subidar his hand, and raised him up and they walked away together. At this time it was sufficiently light to see distinctly to the distance of six or seven paces and the Subidar and

Durogah

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Devogah were about that distance from me — about eight O'Clock the Subidar returned to the same tent. — and in undressing himself said. "What have I done to that Tacker that he has given in my name in the Meeting" Naigue Shaik Hussain and Myself were the only people in the tent at this time, the Tacker having been sent to the Centre tent — The Guard was relieved on the following morning by a Detach= =ment of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment —

Question At the time the Conversation = passed between the Prisoner, the Devo: =gah and the Tacker, who besides were in the tent? —

Answer. No one than Myself. the Devo: =gah sent out Hawar your people. Being Kot Havildar was not desired to go out. —

Question At this time was any Sentry over

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this Packer?

Answer. The Sentry over the three tents had a Kind of Charge of the Packer but there was no Sentry particularly over him.—

Question Did you report this circumstance to any European Offier?

Answer No, I was afraid to report it to any European Offier; not having any other witness; as I then imagined to support what I said — I reported it to the Jemidar of my Company at Trivandrum, as soon as I found out Shaik Hussain. Nagur knew all the Circumstance, which was about fifteen days after my arrival there —

Question by the Court — Did you report this busines, to the President. Major. Munro. to. Major Fraser Commanding the Corps, Captain Porter. in passing Angengo. or to Captain Macleod

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. Macleod your Commanding Officer at Trivandrum?

. Answer . No, for the reasons already assign=ed. after I reported the business to the Dewaun of the Company, I conceived I ought to have reported to Captain . Macleod. —

Question by the Court — Do you know, who brought this Packet to the Resident's Guard.-

. Answer . Shaik Hussain . Naigue went with an Escort and brought him. — He was pointed out to Shaik Hussain by a discharged Sepoy a Prisoner in the Resident's Guard -

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now stated? —

. Answer Yes. most positively. what I have said, I heard and saw —

The Witness Retires

. Naigue Shaik Hussain 2d. B Battalion

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9th Regiment Native Infantry on Evi-
dence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn
in Conformity to the usages of his Cast

The Charge is read and explained

Deputy Judge
Advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer - Yes. he is my Company Subidar.

Question Was you on the Resident's Guard
at Quilon in May last. when a Mutinous
Conspiracy was discovered among Sumen
at this Station?

Answer Yes.

Question Who Commanded the Guard?

Answer Subidar Shaik Burray, the Prisoner.

Question State to the Court what you know
respecting the Charge?

Answer - The evining before the execution of a
Jemadar and a Sepoy 2nd Battalion 1st
Regiment (that is the 26th 27th or 28th
may last) I was ordered by the Prisoner
to take one of the Prisoners, a discharged
Sepoy.

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Sepoy. with an Escort to the Bazar, and to bring to the Resident's Guard any one this man might point out to me. He pointed out a Packer by name Hussain Shaw whom. I accordingly seized and brought Prisoner to the Resident's Guard — The Packer was put in front of the left tent. by order of the Prisoner, who. went and reported his arrival to Major Munro. on the Prisoner's return. he ordered the Packer into the left tent — The Subidar ordered the people to go out of the tent. and I. together with three or four (whose names I do not recollect) went out;. this was about seven at night. the Hot Havildar. Abdul Rythim also went out; the Resident's Dorogah came to the tent, and I heard him tell the Packer. he had Major Munro's orders to learn from him. every parti-

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particular respecting this Mutiny, the Fa-
-ker remained Silent, and the Devogah
again asked him to tell every thing. The
Facker replied "I cannot speak before the
Subidar, order him to go out, and I will
speak" the Devogah told the Subidar to go
out, which the Subidar refused to do, saying
"I have major Munro's orders to remain here
why wont you speak before me." the Devogah
immediately said ". The Facker will not
speak before the Subidar, and the Subidar
will not go out. therefore I shall go away."
"and he went out of the tent and was follow-
-ed by the Prisoner, the Devogah returned
into the tent, and asked the Facker "why he
would not speak before the Subedar" the
Facker replied "The Subidar himself has
joined in this Conspiracy, and wished to
be a Commander, how could I speak before
him." the Devogah wrote this down, and

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came out of the tent and said to the Subi-
-dar. "The Tacker tells me, Subidar, you
too have joined in this Conspiracy, and
wished to be a Commander" The Subidar
immediately said "I am a family man
you must save me" — and he salaamed
to the ground, and put his hands on
the feet of the Dooffah, who imme-
-diately gave him his hand, raised
him up, and they walked away together.
About eight o'Clock the Subidar returned
and ordered the Tacker to be sent to the
Centre tent, and while the Subidar was
undressing himself he said before Ab-
-dul Rykim Kot Havildar and my-
-self "What have I done to the Tacker,
that he has mentioned my name in
this business?" — Next morning the guard
was relieved by a Detachment of the
2d Battalion 11th Regiment —

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The Witness returns

The Court adjourns till 9 o'Clock tomor:

=row Morning.—

Thursday the 24th of December, 1812.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.—

Members all present.

The Proceedings are read over and explained—

Shaik Hussain Naigue 2d Battalion 9th Regiment an Evidence on the Prose: cution is again called into Court. and examined on his former Oath—

Deputy Judge Advocate.

At the time you was ordered to go out of the tent. where the Packer was confined, are you certain the Prisoner gave you the orders. and are you also certain the Kot Havildar. Abdul Rahim likewise was directed to go and did withdraw?—

Answer. The Subidar ordered me. but I do

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I do not Know whether Abdul Rykim Havildar went out of the tent or not; I only Know the Subedars Order was for every one to go out.-

Question What time was this?

Answer. About seven in the evening, and it was sufficiently light to see any one at the distance of five or six paces.—

Question At this time was any Sentry over the Packer Hussain Shaw?

Answer There was no Sentry over the Packer at this time, there was a Sentry over the three tents, and he had a Kind of charge of the Packer and of the other Prisoners also—

Question Did you report the Conversation you heard pass between the Packer, the Durogah and the Prisoner to any Europ: Asian Officer?

Answer. I did not; I was afraid, not having

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having any Witness to support what I said.—

Question Have you never reported it to any one?—

Answer— I told it to Subidar Shaik Sillar at Tiruvandrum, on being asked by him why the Company was relieved and what news there was: and he desired me to keep it in my heart— I afterwards reported it to the Jemidar of my Company: on his asking me as above, and I after this had some conversation with the Kot Havildar respecting this business, and we both went to the Jemidar and told him what we Know, and we determined to remember it all.—

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now stated?

Answer Yes. most positively

The Witness retires.

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Beauspriah Jemidar 2d. Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry an Evi-dence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn in conformity to the usages of this Cast-

The Charge is read and explained-

Deputy Judge Advocate— Are you Jemidar of the 7th Com-pany 2d. Battalion 9th Regiment?

Answer- Yes, the Prisoner is Subidar, Abdul Rythim is Kot Havildar, and Shaik Hussain the Witness just retired is a Naigue in the Company.—

Question Do you recollect any report be-ing made to you or any thing told to you by any one of your Company respecting the conduct of the Prisoner while on the Residents' Guard at Quilon in May last?

Answer- Kot Havildar. Abdul Rythim, and Shaik Hussain. Naigue told me at Trivandrum "that a Packer had been brought Prisoner to the Residents' Guard,

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and had been placed in a tent — The Dorogah of the Resident came there by order of the Resident and Directed all the people in the tent to go out. He then desired this Packer to state to him every particular he was acquainted with respecting a Mutiny which had been discovered at Quilon. The Packer would not speak unless the Subidar was ordered to go out of the tent — The Dorogah ordered the Subidar to go out which the Subidar refused to do. saying "he had Major Munros' orders to remain in the tent" The Dorogah then said "the Subidar will not go out. and the Packer will not speak before the Subidar, therefore I shall go out." The Dorogah went out of the tent and was followed by the Subidar, the Dorogah immediately returned and asked the Packer "why he

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he would not speak before the Subidar" the Packer replied "The Subidar is join: =ed in this Conspiracy and wished to be a Commander, how could I speak = before him?" The Devogah wrote this down and went out of the tent: when he asked the Subidar "so you Subidar are joined in this Conspiracy and wish = ed to be a Commander, the Packer = tells me so" the Subidar said to the = Devogah "I am a family man: you must save me" he salamed to the = ground and put his hands on the De: =rogahs feet. The Devogah gave the Subidar his hand, raised him up: and they walked away together:" and this is all these two people reported to me —

Question Did you report this to any Euro: =pean Officer? 2

Answer. The day after I came to Quilon, I reported

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I reported it to Lieutenant Colonel Hall that is the end of August last.—

Question Do you swear to the truth of what you have now stated?

Answer Yes. most positively —

The Witness Returns.

Bungaroo Sepoy 2.d Battalion 9.th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution. is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast—

The Charge is read and explained —

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes. the Prisoner is Subidar of my Company.—

Question State to the Court what you know respecting the Charge?

Answer I was on the Residents' Guard in May last when a Mutinous Conspiracy was discovered at Dindigul —

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The Subidar Commanded the Guard and a Man by name Hussain Shaw a Facker was confined in the left tent belonging to the Escort. I was sick at this time and was laying in the Resi= dents Baggage tent, very close in the rear of the tent where the Facker was —. About Seven O'Clock the Residents Durogah came to the left tent, and he and the Subidar desired the people to go out. this I overheard, and I also overheard the Durogah say to the Facker, he had come by the Residents orders to learn from him every parti= cular respecting the Mutiny. I did not hear the Facker speak, and I heard the Durogah a Second time, tell him to speak. the Facker answer =ed "I cannot speak before the Subidar" the Durogah ordered the Subedar —

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to go out. and I heard the Subidar refuse to do so. saying "he had Major Munro's orders to remain in the tent" — I heard the Durogah immediately say. This Facker will not speak before the Subidar and the Subidar will not go out, I therefore shall go away. "at this time I was looking under the tent. and I saw the Durogah go out followed by the Subidar. the Durogah returned and asked the Facker "Why would you not speak before the Subidar?" the Facker replied "the Subidar is himself engaged in this conspiracy and wished to be a Commander, how could I speak before him?" I saw the Durogah write this down and go out. and I had at this time got up and gone out also — and the Durogah said to the Subidar So Subidar you too are engaged in this

business

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business. and you wished to have a Command the Tacker tells me. — "the Subidar immediately said "I am a family man. you must save me." he salamed to the ground and put his hands on the Durogah's feet. the Durogah gave the Subidar his hand. raised him up and they walked away together. It was sufficiently light at this time to see any one distinctly at the distance of six or Seven paces. and I was about six paces from the Prisoner. —

Question Did you see any one near to you at this time than the Durogah. the Tacker. and the Prisoner? —

Answer. I saw the Kot Havildar Abdul Rythin walking on and out of the tent while this was going forward. but I did not observe any one else near to me. —

Question Do you know if at this time a Sentry

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Sentry was over this Packer you speak of?

Answer. I did not see any Sentry in the tent, there was a Sentry walking about outside

Question Did you report the circumstance to any European Officer?

Answer- I did not. I told it to Ismidar — Baupmiah since my arrival at Quilon From Travandrum about the end of Au= gust last.-

Question by the Prisoner Was you not sick at the period you have spoken to, and ordered not to go into the Baggage tent?

Answer Yes. I was sick. but I never heard any order respecting not going into the Baggage tent.-

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now stated?

Answer- Yes. most positively. what I have said I heard and saw. —

The Witness Retires

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Abdul Ryhim Kot Havildar an Evi-
=dence on the Prosecution is again called
called into Court and examined on his
former Oath.

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you recollect. if the Resident had a Baggage tent pitched at the time you have spoken to. in your for:
=mer Evidence?—

Answer Yes. there was a Baggage tent of the Resident pitched close behind and touching the left tent of the Escort.—

Question Do you Know. if there were any orders to prevent Sepoys going in. or for:
=bidding them to go into this Baggage tent?—

Answer None that I ever Knew of. and it is my duty to give orders of every des:
=cription to the Company.

The Witness Retires

Captain. Macleod 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment

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were valuable, to Camp at Hydrabad.
The Deputy Adjutant General carried
me to the Commanding Officer, who Com-
=plimented me, and told me "such is the
way the Company's duty ought to be done"—
I positively deny all Knowledge of the
crime brought against me. I never joined
in any Mutinous Conspiracy for the des-
=truction of the European Officers in Tra-
=vancrum nor did I know any word a-
=bout it, till the discovery was made, and
while on the Resident's Guard. I executed
with promptness every order given to me
for the apprehension of people said to be
engaged in this Mutiny. I wish the
Court to recollect that Shaik Hussain
Naigue has stated that I ordered him
to go to the Bazar and to seize everyone
pointed to him, as being engaged in the
Mutiny, and I particularly ordered

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him to bring Hussain Shaw. Packer as the discharged Sepoy told me he was principally engaged and conse: -quently I could have no fear of him or of any one who might be bringing any thing against me - I shall beg to call on Captain Macleod for a character who has known me for some years -

Captain Macleod an Evidence on the Defence is again called into Court and examined on his former Oath. -

Question by the Prisoner } State to the Court how long you have known me and how I have conducted mysely during your knowledge of me?

Captain Macleod } I have known the Prisoner since February 1801. I was Adjutant of the Corps nearly four years and have Commanded it on several occasions which fur: -nished

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furnished me with the best possible opportunity of forming a Correct and just opinion of the Prisoners characters in a public point of view it appeared to me, to be that of a faithful, Zealous and indefatigable Native Officer, and in a private point of View that of a quiet, inoffensive man—

The Witness retires.

The Defence is here closed—

Tomorrow being Christmas Day, the Court Adjourns till Saturday morning at 9. Oclock—

Saturday the 26th. of December 1812.

Court met pursuant to Adjournment. Members all present.

The Proceedings are read over and explained—

Sentence The Court having Considered with attention the evidence brought forward

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in support of the Prosecution and what has been said by the Prisoner on his Defence is of opinion the Prisoner Subadar Shaik Burrau 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment is Guilty of the Charge exhibited against him which being in breach of the 3d. and 4th. Articles of the 2d. Section of the Articles of War, the Court doth accordingly by Virtue of the said Articles. Sentence and adjudge the said Prisoner Subadar Shaik Burrau 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment Native Infantry to suffer Death by being hanged by the Neck at such time and at such Station of the Army, as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct—

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Captn. 14th N. Regt.
acting Dy. J. A.

The mark + of
Letchman Sing Subadar
1st Bn. 5th Regt. N. I. Pnr.

I approve and Confirm
(Signed) S. Auchmuty
L. G.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
12th February 1813

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The Native General Court Martial which assembled at Quilon on the 18th day of August in the year of Our Lord 1812, by order of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Commanding the Forces in Travancore under the authority of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and Continued by successive adjournments is reassembled this day the 26th of December 1812—

Present.

Subidar Lekhman Sing 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.
President

Members

Subidar Syd. Abdullah 2d Battn 9th Regt N.I.

Subidar Lekhman Sing ... 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Syrang Capsin ..... 2d Battn Artillery

Subidar Shaik Ebram .... 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Subidar Purmaulloo ..... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ismail .... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ally .... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Subidar Hussain Cawn .... 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

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Subidar Vencatachellum 2d. Battn. 11th. Regt. N.I.

Subidar . Mahomed Hussain 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Shuvur — 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Verapah ..... 2d. Battn. 19th. Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Ramaksawmy — 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I

Jemidar Shaik. Ally ..... 1st. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart, Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

The Court having assembled. The Warrants Constituting its authority are read and explained. —

Subidar . Mahomed Cawn 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment. Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court. The names of the President and Members are read over to him, and he is asked —

Deputy Judge advocate ..... } Do you object to any of the Mem. -bers Composing the Court, by which you are about to be tried.2 —

Prisoner. I do not object to any.

The usual Oaths are administered to the

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the Presidents and Members in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts. The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly Sworn —

Sooboorow is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast, Interpreter to the Court —

Charge: Mohomed Cawn Subidar Light Comp: =pany 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Na: =tive Infantry, placed in Arrest by Or: =der of the Officer Commanding the Forces in Travancore on the following Charges.

1st For joining, aiding and abetting in Seditious and Mutinous Meetings for the purpose of destroying the European Officers and Men of the Subsidiary Force in Travancore.-

2d For Concealing and Suppressing his Knowledge of such Mutinous and Seditious Meetings, and not giving information

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information thereof as directed by the Arti-
cles of War. —

Head Quarters
in Travancore,
Quilon 28th May 1812.

(Signed) Alexr. Balmain
Maj. B. to the Troops —
in Travancore. —

By Order,
(Signed) T. H. S. Conway
Adjtt Genl. of the Army

The Charges having been read and exp-
lained to the Prisoner he is asked —

Deputy Judge Advocate. } Are you Guilty or not Guilty of
the Charges now preferred against you? —

Prisoner Not Guilty —

Deputy Judge advocate. } On opening the Prosecution on this
trial, I have to regret that a Witness
has absented himself, and no tidings
can be learned of him, whose testimony
would have been most direct and pointed
in support of the Charges, and it would
otherwise have been very highly satisfactory
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to the Court, as he gave the first inform=
=ation against the Prisoner - There is
reason to suppose this Witness has been
induced to abscond either from apprehen=
=sion of his personal safety by remain=
=ing at this place, to give Evidence on the
trial of this Prisoner and others similarly
situated, or from having been promised
or perhaps having received a pecuniary
reward to absent himself - The Witness to
whom I allude is Hyder Shaw a Jack=
=er, who in the course of these Proceedings
will be shewn to have had a perfect know=
=ledge of these Mutinous Meetings detailed
in the first charge and frequently to have
attended them, and I shall prove by the
testimony of Lieutenant Colonel Hall and
Major Winfield that after a most minute
examination of the Prisoners person he
he pointed out the Prisoner as one of the
Conspirators

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Conspirators to a Board of Officers assem:
=bled at this place to investigate this =
=meting -.

The absence of this Evidence Hussain =
Shaw will not however so materially =
lessen the force of the Prosecution as from
what I have said might be inferred —
The whole of the Native Witnesses here
present will deliver testimonials directly
and pointedly in support of the Prosecu:
=tion. and will clearly show the Prisoner
joined in these Mutinous Meetings and
assented to. and promised to assist at the
Murder of the European Officers and
Artillery Men at Quilon — The first
Evidence I shall call is Lieutenant Colo:
=nel Hall.

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on
the Prosecution is duly Sworn.-

Lieutenant Colonel Hall

I received information about the
latter

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latter end of May last of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by several men of the Force under my Command the intent of which conspiracy was to destroy the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore with a view to investigate fully the truth of this information and to obtain a Knowledge of the extent of the conspiracy as also to detect the men who were engaged in it. I ordered a Court of Enquiry & Board of Officers to assemble of which I was President — At this Board many witnyses were examined and Among others a man by name Hyssain Shaw a Packer, sent to me by the Resident in Travancore, this person by his own Confession in the instance to the Resident and afterwards by undoubted evidence received by the Board of Officers was found

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found to have been one of the Conspirators and very well aware of all the Leading men engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy — In his testimony before the Board of Officers he declared several Native Officers belonging to the Force, to be engaged in the Mutinous plot — and in consequence of this declaration several Native Officers were sent for by name, Shaik Nuttee Syrang Artillery, Jemadar Syd Mozaffir Native Adjt. Lank 2d Battalion 9th Regiment. Subidars Syd Noor and Nibby Cawn 2d Battalion 11th Regiment. Subidars Mahomed Khawn, Poran Sing and Mahomed Ally 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment. Subidars Abdul Nabby, Abdul Cawder, Budda or Khader oudeen, Khader Cawn, and Jemidar Boran Beg, 2d Battalion 18th Regiment

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and were brought into the room where the Board of Officers with this Packer Hussain Shaw, were sitting — The Packer pointed out the Prisoner Mahomed Cawn Subidar 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment, and said he was one of the Conspirators. and he pointed out the other Native Officers. as being also engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy. the whole of them brought to the Board of officers on Suspicion. to be indentified. having been gone through, the Packer appearing to me to have doubts of some of them. and for the purpose of preventing as much as possible any mistake I directed the Packer Hussain Shaw to withdraw, when the positions of the several Officers. he accused. were changed while absent. Hussain Shaw was most anxiously and impressively told

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by Major Winfield by my orders to be clear and positive of the people he point-ted out. as it was matter of most serious consequence to them. and not to point out any one but of whom he had a-personal Knowledge; on re-entering the room. I directed this Faukeer Gly-=sain Shaw again. to regard everyone of them with great attention. and again to say if he knew all of them to be im-plicated — On this more minute ex-amination he declared three of them namely Syrang Shaik. Native Artillery, Subedar Poran Sing and Mahomed Ally 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment not to be engaged in this Conspiracy with his Knowledge. but he again most-positively said. the Prisoner was-implicated together with Jemedar-Syd Mozaffer. Native. Adjutant 2d.

Battalion

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Battalion 9th Regiment Subedars Sied Noor and Nabby Cawn 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment, Subidars Abdul Nabby, Abdul Cawder. Budda or Khader Oudeen. Khader Cawn. and Jemadar Boran Beg 2d Battalion 18th Regiment. He was a second time directed to withdraw, the positions of the Native Officers were again changed. The Cautions were repeated to him and on being introduced again he pointed out exactly the same Native Officers, as he had done the second time, and he made the same exceptions. In consequence of this information I placed in arrest the Prisoner and the other Native Officers said to be implicated — and sent them under an Escort to Trichinopoly —

Deputy Judge Advocate } Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means of the existence

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existence at this Station of. Mutinous and Seditious. Meetings as set forth in the 1st. Charge?

Lieutenant Colonel Hall } . None prior to the discovery of the . Mutiny, and what he communicated to me subsequently was of no importance.

The Witness Retires

. Major J. P. Winfield 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution is duly sworn.

The Charges are read.

Deputy Judge . Advocate. } Do you Know the Prisoner?

. Major Winfield Yes.

Question – Was you a. Member of a Board of Officers assembled at Quilon about the latter end of. May last, to investigate a. Mutinous Conspiracy which had been discovered among the Troops. at this Station?

. Answer I was.

Question Who was President of this Board?

. Answer – Lieutenant Colonel Hall –

Question

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Question. At this Enquiry, was a man by name Hussain Shaw a Farkeer considered a Principal Witness?

Answer. He was.

Question. Did he appear to be perfectly aware of the extent of the plot, and to know well the leading men engaged in it?

Answer. He appeared to be well acquainted with the Plot and to know those who were the leading men engaged in it.

Question. Did this man Hussain Shaw say any Native Officers were engaged in this Conspiracy, if so, mention their names?

Answer. He mentioned the names of several Native Officers as being present at a Meeting at a Farkeer's place called Kot Bawa Ka Muckawn, the names he gave before the Court are Subidars Abdul Nabby, Budda Oudeen, Abdullah Cawn, Abdul Cawder, and a Mogul Jemadar

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(whose name he did not Know) of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment. the first and Se: cond Subidars of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment, the Native Adjutant of the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment, Mahomed Cawn Subidar, the Prisoner, the late Shaik Hussain Jemadar, the late Salabut Cawn, Ally Cawn and Mustapha Sepoys 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment, he stated also - the late Hallam Tacker and Sergooroo Yacker were present. At this Meeting it was propo =sed to Kill the Officers and to seize this Country. which was agreed to by those - present. Besides these, there were three - other Native Officers by name Shaik Mut: =tee, Syrang Artillery, Subidar Mahomed Ally 2d Battalion 14th Regiment, and a Rajahpoot Subidar of Grenadiers of Near Corps. brought before the Board of Officers on the 28th May last in Consequence of the information of this Tacker. -

Question

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Question Do you perfectly recollect that this man Hussain Shaw said the whole of the Native officers whose names you have mentioned, were implicated in this Conspiracy?

Answer- Yes, he pointed them out, with the exception of the three last mentioned, Separately and repeatedly in the presence of the Board of Officers — He hesitated the first and second time at the two Native Officers of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment, but the third time he positively included them also-

Question You are Certain Hussain Shaw at the Board of Officers and in your presence pointed out the Prisoner as one engaged in this Mutiny?

Answer Most Certain

Question On what authority or grounds did he say he acted in thus pointing out the

Prisoner

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Prisoner as one of the Conspirators?-

Answer It appeared to me, his reasons for accusing the Prisoner were, his having been present and having agreed to the proposal made at the Meeting I have before mentioned.-

Question By the investigation gone through by you as a Member of the Board of Officers can you conscientiously declare.- that you consider this Prisoner to have been one of the Conspirators?-

Answer. No, not from what appeared before the Board of Officers, as there was only the assertion of this Fackeer Jaupain Shaw.-

Question Since the dissolution of this Board of Officers, of which you was a Member, have you had occasion to make enquiry into this Mutinous Conspiracy or have you had an opportunity of acquiring a further Knowledge of the men who were engaged

in

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in it?

Answer Yes. by desire of the British Resi=
dent and of the Officer Commanding in
Travancore. I have made further enqui=
=ries into the late transactions. —

Question State the Source of your information?

Answer. My information is from the State=
=ments of Shaik Emaum and Shaik
Chaund, two men who were engaged in
the Conspiracy and the intelligence brought
to me. by trusty man of my own Corps, on
whose Correctness I place every reliance —

Question Then can you conscientiously declare
you think this Prisoner was engaged in
this Mutinous Conspiracy?

Answer. Yes, from those subsequent enqui=
=ries, I do not hesitate to say, in my opinion
the Prisoner was engaged in the plot dis=
=covered here in May last. —

Question Do you recollect that by orders of
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Hall at the Board of Officers, you anxiously and impressively warned this Packer Hussain Shaw to be most particular and Cautious in saying those Native Officers were engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy, and not to point out any one he was not personally acquainted with?

Answer. Yes, by orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hall, I took this Packer into the Verandah of the Main Guard, and there most particularly cautioned him on those points, and repeated my Cautions to him, after he had a second time examined them, and previous to the third examination.—

The Witness here gives a specimen of his proficiency in the Hindoostanee Language which is highly satisfactory to the Court.—

The Witness retires—

Shaik

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Shaik Emaum, Private 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment. Native Infantry an Evi: =dence on the Prosecution to duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast.-

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer- Yes. very well, the Prisoner is Subidar of my Company.-

Question Do you Know that. Mutenous. Meet: =ings were held Some time ago at this Station.

Answer. Yes. Mutenous. Meetings were held some time ago in the. Mookawn of a Lame Facker. who is dead.-

Question How do you Know these. Mutenous. Meetings were held?

Answer- I attended them for two months.

Question What were the objects of these. Mu: =tenous. Meetings.?

Answer. They were for the purpose of Form: =ing a plan to murder the European &

Officers

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Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore,
and this being a new Country it was de-
-termined to seize it. to raise Battalions,
and to guard the Passes into the Country,
and to make the Rajah of Cottinghevvy.
Rajah of Travancore.-

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at
any of these Mutinous Meetings?-

Answer. Yes, I saw the Prisoner twice at
these Mutinous Meetings, and each time
he, the late Shaik Hussain Jemidar
and the late lame Tasker spoke of the
Murder of the Officers, and the Seizure
of this Country; and for the two Months
I attended and was engaged in these--
Mutinous Meetings, I have constantly-
seen the Prisoner going and coming to the
Muckawa-

Question Do you positively know the Pri-
-soner assented to, and promised to assist
at

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at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery Men at Quilon?—

Answer Yes. the Prisoner willingly agreed to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery Men at Quilon — The Prisoner used to encourage the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, saying "I have joined in this Conspiracy, dont be afraid, I will bring some Men to assist us."—

Question Do you Know that any time was fixed on, to carry the plans of Murder into execution?—

Answer. Yes. it was determined to murder the European Officers on the night of the review of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment while the Officers were at Dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps, and if prevented on that night, it was fixed to attempt the Murder at a large Dinner expected

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soon to be given by the Resident or on any other favourable opportunity, and to all these plans the Prisoner agreed.—

Question Do you know if any part was assigned to the Prisoner in this business?—

Answer. I do not know, but I know he agreed to all the business.—

Question Did you consider the Prisoner very active, and did he appear to be happy to murder the European Officers?—

Answer- Yes. The Prisoner was always active and pushing the people on, not to lose time, and he appeared very happy at the idea of murdering the European Officers.—

Question Do you know that the Prisoner used to encourage by words, the people who were engaged in this Conspiracy?—

Answer— Yes, I have heard the Prisoner in the Mookaun, encourage the Conspi-

=rators.

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Conspirators and tell them not to be a-
-fraid. and I have heard him say to the
Jemadar Shaik Hussain and Lance Packer,
"if this business was found out or was told
"by any of the men. to the Officers. that he
"from the confidence placed in him, by all
"the European Officers of the Corps, would
"go to them and tell them. there was no
"such thing as a Mutiny. that it was all
"a lie, and he had no doubt of being believed"
and I know this was credited by the Con-
-spirators as the Prisoner was very much
in the Confidence of the European Officers
and liked by all of them.—

Question Do you know a man by name
Hussain Shaw a Packer?—

Answer. Yes. I know him well, he was a
leading man in this Mutiny, and constantly
attended the Muckawa, and knew well
every one engaged in this Conspiracy, and

I have

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I have seen the Prisoner with this—

Factor in My. Muckawn—

Question by the Court— Do you Know if the Prisoner was to recive any reward from his Servias in this busines?—

Answer— He was to be made an Amer.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer yes. most positively.—

The Witness Retires.

Shaik Chaund, Prvate 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry, an Evidence on the Prosecution. is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast.—

The Charges are read and explained.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer yes. the Prisoner is Subidar of my Company.—

Question Do you Know that Mutinous—

Meetings were held some time ago at this Station?—

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Station?-

Answer- Yes. Mutinous. Meetings were held at this Station some time ago in the Mack=-=aws of a Lame Tailor who is dead.-

Question How do you Know these Mutinous Meetings were held?-

Answer. I attended them for two Months.-

Question What were the objects of these Mu=-=tinous Meetings?-

Answer- They were for the purpose of forming a plan to Murder the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore, and this being a new Country it was determined to seize it, to raise Battalions, to enlarge the Sepoy's pay, and to make the Rajah of Cottiw=-=ghurry, Rajah of Travancore and to create Anarchy.-

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at any of these Mutinous Meetings?-

Answer- Yes, I saw the Prisoner four times at

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at these Mutinous Meetings, and each time the Murder of the European Officers the Seizure of the Country and every thing Connected with the Mutiny were talked over.—

Question Do you positively know the Prisoner willingly assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery Men at Dindigul?—

Answer— Yes, I know the Prisoner willingly agreed to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men at Dindigul, and further the Prisoner used to encourage the Conspirators by saying "I am joined in this Mutiny, don't be afraid; should this business be reported by any of the Men to the European Officers, I will tell them it is all a lie and get the Fellow hanged, all of you know how much Confidence is placed

in.

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in me, and how much I am liked by all the European Officers — in this way the Prisoner always spoke and every Body believed him as they knew him to be a favorite of the European Officers. I did not hear him say he would bring any men to assist. —

Question — Do you know any time was fixed on to carry into execution these plans of Murder?

Answer — Yes, it was determined to attempt the Murder of the European Officers, on the night of the Review of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment while the Officers were at Dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps, and if prevented on that night, it was fixed to murder the Officers at a large Dinner expected soon to have been given by the Resident: and if again prevented on any other favorable opportunity, and to all

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all these plans the Prisoner willingly & agreed -

Question Do you Know if any particular part in this business was assigned to the Prisoner? -

Answer I do not Know, but I Know the Prisoner agreed to the business. -

Question Did you ever hear the Prisoner say in the Meetings "this business ought to be done immediately, it ought not to be delayed." ?

Answer Yes, I have heard him say so to the same Packer. twice, in three Meetings, and Shaik Emaum Sepoy was present at the time, I think, as also Peniadar Shaik Hussain. Havildars Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cawder. and some others. whom I do not recollect. Great attention was paid to every thing the Prisoner said as he was Considered by

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by the Conspiriators a clever man, and was well known to be a great favorite of all the Officers—

Question — Do you know a man by name Hussain Shaw a Packer?

Answer — Yes. I know him well, he constantly attended the Mutinous Meetings in the Mudkawn and knew every body and every thing connected with this Mutiny—

He has run away — I have seen the Prisoner with this man Hussain Shaw at Mutinous Meetings in the Mudkawn three times.

Question by the Court — Do you know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?—

Answer — He was to be made an Amer.

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer — Yes. most positively.

The Witness retires

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The Court adjourns till 9 O'Clock on Mon:
day Morning.—

Monday the 28th. of December 1812.

Court met pursuant to Adjournment—

Members all present.

The Proceedings of Saturday are read over and explained.—

Shaik Emaum Private 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment. Native Infantry an=
Evidence on the part of the Prosecution is again called into Court and examined on his former Oath.—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Did you ever hear the Prisoner say in the Mackaun at those Mutinous Meet=
ings "this murder or this business ought to be done immediately, it ought not to be delayed."—

Answer Yes, I have heard the Prisoner say, "this business must be done immediately. and should any one report it to the European

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European Officers. I will tell them it is a lie"—

Question Did you ever hear the Prisoner at these Mutinous Meetings say "if this 'business is found out we shall lose "our lives"—?

Answer I never did.

The Witness Retires—

Vencatram Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution, is duly sworn in Conformity to his Cast—

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes, very well, the Prisoner is my Company Subidar.—

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station?

Answer Yes. Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station in the

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The Muckawn of a Lame Tacker who is dead.-

Question How do you Know?-

Answer I attended those Mutinous Meetings for fifteen days.-

Question What were the objects of those Mutinous Meetings?-

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to seize this Country.-

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at any of those Mutinous Meetings?

Answer. I saw the Prisoner twice in the Muckawn; on the first occasion the late Lame Tacker, the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain; Havildars Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cawder; Shaik Hamed and Mahomed Hussain Sepoys, myself and some other whose names I do not recollect were

Consulting

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Consulting on the Murder of the European Officers and on every thing connected with this Mutiny, when the Prisoner came to the Mucksawn accompanied by two people relations of the Prisoner, who had come from Trevandrum.— Soon as the Prisoner entered the Mucksawn, he directed me to go to his house to bring some beetle and if there was none there, to go to the Bazar and to buy and bring some to him, at the Mucksawn, which I did, and on giving the Prisoner the Beetle. I went out of the Meeting and left the Prisoner with the above mentioned people in the Mucksawn— On the second occasion. I was ordered by the Hot Havildar of the Light Company. to report "all the men present at Roll call" to the Prisoner, as Subedar of the Company. I went to the Prisoner's house, but did not find him at home, and I was told by some

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some of the house people that the Prisoner was in the Muckawn. I went there and found the Prisoner. to whom I made the report of the Light Company. and I came away +

Question Do you recollect or do you know if it was customary for the Battalion people of the Mahomedan sect to frequent this Muckawn for religious purposes?

Answer Yes. they used to go to say their prayers. but it was the place too. where those Mutinous Meetings were held.

Question The second time you saw the Prisoner at this Muckawn who were with him?

Answer The late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, the same Jacker. the two Havildars Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cowder. Mahomed Hussain. Ebram and some others whom I do not recollect. were setting with the

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The Prisoner —

Question Did you ever hear the Prisoner say he had joined in this Conspiracy? —

Answer No. the Prisoner never said before me, that he had joined in this Mutinous Conspiracy, nor do I recollect ever to have heard from any of the Conspirators in the Mutings, that the Prisoner had joined. —

Question What did you think of the Prisoners coming to the Mackaw, the first time and sending you away, and of sending him there a second time with several Men you knew to be Conspirators? —

Answer. I thought the Prisoner had joined in the Conspiracy and that he wanted battle, when I brought the battle he ordered me to go away, at this time, we were not friends — The second time, I also thought the Prisoner had joined in the Conspiracy,

because

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because he was in Company with people whom I Knew to be engaged in this Mutiny, and from thinking in this way that the Prisoner was engaged in it, on making the discovery I did not report the busenips to him, but to the Jemidar of my Company.—

Question Do you Know any thing further of the Prisoners' conduct in this business?—

Answer At the time the Native Officers were sent for to the Court of Enquiry I was present, and they brought their Commissions with them, imagining they were to sit on the Enquiry, when they found out their mistake, I heard the Prisoner say to the other native officers— "We must not be afraid, we must speak properly to the European Officers" meaning they must say it was all a lie.—

Question Do you Know a man by name Hussain

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Hussain Shaw a Jackur?

Answer. Yes. I know him very well. and this man knows every thing and all the leading men connected with this Mutiny - I have heard him say in the Muckawn that Several men 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment had agreed to this mutiny. but I never heard him say the Prisoner was engaged in it - He has run away.-

Question Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer. Yes. most positively -

The Witness Retires.

Hussain Khawn Private 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn in conformity to the usages of his Cast.-

The Charges are read and explained -

Deputy Judge Advocate -} Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer

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Answer Yes. very well.

Question State to the Court what you know respecting the Charges?

Answer About eight or ten days before the discovery of this Mutiny, and in the middle of the day. I had been washing some Cloaths in the Nullah near to the Mukkawn, and I had come up to the Hedges round the Mukkawn, and had put my Cloaths upon it to dry, and was myself standing under the front pendall of the Mukkawn; the Prisoner came there in his Regimental Dress and with his Sword on. he was Battalion Officer of the Day and called out for the Tacker who was sitting inside with the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain. Shaik Chaund. and discharged Sipoy Ebram and Syd Ebram, Naigue — The Tacker came out. and the Prisoner said to him, "this is a bad

business

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business and we ought not to do it; but we are to do it; and it must be done soon. for if the European officers discover it a great number of People will lose their lives." the Jackur answered." I am only one person. when you all are ready, I too will be perfectly so" the Prisoner said" We are to do this business and it must be kept secret for four days." on saying this and going away the Prisoner took the hand of the Jackur and shook it, and the Jackur said" when the business is over you will ride upon an Elephant" and the Prisoner made a Salam and went away.—

Question Did you make any report of this to any of your officers?—

Answer No. I did not think it of any consequence at the time. but when the business of the Mutiny to murder the European officers was discovered I recollected this conversation

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Conversation between the Prisoner and the lame Packer and reported it. and other things respecting this Mutiny. to Captain Ives—

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now said?

Answer Yes. most positively—

The Witness Returns

Shaik Chaund Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment an Evidence on the Prosecution is again called into Court. and examined on his former oath.—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you recollect sitting in the lame Packers. Muckaun in the middle of the day. about eight or ten days before the discovery of this Mutiny was made, and do you recollect the Prisoners coming there and calling for the Packer?

Answer Yes. I do perfectly and Hussain Khawn was there. some conversation passed

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passed between the Prisoner and the Jackal, in secret, but I overheard the Prisoner say on going away "this business must be done soon" and the Jackal replied "very well."

The Witness Retires.

Captain Ives. 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution, is duly sworn—

The Charges are read—

Deputy Judge Advocate. Do you recollect any report being made to you, by Hussain Khawn Private 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry regarding a Conversation which passed in the presence of Hussain Cawn, between the Prisoner and a person styled, the lame Jackal?

Answer I recollect Hussain Khawn Private of the 4th Company coming to my house on the morning of the 24th May last—

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I think / and giving me a general ac-
-count of the Mutinous Conspiracy. but
I do not recollect the conversation alluded to. in the question. and I do not
even recollect that he particularly mentioned the Prisoner's name.-

The Witness Returns.

The Prosecution is here closed.

Defence -

Prisoner I have been in the Honorable
Company's Service for twenty six years
during the whole of which time I have
behaved most faithfully — I have
been a Commissioned Officer for fourteen
years. for eight or nine years of which
Captain Ives has known me — I
positively deny all Knowledge of these
Mutinous Meetings. and every thing
these Witnesses on the prosecution, have
said against me. is false - I never
associated

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associated with the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, nor with the lame Packer. The Jemidar was always a bad man. and I have told so to Captain Ives.

Captain Ives 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment an Evidence on the Defence is again called into Court, and examined on his former Oath -

Question by the Prisoner. State to the Court what reports I made to you respecting the Conduct of a Moonshee, who was attempting innovations in the Mahomedan Cast?

Answer. Three weeks or so. before this disturbance occurred, the Prisoner came to my house and told me. that a Moonshee in the Service of Mr. Spears, was endeavouring to make Disciples, and that he had made two, a Servant of Lieutenant Hilton and a Sepoy of the 4th Company, and was other-ways leading the people astray, by

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by saying. it was lawful to eat Pork, –
and other things forbidden by the Mahomedan Law. and this the Prisoner said might tend to cause a disturbance. I told him to keep a good eye. on those people. and if any thing more occurred to come and acquaint me, but I never heard any thing more about the business from him. –

Question by the Prisoner } Have I not told you that I consider Imidar Shaik Hussain a bad and troublesome man? –

Answer. Yes. the Prisoner told me once at Allepee that the Imidar smoked and drank. and that he thought him a bad man. he also told me, "the Imidar said on the regimental parade. while waiting for Guard. Mounting. that it was past 8 Oclock and that the European. Adjutant had not come and

that

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that he was kept waiting." or words to this effect — the Jemidar was reprimanded for his conduct on this occasion —

Question by the Prisoner — State to the Court, what you know to be my character?

Answer. I have known the Prisoner for eight or nine years, and I have always considered him a good man and an excellent Officer. The greatest Confidence was always placed in him and he was considered one of the best Native officers in the Corps. I cannot call to my recollection any one instance in which he has behaved wrong —

The Witness retires.

The Defence is here closed —

The Court adjourns till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning —

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Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Members all present —

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The Proceedings are read over and explained—

Sentence. The Court having considered with mature attention, the Evidence brought forward in Support of the Prosecution and what has been urged by the Prisoner on his Defence, is of opinion the Prisoner Mahomed Khawn Subidar 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment Native Infantry is Guilty of the 1st. Charge—

The Court is further of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the 2nd. Charge—

Which being in breach of the 3rd. and 4th. Articles of the Second Section of the Articles of War, the Court doth accordingly by virtue of the said Articles, and in reference to the Circumstances of the Case Sentence and adjudge the said Prisoner Mahomed Khawn Subidar 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment Native Infantry

to

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to suffer Death by being hanged by the neck and his Body to be afterwards suspended in chains at such time, in such manner and at such Station of the Army as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct —

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Capt. 14th. N. Regt.
acting D. J. A. —

The mark + of
Letchman Serig Subidar
1st. Batt. 5th Regt. N. I. President

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
12th. February 1813.

I approve and confirm
(Signed) S. Auchmuty
Lieut. Genl.

To Lieutenant Colonel Leith
Judge Advocate General —

Sir,

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I have the honor to transmit herewith the Trials of Subidars Abdul Nabby and Abdul Khader of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment N. I. —

Duilon ½ past 5. P. M.
14th. January 1813 —

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) F. P. Stewart
acting D. J. A. The

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The Native General Court Martial which assembled at Quilon on the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord 1812. by Order of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Commanding the Forces in Travancore under authority from His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Continued by successive Adjournments. is reassembled this day the 29th of December 1812—

Present

Subidar Lelchman Sing 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

President

Members.

Subidar Seyd. Abdullah 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Lelchman Sing — 1st. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Syrang Capsin ..... 2d. Battn. Artillery

Subidar Shaik Ebram — 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Purmaulloo — 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ismall — 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ally .... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Hupsain Cawn — 1st. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I

Subidar

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Subidar Vencatachellum 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Mahomed Hussain 1st. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Sherver ... 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Verapah ——— 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Ramahsawmy — 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Shaik Ally — ... 1st. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stuart. Acting Deputy Judge Advocate

The Court having assembled. The Warrants Constituting its authority are read and explained.

Subidar Abdul Nabby 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court. The names of the Presidents and Members are read to him and he is asked,

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you object to any of the Members composing the Court by which you are about to be tried?—

Prisoner I do not object to any.—

The President and Members are duly sworn, in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts.—

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The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate
is also duly Sworn—
Sooboorow is duly Sworn in Conformity
to the usages of his Cast. Interpreter to
the Court—
The Court Adjourns till 9 O'Clock tomor-
-row. Morning—

Wednesday the 30th of December 1812.

Court met pursuant to Adjournment
Members all present.

The Proceedings of Yesterday are read
over and explained.—

Charge— Abdul Nabby Subidar 5th Battn.
-lion Company 2d Battalion ~~Company~~
2d Battalion 18th Regiment Native
Infantry. placed in arrest by Order
of the Officer Commanding the Forces
in Travancore, on the following Charges.—

1st For joining, aiding and abetting
in Seditious and Mutinous Meetings

For

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For the purpose of destroying the European officers and men of the Subsidiary Force in Travancore -

2d. For concealing and suppressing his Knowledge of such mutinous and seditious Meetings and not giving information thereof as directed by the Articles of War -

(Signed) Alexr. Balmain
M. B to the Troops
in Travancore.

Head Quarters
in Travancore
Quilon 28th May 1812.

By Order
(Signed) F. H. S. Conway
Adjutt. Genl. of the Army -

The Charges having been read and explained to the Prisoner. he is asked, -

Deputy Judge Advocate. Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you?

Prisoner Not Guilty. -

Deputy Judge Advocate. On opening the Prosecution on this trial, I have to regret that a Witness has absented

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absented himself and no tidings can be learned of him whose testimony would have been most direct and pointed in support of the Charges and it would otherwise have been very highly satis= =factory to the Court as he gave the first information against this Prisoner — There is reason to suppose this Witness has been induced to abscond either from apprehension of his personal safety by remaining at this place to give Evidence on the trial of this Prisoner and= =others similarly situated, or from= having been promised or perhaps= having received a pecuniary reward to absent himself. The Witness to whom I allude, is Hussain Shaw a Tanker, who in the course of these Proceedings will be shown to have had a perfect Knowledge of these Mutinous Meet= =ings

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. Meetings detailed in the first Charge and frequently to have attended them. and I shall prove by the testimony of Lieute=nant Colonel Hall and Major Kinsfild that after a most minute examenation of the Prisoners person Yea he pointed out the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators to a Board of Officers assembled at this place to investigate this Mutiny.—

The absence of this Evidence Hussain Shaw will not however so materially lessen the force of the Prosecution as from what I have said might be inferred—

Shaik Emaum one of the Native Witnesses here present will give evidence directly and pointedly in support of the Prosecution— and Shaik Chaund another native Wit=ness will declare the Prisoner was pointed out to him by Hussain Shaw Jacker as one who had joined in this Mutinous Conspiracy

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this was occasioned by Shaik Chaunds ex:
-pressing to the late Serrudar Shaik Hussain
his doubts of any native Officers of the 2d
Battalion 18th Regiment being engaged
in this plot –
I trust by the evidence I shall produce
clearly to shew to the Court, the Prisoner
joined in the Mutinous Conspiracy form
-ed here, and assented to and promised to
assist at the Murder of the European
officers and Artillery men at Dinlon –
I also wish to remark to the Court a
circumstance which however must be
received with caution by the Court against
the Prisoner, and this is, that the whole
of the Native Evidence will be found
to agree as to the number of Native officers
of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment enga:
-ged in this Conspiracy, six native Of:
-ficers of that Corps, are always mentioned
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in the Mutinous Mutings, as having as-
-sented to the Murder of the European Of-
-fears and six only of the 2d Battalion
14th Regiment have been discovered and
are accused — The first Evidence I shall
call is Lieutenant Colonel Hall —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on
the Prosecution is duly Sworn —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall ..... } I received information about the
latter end of May last, of a Conspiracy
having been formed and entered into by
Several Men of the Force under my Com-
-mand the intent of which Conspiracy
was to destroy the European Officers and
Artillery Men in Travancore with a
view to investigate fully the truth of this
information and to obtain a Knowledge of
the extent of the Conspiracy as also to detect
the men who were engaged in it — I ordered
a Court of Enquiry or Board of Officers

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to assemble of which I was President — At this Board many witnesses were examined, and among them a Man by name Hussain Shaw a Packer, sent to me by the President in Travancore. This person by his own Confession in the first instance to the President, and afterwards by undoubted evidence received by the Board of Officers, was found to have been one of the Conspirators, and very well aware of all the Leading men engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy —

In his testimony before the Board of Officers he declared Several Native Officers belonging to this Force to be engaged in this Mutinous plot, and in consequence of this declaration, Several Native Officers were sent for, by name, Shaik Nutter Syrang Artillery, Jemidar Syd Mozaffer Native Adjutant, 2d Battalion 9th Regiment

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Regiment, Subidars Seid. Noor. and Nabby Cawn 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment. Subidars. Mahomed Khawn, Poran Seng and. Mahomed Ally 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment. Subidars. Abdul. Nabby. Abdul Cawder. Budda or Khader Oudien. Khader Cawn and Jemidar Boran Beg 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. and were brought into the room. where the Board of Officers with the Packer Hussain Shaw were sitting. The Packer pointed out the Prisoner. Abdul. Nabby Subedar 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment, and said he was one of the Conspirators. and he pointed out the other Native officers as being also engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy. the whole of them brought to the Board of Officers on suspicion to be identified, having been gone through, the Packer appearing to me to have doubts of some of them and for the purpose of preventing

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as much as possible any mistake. Directed the Packer Hussain Shaw to withdraw when the positions of the Several Officers he accused were changed. while absent. Hussain Shaw was most unconsciously and impressively told by Major Winfield by my orders. to be clear and positive of the people he pointed out. as it was matter of most serious Consequence to them. and not to point out any one. but of whom he had a personal Knowledge; on re-entering the room. I directed this Packer Hussain Shaw again. to regard every one of them with great attention. and again to say if he Knew all of them to be implicated — on this more minute examination he declared three of them. namely. Syrang Shaik Nutter. Artillery, Subidar Poran Sing and Mahomed Ally 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment not to be engaged in this Conspiracy

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Conspiracy with his Knowledge, but he again most positively said the Prisoner was implicated together with Jemidar Seyd Mozaffer Native Adjutant 2nd Battalion 9th Regiment. Subidars Sidnoor and Nabby Cawn 2d Battalion 11th Regiment. Subidar Mahomed Khawn 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment. Subidars. Abdul Cawder. Budda or Khader Oudun, Khader Cawn, and Jemidar Boran Beg 2d Battalion 18th Regiment — He was a Second time directed to withdraw, the positions of the Native Officers were again changed, the Cautions were repeated to him and on being introduced again. he pointed out — exactly the same. Native Officers. as he had done the Second time, and he made the same exceptions. — In consequence of this information. I placed in arrest the Prisoner and the other. Native Officers said. to be implicated

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implicated, and sent them under an Escort to Trichinopoly -

Deputy Judge Advocate } Did you receive any information — from the Prisoner or by his means, of the existence at this Station of the Mutinous Meetings, as set forth in the first Charge? —

Answer. None.

Question by the Prisoner } Did I not desire this Jackar at the Board of Officers to say, if he could, where we had spoken together on the subject of this Meeting? —

Answer I have no recollection any such question was asked by the Prisoner, but it might have been, as my mind was much engaged at this time -

Question by the Prisoner. } Do you recollect having asked this Jackar Hussain Shaw in what place the Native Officers he accused had consulted respecting this Meeting? —

Answer. I do not, but I most perfectly recollect —

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recollect. the Packer pointed out the Pri:
=soner in most direct terms. as being enga:
=ged in this Mutiny -

The Witness retires.

Major J. F. Winfield 2d. Battalion
11th Regiment. Native Infantry an Evi:
=dence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn. -

The Charges are read. -

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you know the Prisoner. ?

Answer Yes.

Question Was you a Member of a Board of
Officers assembled at Quilon about the
latter end of May last. to investigate a
Mutinous Conspiracy. which had been dis:
=covered amongst the Troops at this Station. ?

Answer I was -

Question Who was President of this Board ? -

Answer Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Question. At this enquiry. was a man by name
Hussain Shaw a Packer considered a
principal

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principal Witness? —

. Answer Yes.

Question Did he appear to be perfectly aware of the extent of the Plot, and to Know well the Leading men engaged in it? —

. Answer He Seemed to be aware of the extent of the plot and to Know well the people who were principally engaged in it. —

Question . Did this man Hussain Shaw say before the Board of Officers. that any na: = two Officers were engaged in this Conspiracy, if so. mention their names? —

. Answer He mentioned that he had been present at a Meeting at a Packer's place, called Kat Bawa. Ka. Mudkawn, where a proposal was made by the Prisoner. now. before the Court and agreed to by all present "to Kill the Officers and to Seize this Country" — . At this . Meeting. he stated that besides the Prisoner there were present. the late Wazeer Lame Packer

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Packur, Sergooroo Packur. Subidar Budr=da Oudun. Abdullah Cawn. Abdul Cawder. and a Mogul Jemidar of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. whose name he did not Know; the first and second Subidars of the 2d. Battalion 11th. Regi=ment; the Native Adjutant of the 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment; Mahomed Khawn Subidar; the late Shaik Hussain Jemidar; the late Salabut Khawn; Ally Cawn. and Mustapah Privates 2d. Batta=lion 14th Regiment — From information received from this same Packur, three other Native Officers. Mahomed Ally Subidar 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment, and a Rajapoot Subidar of Grenadiers of the same Corps. and Shaik Nutter Sje=rang of Artillery were brought before the Board of Officers —

Question Do you perfectly recalled this Packur.

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Tacker Hussain Shaw said. the whole of the Native Officers whose names you have mentioned were implicated in the Mutinous Conspiracy?

Answer Yes. he was desired to point them out before the Board of Officers. where he excepted as not recognizing them to be concerned. the three last mentioned by me — The others he individually — and repeatedly pointed out as concerned, the first and Second time he hesitated some what as the two Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 11th Regiment. but after=wards positively included them —

Question You are certain Hussain Shaw at the Board of Officers and in your presence. pointed out the Prisoner as one engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy?

Answer Most Certain

Question On what authority or grounds did he

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he say he acted in thus pointing out the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators.—?

Answer It appeared to me his reasons for pointing out the Prisoner, as being engaged in this Mutiny, were. the Prisoners having made the proposal "to kill the Officers and to seize this Country" as the Meeting I have already mentioned.—

Question By the investigation gone through by you as a Member of the Board of Officers. can you conscientiously declare that you consider this Prisoner to have been one of the Conspirators.—?

Answer Not by the investigation that was gone through by the Board of Officers. as there was before them. only the simple assertion of this Faeker, but by subsequent enquiries. made by desire of the British Resident and the Commanding Officer in Travancore. I have no hesitation in

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in stating it. as my opinion "that the Prisoner was engaged in the Mutinous Conspiracy discovered here in May last" what induces me to form this opinion is, the Statements I have taken down of Shaik Emaum and Shaik Chaund two of the men engaged in this Conspiracy. Corroborated by intelligence I received from trusty men of my own Corps. in whom I can confide.—

Question Do you recollect that by Orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hall you anxiously and impressively warned this Sacker Hussain Shaw to be most particular — and Cautious in saying these native officers were engaged in the Conspiracy and not to point out any one he was not personally acquainted with. —?

Answer. Yes. I perfectly recollect taking him into the front Verandah of the Main

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Main Guard. for that purpose and
threw most earnestly cautioned him; to
point out only those of whom he was
po-sitive and of whom he had a per:
=sonal Knowledge; and I repeated my
Cautions to him after he had a second
time examined the Native Officers and
previous to the third examination.
The Witness gives a Specimen of his
Proficiency in the Hindoostanee Language
which is highly Satisfactory to the Court.

Question by the Court — Do you recollect at my request hav:
=ving asked this Packer Hussain Shaw
at the Board of Officers. where the Na
=tive officers he accused had consulted
about this Mutiny? —

Answer I do not recollect this particular
question. I was desired to ask many
similar ones at that time. but the Packer
stated before the Board of Officers on a
subsequent

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subsequent day that the Native officers he had accused had been at the Mutinying I have already mentioned—

The Witness Returns.

Shaik Emaum Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to his Oath—

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes, very well; he is Abdul Nabby Subidar of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment.

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings were held here some time ago?

Answer- Yes. Mutinous Meetings were held in the Muckawn of a Lame Tacker, who is dead, and I attended those Mutinous Meetings for two Months. The late Lame Tacker, the Tacker who has run away Hussain Shaw, the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain

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Hussain, the late Salabat Khawn, Ally Cawn. Shaik Rustoom and Shaik Ho:=med Sepoys. and Havildars Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cawder. and others whose names I do not recollect. were also constantly at these Mutinous Meetings —

Question — What were the objects of these Mu:=tinous Meetings? —

Answer — They were for the purpose of Comm:=ing plans to murder the European Offi=cers and Artillery men in Travancore; and this being a new Country. it was= determined to seize it. to raise Battalions and to guard the Passes. and to make the Rajah of Cottingherry Rajah of= Travancore. —

Question — Do you Know the Prisoner was ac:=quainted with these Mutinous Meetings and with the intentions of the people who were engaged in them? —

Answer

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Answer Yes. The Prisoner was acquainted with these Mutinous Meetings being held and he was also acquainted with the intentions of the people who were engaged in them.—

Question How do you know this?

Answer— Some days / perhaps Seven / before the Review of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. about nine o'Clock at night I accompanied the late Cane Tacker. the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain. the late Salabut Cawn. Ally Cawn Sepoys. and Hussain Shaw Tacker. to the lines of that Corps. for the purpose of meeting some of the Native Officers of the 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regiment. We met them in a Muckawn and we exchanged Betle and Betle nut, the business of the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore

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the Seizure of this Country, the Making of a Rajah, the raising of Battalions — and every thing connected with this Mutiny were most fully spoken of, and all the Native officers of the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment who were present, namely Subidars Abdul Nabby (the Prisoner) Abdul Khader, Budda Oudeen, and Khader Cawn, Boran Beg, Jemidar and Shaik Hussain Jemidar (called by the Men Mahomed Cassim) assented to these plans and promised to give their assistance, at the Murder of the European officers and Men in Duilon. — after this, every one present took an Oath of secrecy and of attachment, and I heard and saw the Prisoner take the oath, saying he never would divulge what had passed and promising to remain faithful to the Mutiny" —

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Question — Was your going to the Lines of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment. for the purpose you have mentioned, accidental or was it premeditated?

Answer — Expressly to Consult about, and to get some of the Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment to join in this Mutiny.

Question — Do you Know who arranged the business of your going?

Answer — Hussain Shaw Tacker in the Course of that day came to the Muckawn and told the late Jemadar Shaik Hussain that some of the Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment would agree to the Mutiny, but they wanted to speak to the Jemadar and some of the men engaged. face to face, that they might Know properly, all the business —

Question — Was there any Candle or Lamp

burning

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burning in the place you met the native officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment?

Answer. There was no camp burning, nor much light in the place, but it was sufficiently light to see the peoples' faces, besides We were seated very close to each other.

Question. Do you positively swear, you heard the Prisoner assent to and promise to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men in Quilon?

Answer. Yes, most positively.

Question. Do you also positively swear you heard and saw the Prisoner take an oath not to divulge the business of this Mutiny?

Answer. Yes, most positively.

Question. Was any time fixed on to carry these plans of Murder into execution?

Answer. It was determined to attempt the Murder of the European Officers on the nights

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nights of the Review of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment while the Officers were at dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps, and if prevented on that night, it was fixed to attempt it at a large Dinner expected to be given by the Resident. and if again prevented, on any other favora: ble opportunity and to all these plans, the Prisoner assented —

Question. Do you know Hussain Shaw a Packer?

Answer Yes. I know him well — This man was acquainted with all the principal people engaged in this Mutiny, and was in the habits of telling over. in the Mark: =own. the names of the Native Officers who had joined. and I have often heard Hussain Shaw mention the Prisoners name in those Mutinous Meetings as one who had joined in the Conspiracy.

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He has run away.—

Question Do you Know. that the Conspirators considered the Prisoner engaged in this Mutiny. and that they expected he would assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men?

Answer Yes, every body considered the Prisoner engaged in the Mutiny and expected him to assist at the Murder. many of the Conspirators used to speak of the Prisoner having joined in the Mutiny and every one Knew it, and always in the Muckaun it was mentioned that Six native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment had joined and that more were expected—

Question Do you Know any thing further of the Prisoner's Conduct in this business?

Answer He promised to bring some Men from his Company to assist. as did the other Native Officers of the 2d Battalion 18th

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18th. Regiment who had joined in the
Conspiracy.—

Question by the Court } Do you Know, if any reward was promised the Prisoner for his Services in this business?—

Answer He with the other Native Officers was to be made an Amer.—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer Yes. every word I have said on this trial is most positively true.—

The Witness retires

Shaik Chaund Private 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. Native Infantry an Evi-dence on the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to his Cast.—

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?—

Answer Yes. very well. he is Abdul Nabby Subidar 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment.—

Question

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Question Do you Know. Mutinous. Meetings were held at this Station. some time ago?

Answer Yes.. Mutinous. Meetings were held some time ago at this Station in the Mark= =own of a Lame Packer who is dead, and I attended those. Mutinous. Meetings for two. Months; the late Lame Packer, the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, Havildars Shaik. Kutter and Abdul Cawder, the late Salabut Cawn; Ally Cawn; Shaik Hamed; Shaik Rustoom Sepoys, and many others whom I do not now recollect, were also = constantly at those. Mutinous Meetings, and Jemidar Shaik Hussain was the leading man. and a man by name Hussain Shaw a Packer was likewise considered a prin= =cipal man in this. Mutiny. and knew well every body and all the Native officers engaged in the Conspiracy —

Question What were the intentions of the men who

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who were engaged in these Mutinous Meet-
-ings?

Answer Their intentions were to murder the
European Officers and Artillery men in
Travancore, to seize this Country, to raise
Battalions, guard the passes into the
Country, and to make the Cottingherry
Rajah, Rajah of Travancore—

Question At these Mutinous Meetings have
you heard the Prisoner was engaged
in this Conspiracy?—

Answer Yes. I have often heard it—Hussain
Shaw the Packer who has run away, had
all the names of the Native Officers and
principal people who were engaged in
this Mutiny to destroy the Officers, written
down, and always used to read them
over to the people in the Mudkaun, and
I have often heard him mention the Prison
-er as one of the Conspirators, and I know

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the Mutineers of my own Battalion, considered the Prisoner as having joined and expected him to assist whenever the Murder should be attempted, every one in the Muckaun spoke of the Prisoner and of Subidars Abdul Khader, Budr-da Oudeen, Abdullah Kaun or Khader Caun, Boran Beg Jemidar and Shaik Hussain (Mahomed Capeen) Jemidar 2d Battalion 18th Regiment, as having engaged in this Conspiracy, and I have heard their names often, and often repeated in the Mutinous Mutings.

Question Was the Prisoner ever pointed out to you by any one, as being one of the Native officers of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment, who had joined in this Mutiny?

Answer Some of the Mutineers and Myself mentioned to the late Jemidar Shaick Hussain, our fears, that the Jackeer Hussain

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Hussain Shaw, was not telling the truth in saying in the Mudkaun. that Seve-ral Native officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment. had joined in this Conspiracy and that we wanted more proof than merely the Packer's word.- The Jemadar said. very well. if you will not believe what is written down, go with the Packer and he will point out to you the whole of the Native Offi-cers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment whose names you have heard in the Mudkaun. — We accordingly went with the Packer to the Road where the Native Officers were to pass in going from their Parade to their Houses, — and the Packer on the approach of the Prisoner to where we were standing, walked from us about ten paces. and spoke to him; what they said I did not

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hear, but on the Prisoners going away, I heard him say to the Tasker, "Give "my Salam to the Jemidar" and the Tasker afterwards told us he was one and pointed out five others. whose names are already mentioned. and whose faces I know very well; we after this went to the Mudkawn. and told the Jemidar we had seen the Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment, six in number, and that we were satisfied. and I heard the Tasker Hussain Shaw deliver to the Jemidar Shaik Hussain, the Salam of these six native officers, mentioning at the same time, their names. which were as I have already mentioned. Six Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. was the number always spoken of in the Mudkawn as having

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joined in this Conspiracy.—

Question Did you positively Consider the Prisoner, and do you know. he was positively considered by the people in these. Mutinous. Meetings as one from whom assistance was to be received on attempting the Murder of the European Officers and Men?—

Answer. I positively Considered the Pri.=soner, and the other Conspirators said they considered the Prisoner, one from whom assistance was to be received. and I declare. had the business been attempt.=ted. I should have expected the same assistance from the Prisoner. as from others whom I know myself to be Con:=spirators and whom I had always seen at the. Mutinous. Meetings.—

Question Do you know that any time was fixed on to carry into execution. the

. Murder

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Murder of the European Officers and Nawab Dulloo?—

Answer. It was determined to attempt to murder the Officers on the night of the Review of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment while the Officers were at Dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps, and if prevented on that night it was resolved to attempt it at a large Dinner expected soon to be given by the Resident. and if again prevented, on any other favourable opportunity.—

Question by the Court } Do you know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?—

Answer. The Jemidar said he had written down the names of the Native Officers engaged in this business, that they might be known. as after the murder and the seizure of the Country they were to be made

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made. Answrs—

Question by the Prisoner — How long ago is it since the Jack=ener Hussain Shaw pointed me out to— you as one of the Conspirators?—

Answer. About eight days before the Review of the 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regiment / that is about the 12th. or 14th. may last / —

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer. Yes, most positively every word is true.—

The Witness Retires

Hussain Khawn Private 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment Native Infantry an= Evidence on the Prosecution. is duly= Sworn in Conformity to his Cast.—

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate.— Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer I have seen him on Duty. and Know him to be a Subidar of the 2nd. Battalion

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Battalion 18th Regiment.

Question — State to the Court what you know relating to the Charges?

Answer — About Seven Months ago I went one evening, in consequence of my house being uncovered, to sleep at the Muckawn of a lame Tacker, who is dead — About eight o'clock many people came there, and amongst them, the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, Havildars Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cawder, Ally Cawn, Shaik Hommed, late Salabat Cawn and many others, whom I do not now recollect. They seated themselves, and I overheard them, speak of their intentions to murder the European officers and Artillery Men in Travancore - and to seize this Country. The late Jemidar Shaik Hussain seemed the leading man there, and got up and spoke to the people and in his

speech

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Speach he particularly said. Six
. Native Officers of the 2d Battalion 18th
Regiment had joined in this business
and had promised to bring some men
to assist. whenever the Murder of the
European Officers should be attempted,
and the late Lame Tasker also got up
and said that Six. Native Officers of
the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment. had
joined in this Conspiracy and would
bring some men to assist whenever the
. Murder of the European Officers. should
be attempted, and every one present seemed
to believe this. for no one asked any ques-
tions. or made any objections to what
was said by the Jemidar and Tasker.-

Question Did neither the Jemidar or
Tasker mention the names of those Six
Native Officers 2d Battalion 18th Regi.
=ment, they said, had agreed to the
. Murder

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Murder of the Officers?

Answer No—

Question Do you know any thing further?

Answer— No—

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer— Yes. most positively—

The Witness Retires

Sadkerah Private 2d Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to this Cast—

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know Jemidar Shaik Hussain of the 2d Battalion 1st Regt?

Answer Yes.—

Question Did you ever hear this man say any thing relating to a Mutiny which had been discovered at this place?

Answer— Yes. he said "had that rascal

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"of a Jackeir not told the Native Offi-
"cers Names to Lieutenant Colonel Hall,
"by this time a great business would
"have been done; had the Native Offi-
"cers not been sent away, and had
"our first Subidar been here, by this time,
"every European Officer's head would
"have been Cut off, between this place
"and Trichinopoly;" he did not mention
the name of the first Subidar.-

Question — Where did this Conversation —
take place?—

Answer — In a hut near to the lines of the
2d Battalion 18th Regiment into which
I had gone with Syd Cassim. Sepoy
2d Battalion 11th Regiment, on account
of rain coming on, and Jemadar Shaik
Hussain came into the hut afterwards,
and turned out two Children who were
playing there, before he began to speak

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in the manner I have mentioned.—

Jemidar Shaik Hussain. Syd Cassim
and myself were the only people present
when the Jemidar spoke.—

Question Do you positively swear to the truth
of what you have now deposed?—

Answer Yes. most positively.—

The Witness Retires.

Syd Cassim Private 2nd Battalion 11th
Regiment an Evidence on the Prosecution
is duly sworn in Conformity to his Cast—

The Charges are read and explained.—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you Know Jemidar Shaik Hus-
sain 2d Battalion 11th Regiment?—

Answer Yes.

Question Did you ever hear the man say
any thing relating to a Mutiny which
had been discovered at this place?—

Answer Yes, he said "had that rascal of a
Tailor not pointed out the Native Officers
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and told their names to Lieutenant Colonel Hall. and had Colonel Hall not sent them away and had our first Subidar been here. by this time every European Officers head. between this place and Tuticorin poly. would have been cut off."

Question Where did this Conversation take place?

Answer In a hut near to the Lines of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment, rain came on and Tackurah Private 2d Battalion 11th Regiment and myself went into the hut. Jemidar Shaik Hussain came in afterwards. and two Children were in the hut playing. whom the Jemidar turned out — The Jemidar, Tackurah and myself were the only people present at the time the Jemidar spoke in the manner I have mentioned. —

Question

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Question Did this Jemidar mention the name of the first Subidar. that he spoke of?

Answer No.

Question Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer Yes most positively —

The Witness Returns

It being near to five O'clock P. M. — the Court adjourns till 9 O'clock tomorrow Morning. —

Thursday 9. A. M. 10th 31st December 1812—

Court met pursuant to Adjournment —

Members all present —

The Procedings of yesterday are read over and explained — Subidar Joraiwersing of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment an Evidence on the Prosecution. is duly sworn in Conformity to the Customs of his Cast. —

Deputy Judge Advocate.

Who is the first Subidar of your Corps —

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Corps?

Answer — Subidar Abdul Nabby the Prisoner.

Question — How long has he been first Subidar?

Answer — Since the Mahrattah Campaign in 1803.—

The Witness Retires

Goolam Hussain Havildar 2d Battalion 18th Regiment an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution. is duly Sworn in Conformity to his Cast—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Who is first Subidar of your Corps?

Answer — Subidar Abdul Nabby the Prisoner.

Question — How long has he been first Subidar?

Answer — Since the Mahrattah Campaign in 1803.

The Witness Retires.

The Prosecution is here closed.—

Defence—

Prisoner

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Prisoner I have served the Honorable Com=pany for forty two years most faith=fully. — I have been employed Confi=dentially by General. Nixon and General Braithwaite, and have served in Seve=ral wars and have been wounded in the head, and in the right and left leg. — I most positively deny all Knowledge of the Crimes laid to my Charge. if I had Known any thing of an intended Mutiny; I should instantly have re=ported it to my Commanding Officer; having served so long, I Know my duty well, and I Know the Articles of War. Every thing said by the Witnesses on the Prosecution, I am entirely igno=rant of: I never saw any one of them till they appeared in this Court to give evidence against me, and what Shaik Emaum has said against me is most positively

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positively false— I have further to state that I have been a volunteer for Foreign Service and served at the Capture of the Island of Ceylon; and I have three times embarked on board of Ships. and I was intrus=ted by General Harris with the Con=veying a letter into the Fort of Seven=gapatam which I delivered safe. and to which I brought an Answer. It is very well known to all my Batta=lion and many others how that I had a public quarrel with the Rajah of Cottinghurry and from being on bad terms with him, it is not very likely I should have agreed to assist in any manner the making of this person from being a Prisoner to the situation of Rajah of Travancore—

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate

informs

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informs the Court that at the request of this Prisoner and the other Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment in arrest at this Station and to be tried on Charges similar to the present, he on the 18th. Instant addressed a letter to Major Edward Boardman 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regiment at Seringapatam, requesting that Officer to forward to him without delay — documents of the Characters of the several native Officers of Major Boardman's Corps now in arrest at this Station; and that the Prisoner declares the Reply to this letter to be indispensible to his Defence, and that he consequently requists the Court to postpone further Proceedings on his trial until the arrival of the said letter —

The Court is cleared, and when opened

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The Prisoner is informed his request is
Complied with. —
The Court Adjourns until further notice. —
Two Oclock P. M. . Monday the 4th January
1813. —
Court met pursuant to notice. —
. Members all present.
The Acting Deputy Judge . Advocate. at
the request of the Prisoner informs the —
Court, the Prisoner declines occupying the
time of the Court any longer and conse:
=quently closes his Defence.
The Defence is here closed.
. The Proceedings are read over and exc:
=plained. —

Sentence The Court finds the Prisoner Su
-bidar . Abdul . Nabby of the 2d. Battalion
18th Regiment Native Infantry . Guilty
of all and Several the Crimes charged,
and which being . to the prejudice of good

Order

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Order and Military Discipline it does
therefore by Virtue of the Articles of War
adjudge and Sentence him to Suffer Death
by being hanged by the Neck at such time
and at such Station of the Army, as His
Excellency the Commander in Chief may
be pleased to direct.—

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Capt. A.A.G. D.
Judge Advocate

The mark + of
Letchman Sing Subidar
1st B. 2d R. N. I. President

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
February 12th 1813

I approve and Confirm
(Signed) S. Auchmuty
Lieut. Genl.

The Native General Court Martial,
which assembled at Quilon on the 18th day of Au-
gust in the year of our Lord 1812 — by Orders of
Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Command-
ing the Forces in Travancore, under authority
from His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and
continued by Successive Adjournments: is reassem-
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reassembled this day the 31st of December 1812.—

Present

Subidar Letchman Sing 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.

President

Members,

Subidar Seyd Abdullah 2d Battn 9th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Letchman Sing 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I
Syrang Capsin ..... 2d Battn. Artillery.
Subidar Shaik Ebram 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Purmalloo .... 2d Battn 19th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Shaik Ismall . 2d Battn 19th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Shaik Ally .... 2d Battn 19th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Hypsain Cawn .... 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Venatachellum 2d Battn 11th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Mahomed Hypsain 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Shaik Shuwer — 2d Battn 11th Regt. N.I.
Subidar Verapah ..... 2d Battn 19th Regt. N.I
Jemidar Ramahsawmy .... 2d Battn 19th Regt. N.I.
Jemidar Shaik Ally ..... 2d Battn 5th Regt. N.I.
Captain Stewart Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

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The Court having assembled, the Warrants Constituting its authority are read and explained. Subidar Abdul Khader 2d Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court, the Names of the Presidents and Members are read to him and he is asked,

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you object to any of the Members composing the Court by which you are about to be tried?

Prisoner I do not object to any.

The President and Members are duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts.

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly sworn.

Sooboorow is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast, Interpreter to the Court.

Charge. Abdul Khadir Subidar Grenadier Company 2d Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry

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Infantry. Placed in arrist by Orders of the Offcir Commanding the Forces in Travancore on the following Charges.—

1st For joining, aiding and abetting in Seditious and Mutinous Mutings. for the purpose of distroying the European Offcers and Men of the Subsidiary Force in Travancore—

2d For concaling and Suppressing his Knowledge of such Mutinous and Sedi:-tious Mutings and not giving inform-ation thereof as directed by the Articles of War—

Head Quarters
in Travancore
Quilon 28th May 1812.

(Signed) Alexr. Balmain
M. B to the Troops
in Travancore

By Order,
(Signed) T. H. S. Conway
Adjutt. Genl. of the Army.

The Charges having been read and explained

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explained to the Prisoner he is asked—

Deputy Judge Advocate. Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you?—

Prisoner. Not Guilty—

Deputy Judge Advocate. On opening the Prosecution on this trial, I have to regret a Witness has absented himself and no tidings can be learned of him, whose testimony would have been most direct and pointed in support of the Charges and it would otherwise have been very highly satisfactory to the Court as he gave the first information against this Prisoner— There is reason to suppose this Witness has been induced to abscond either from apprehension of his personal safety by remaining here to give evidence on the trial of this Prisoner, and others similarly situated; or, from having been promised or perhaps having received a pecuniary reward to absent himself—

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The Witness to whom I allude is Hus-
sain Shaw a Tanker who in the course
of these Proceedings will be shewn to have
had a perfect Knowledge of these Mute-
nous Meetings detailed in the first Charge,
and frequently to have attended them,
and I shall prove by the testimony of
Lieutenant Colonel Hall and Major
Winfield that after a most minute exa-
-mination of the Prisoner's person Hus-
sain Shaw pointed out
the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators. to
a Board of Officers assembled at this
place to investigate this Mutiny — The
absence of this Tanker Hussain Shaw
will not however so materially lessen
the force of the Prosecution as from
what I have said might be inferred —
Shaik Emaum one of the Native Wit-
-nesses here present, will give evidence,

directly

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directly and pointedly in support of the charges. and Shaik Chaund another Native Witness. will declare the Prisoner was pointed out to him by Hussain Shaw Tacker. as one who had joined in this Mutinous Conspiracy; this was occasioned by Shaik Chaunds' express-ing to the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain his doubts of any Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 1st Regiment being engaged in this plot — I trust by the evidence I shall produce, clearly to show to the Court. the Prisoner joined in the Mutinous Conspiracy formed here. and assented to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Vellore. — I also wish to remark to the Court. a Circumstance which however must be received by the Court with caution. against

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the Prisoner. and this is that the whole of the Native Evidences will be found to agree as to the number of Native officers of the 2nd. Battalion 18th Regiment engaged in this Conspiracy. six Native Officers of that Corps are always mentioned in the Mutinous Meetings as having assented to the murder of the European Officers. and six only of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment have been discovered and are accused — The first Evidence I shall call is Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn.

Lieutenant Col.l Hall. I received information. about the latter end of May last, of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by several men of the Force under my Command, the intent of which Conspiracy

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Conspiracy was to destroy the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore: =core, with a view to investigate fully the truth of this information, and to obtain a Knowledge of the extent of the Conspiracy as also to detect the Men, who were engaged in it, I ordered a Court of Enquiry or Board of Officers to assemble, of which I was President.— At this Board many witnesses were examined, and among others, a Man by name Hussain Shaw, a Packer, sent to me by the Resident in Travancore, this person by his own Confession in the first instance to the Resident, and after=wards by undoubted evidence recieved by the Board of Officers, was found to have been one of the Conspirators, and very well aware of all the Leading Men enga=ged in this Mutinous Conspiracy— In his

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his testimony before the Board of Officers, he declared several Native Officers belonging to this Force to be engaged in this Mutinous plot, and in consequence of this declaration, several Native Officers were sent for, by name, Shaik Kutter Syrang Artillery, Jemidar Syd. Mozaffer a Native Adjutant, 2d Battalion 9th Regiment, Subidars Sied Noor, and Nabby Cawn 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment, Subidars Mahomed Khawn, Poran Sing and Mahomed Ally 2d Battalion 14th Regiment, Subidars Abdul Nabby, Abdul Cawder, Budda or Khader Cawn and Jemidar Boran Beg 2d Battalion 18th Regiment and were brought into the room where the Board of Officers with the Faikeer Hussain Shaw were sitting — The Faikeer pointed out the Prisoner Abdul Cawder —

Subidar

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Subidar 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment,
and said he was one of the Conspirators
and he pointed out the other Native
Officers as being also engaged in this
Mutinous Conspiracy, the whole of them
brought to the Board of Officers on sus-
picion to be identified. having been
gone through the Packer appearing to me
to have doubts of some of them. and for
the purpose of preventing as much as pos
sible any mistake. I directed the Packer
Hussain Shaw to withdraw. when the
positions of the several Officers. he accused
were changed; while absent Hussain
Shaw was most anxiously and impres-
sively told by Major Winfield. by my
orders, to be clear and positive of the peo-
ple he pointed out, as it was matter of
most serious consequence to them. and
not to point out any one. but of whom
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he had a personal Knowledge, on re=
entering the room. I directed this Jackur
Hussain Shaw again to regard every=
one of them with great attention and again
.... to say if he knew all of them to be
implicated — on this more minute ex
=amination he declared three of them —
namely Syrang Shaik Nuttee Artillery,
Subidars Poran Sing and Mahomed
Ally 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment, not
to be engaged in this Conspiracy with
his Knowledge, but he again most po=
=sitively said the Prisoner was implica
=ted together with Jemidar Syd. Mozaf:
fer Nature. Adjutant 2d. Battalion —
9th. Regiment. Subidars Noor and Nabby
tied
Caun 2d. Battalion 11th Regiment; Subi
=dar. Mahomed Khaun 2d. Battalion
14th Regiment; Subidars. Abdul Nabby, —
Budda or Khader Oudeen, Khader —

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Cawn and Jemadar Boran Beg 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regiment — He was a= second time directed to withdraw, the= positions of the Native Officers were again changed, the Cautions were repeated to him, and on being introduced again, he posited out exactly the same Native officers, as he had done the second time, and he made the same exceptions.—

In consequence of this information I pla:ced in Arrest the Prisoner, and the other Native officers said to be implicated,= and sent them under an Escort to Tri:=nomopoly.—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means of the existence at this Station of Mutinous= Meetings as set forth in the first Charge?

Answer None.

The Witness Retires—

Major

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Major J. P. Winfield 2nd. Battalion 11th. Regiment. Native Infantry an= Evidence on the Prosecution. is duly sworn

The Charges are read.

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes.

Question Was you a Member of a Board of Officers assembled at Quilon about the latter end of May last. to investigate a= Mutinous Conspiracy discovered amongst the Troops at this Station?=

Answer I was.

Question Who was President of this Board?=

Answer Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Question At this enquiry. was a man by name Hussain Shaw a Packer considered a Principal Witness?=

Answer He was.

Question Did he appear to be perfectly a= =ware of the extent of the plot. and to= Know

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Know well the leading Men engaged in it?

Answer He seemed to be well acquainted with the plot and to know well the leading Men engaged in it.

Question Did the Man Hussain Shaw say before the Board of Officers that any Native Officers were engaged in this Conspiracy, if so mention their names?

Answer He said, he had been present at a Meeting at a Tackur's place called Kot Bawa Ka Muckan where a proposal was made and agreed to, by all present "to kill the Officers and to seize this Country" - At this Meeting he stated there were present the same Tackur. Sergooroo Tackur. Subedars. Abdul Nabby. Abdul Khader (the Prisoner). Abdullah Cawn. Budda Oudun and a Mogul Jemidar (whose name he did not Know) of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment. the

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First and Second Subidars of the 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment. The Native Adjutant of the 2d. Battalion 9th Regiment Subidar Mahomed Cawn and the late Shaik Hussain Jemidar. Late Salabat Cawn. Ally Cawn and Mustapha Privates of the 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment and from information received from the same Packer. besides the above three other Native Officers. Mahomed Ally Subidar, a Rajahpoot Subidar of Grenadiers 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment and Shaik Nutter Syrang Artillery were brought before the Board of Officers —

Question Do you perfectly recollect that this Packer Hussain Shaw said, the whole of the Native Officers, whose names you have mentioned, were implicated in this Mutinous Conspiracy —

Answer Yes, he was desired to point them out

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out before the Board of Officers when he excepted, as not recognizing them to be concerned, the three last mentioned by me. the others he individually and rep:-peatedly pointed out as being concerned — The first and second time he hesitated some- what, as the Native Officers 2nd Battalion 11th. Regiment but afterwards positively included them —

Question You are certain Hussain Shaw at the Board of Officers and in your presence pointed out the Prisoner as one engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy? —

Answer Yes, most Certain

Question On what authority or grounds did he say he acted in thus pointing out the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators? —

Answer It appeared to me. his reasons for pointing out the Prisoner, as well as the others were, from his having agreed

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to the proposal "to kill the Officers and to seize the Country" as the Meeting I have already mentioned.—

Question By the investigation gone through by you as a Member of the Board of ... Officers. can you conscientiously declare that you consider this Prisoner to have been one of the Conspirators—

Answer. Not by the investigation gone through by the Board of Officers. as there was before them only the testimony of this Jackeer, but by subsequent enquiries I made by the desire of the British Resident and the Commanding Officer in Travancore— I have no hesitation in stating it as my opinion "that the Prisoner was engaged in the Mutinous Conspiracy discovered here in may last," what induces me to form this opinion is, the Statements I have taken down of Shaik Emaum

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and Shaik Chaund two of the men enga-
-ged in this Conspiracy corroborated by
intelligence I received from trusty men
of my own Corps. and in whom I can-
confide.—

Question Do you recollect that by Orders of
Lieutenant Colonel Hall you anxiously
and impressively warned the Packer-
Hussain Shaw to be most particular and
cautious in saying those Native Officers
were engaged in this Conspiracy, and-
not to point out any one he was not person-
-ally acquainted with?

Answer Yes, I perfectly recollect taking this
man Hussain Shaw into the front Verian-
-dah of the Main Guard for that purpose,
and there most earnestly cautioned him
to point out only those of whom he was-
positive and had a personal Knowledge,
and I repeated my Cautions to him on-

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this head after he had a second time
examined the Native Officers and pre-
=vious to the third examination —
The Witness gives a Specimen of his Pro
=ficiency in the Hindoostanne language
which is satisfactory. —

Question by the Prisoner. Do you recollect at my request having asked this Jacket Hussain Shaw at the Board of Officers, where the native officers he accused, had consulted about this Mutiny? —

Answer I do not recollect this particular question, I was desired to put many similar questions to the Jacket, but I do not recollect the exact questions and an-
=swers as none of them struck me, at the time alluded to, there was considerable noise and confusion. —

The Witness retires

Shaik Emaum Private 2d Battalion

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14th Regiment Native Infantry an-
Evidence on the part of the Prosecution
is duly Sworn in conformity to his Cast.—
The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate. Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes, the Prisoner is Subidar Abdul
Khader of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment

Question Do you Know that Mutinous-
Meetings were held some time ago at this
Station?—

Answer Yes. Mutinous Meetings were held
in the Mudkawn of a lame Tacker some
time ago at this Station, and I attended
them for two Months, and the late lame
Tacker, the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain,
Hussain Shaw Tacker, who has runaway,
Ally Kawn, late Salabut Cawn, Havildar
Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cawder, Shaik
Rustom and Shaik Hamed Sepoys and
many others of the 2nd Battalion 14th
Regiment.

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Regiment whose names I do not now recollect, were Constantly at those Mu-
=tinous Meetings.-

Question What were the objects of those Mu-
=tinous Meetings?-

Answer They were for the purpose of form-
=ing plans to Murder the European Officers and Artillery men in Travan-
=core, to seize this Country, to raise Bat-
=talions, to guard the Passes into this Country, and to make the Rajah of Cottenghurry Rajah of Travancore.—

Question Do you Know the Prisoner was acquainted with those Mutinous Meet-
=ings and with the intentions of the-
=people engaged in them?—

Answer Yes, he knew both very well.-

Question How do you know this?—

Answer Hussain Shaw Tasker who has runaway, was in the habits of keeping

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The names of the Natives Officers and other principal people who had agreed to the Mutiny, and he used to tell over the names of every one in the Mutiny:

=own at those Mutinous Mutings.

One day, he told the late Jemadar=
Shaik Hussain that six Native Offi=
=cers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regi:
=ment had become Conspirators, but=
that they wished to speak to him, and
to some of the others engaged with=
him in this Mutiny face to face; the
Jemidar accordingly agreed to go, and the=
Tasker Hussain Shaw went to tell so,
to the Native Officers of the 2d Batta=
=lion 18th Regiment. About seven days
before the review of the 2d Battalion
18th Regiment, I accompanied the Task=
=er Hussain Shaw; the late Shaik
Hussain Jemidar, late lame Tasker,

late

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late Salabat Cawn and Ally Cawn Sepoys to the Lines of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiments for the express purpose of. Muting some of the Native Officers of that Corps. We met them in a Mud Cawn. and we exchanged Butts and Butts mut, the business of the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore, the Seizure of the Country, the making the Collingherry Rajah. Rajah of Travancore and every thing connected with the intended. Mutiny was most fully spoken of, and all the Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment (six in number) who were present, namely Subidars. Abdul. Nabby, Abdul. Khadir (the Prisoner) Budda Oudun, and Khadir Cawn, Jemidars Boran Beg and Shaik Hussain (called by the men. Mahomed Cassim) assented. to

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these plans, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men at Quilon —. After this, every one present took an Oath of Secrecy and of attachment; and I heard and saw the Prisoner take this Oath, saying "he never would divulge "what had passed, and that he would — "remain faithful to the Mutiny." —

Question . At this Muckaun was any lamp burning or had you any kind of light? —

Answer . No lamp was burning, but it was sufficiently light to see the faces of the people present, and we sat very close to each other. —

Question Do you positively swear that you heard the Prisoner assent to and promise to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men at Quilon. — 2

Answer Yes, most positively.

Question Do you also positively swear, you heard

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heard and saw the Prisoner take an
Oath. not to divulge the business of this
Mutiny? -

Answer Yes, most positively.

Question Do you Know any time was fixed
on to carry into execution these plans of
Murder? -

Answer. Yes, it was determined to attempt
the Murder of the European Officers on
the night of the Review of the 2d Battn.
Loir 18th Regiment. while the Officers were
at Dinner in the Mess Room of that
Corps. and if prevented on that night
it was fixed to attempt it at a large
Dinner expected soon to be given by the
Resident, and if again prevented, on any
other favorable opportunity. and to all
these plans, the Prisoner assented. -

Question Do you Know. that the Conspirators
considered the Prisoner had engaged in
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the Mutiny and that they expected he would assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men? —

Answer Yes. every body at the Mutinous Meetings considered the Prisoner as engaged in the Conspiracy, and they all expected he was to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men. — The Prisoner's name was constantly mentioned in the Meetings and every one used to speak of him and of others of his Corps who had joined in the Mutiny, and six Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment were always mentioned in the Mutinous Meetings as having joined —

Question Do you know any thing further of the Prisoners conduct in this business?

Answer He promised to bring some men of his Company to assist at the Murder, as did the other Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion

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Battalion 18th Regiment. who were—
present at the Muting. I have mintioned.—

Question by the Court } Do you Know if the Prisonr was
to recive any reward for his services in
this busines?—

Answer. He was with the other Native Offi
cers engaged in the Muting. to be made
an Amer—

Deputy Judge advocate } Do you positively swear to the truth
of what you have now deposed?

Answer Yes. most positively—

The Witness Cetera

Shaik Chaund Private 2d Battalion
14th Regiment. Native Infantry an—
Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn
in Conformity to his Cast.—

The Charges are read and explained.—

Deputy Judge advocate. } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes, he is Subidar. Abdul Khader
of the Grenadiers 2d Battalion 18th Regt.—

Question

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Question Do you know that Mutinous Mut:
=ings were held at this Station some time
ago?

Answer. Yes. Mutinous Mutings were held
sometime ago at this Station in the Muckaun
of a lame Tacker, who is dead. and I attended
them for two months. the late Shaik Hus:
=sain Emidar; late lame Tacker; Hussain
Shaw, Tacker (who has runaway) Havildars
Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cawder, Sepoys
late Salabat Cawn. Ally Cawn. Shaik Ho:
=med and many others. 2nd Battalion 1st
Regiment. whose names I do not now recol:
=lect were also constantly at those Mutinous
Mutings. — The late Emidar Shaik Hussain
was a principal man, as were Hussain Shaw
and the late lame Tacker. in this Muting.
Hussain Shaw Tacker. who has run away.
knew all the Officers who were engaged in
this busines as he kept their names written down
on

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on a piece of paper.—

Question — What were the objects of those Seditious Meetings?—

Answer. They were for the purpose of forming plans to Murder the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore, to seize this Country, to raise Battalions, to guard the Passes into this Country, and to make the Rajah of Cottingherry Rajah of Travancore.—

Question — At those Seditious Meetings, have you heard the Prisoner was engaged in this Conspiracy?—

Answer. Yes. I have often heard it — Say: sami Shaw the Tasildar who has run away had the Prisoner's name together with the names of the five other Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment, and all the names of the principal men in this Conspiracy written down, and was in the habits of telling them over to the people assembled

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assembled to Consult in the Mutiny
—The Names of the Native Officers of the
2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. are Subidars
Abdul Nabby. Abdul Khadir / the Pri:
=soner / Budda Oudun. Khader Cawn
and Jemidars Boran Beg. and Shaik
Hussain — all the Conspirators considered
these men as having agreed to the
Mutiny and they expected assistance
from them whenever the Murder should
be attempted —

Question — Was the Prisoner ever pointed out
to you. by any one. as being one of the
Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion
18th Regiment who had joined in this
Mutiny, and had agreed to the Murder
of the European officers? —

Answer — Some of the Mutineers and My:
=self mentioned to the late Jemidar Shaik
Hussain. our Years. that the Father
Hussain

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Hussain Shaw. was not telling the truth in saying that several Native Officers of the 2.nd Battalion 18th Regiment had joined with us in this Mutiny, and that we wanted more proof than the word of the Packer.- The Jemadar said if you will not believe what is written down and what you hear in the Mark: own, go with the Packer and he will point out to you the people.- We went with the Packer to the road where the Native Officers of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment must pass in going from their Parade to their Houses, and when the Prisoner came near to us. the Packer walked from us to a little distance and spoke to the Prisoner. I did not hear all that was said. but the Prisoner on going away said to the Packer "give my Salam to the Jemidar" the same took

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place with five other Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment whose faces I know perfectly, and their names I have already mentioned. We returned to the Muckawa and told the Jemidar, we had seen six Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment, that the Jaikar had spoken to them and pointed them out to us, and that We were now satisfied. The Jaikar delivered their Salams to the Jemidar, mentioning as the same their names, which were the six names already mentioned by me

Question Did you positively consider the Prisoner and do you know he was positively considered by the Conspirators as one from whom assistance was to be received on attempting the Murder of the European Officers and men?

Answer

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Answer- Yes. I positively considered the Prisoner, and the other Conspirators always said they considered the Prisoner one from whom assistance was to be received, and I declare had the business been attempted, I should have expected equal assistance and support from the Prisoner as from any one of the people always in the habits of attending the Mutinous Meetings, so positively did I believe him to be one of the Conspirators.

Question Do you know that any time was fixed on to carry into execution the Murder of the European Officers and Men in Quilon?-

Answer- Yes, on the night of the review of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment. it was determined to attempt the Murder of the European officers while at Dinner in the Mess room of that Corps, and if prevented

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on that night it was fixed to attempt the Murder at a large Dinner expected soon to be given by the Resident and if again prevented on any other favorable opportunity.—

Question by the Court— Do you know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his services in this business?—

Answer. All the Names of the Native Officers were written down, and after the business was over; they were to be made Answers.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer— Yes. most positively.

The Witness retires

Hussain Khawn Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to his Cast—

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The Charges are read and explained —

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?—

Answer— I have seen him on Duty - and I Know him to be a Subidar of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment.—

Question State to the Court what you Know relating to Charges?

Answer— About seven months ago, I went one evening in consequence of my house being uncovered to Sleep at the Mauk-awn of a Lame Tacker. who is dead - About eight Oclock many people came there. and amongst them the late Su-=bidar Shaik Hussain, Havildars Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cawder, Syd. Ebram. Naguie. Shaik Hamed. and Salabut Cawn and Ally Cawn Sepoys. and the late Tacker — The people sat down. and I overheard them speak of their intentions to murder the European

officers

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Officers and Men in Travancore and to seize this Country. The late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment appeared to be the principal person at this Meeting — He spoke to the people, and in his speech he particularly mentioned six native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment had joined in the business, and had promised their assistance at the murder of the European Officers and Men; the late Lame Tasildar also spoke and again Mentioned that six Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment had joined and promised to assist at the murder of the European Officers and Men: every one present seemed to believe this, as no one asked any questions or made any objections. neither the Jemidar nor the Tasildar mentioned

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the names of these six Native Officers
of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment —
and this is all I know.

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now said? —

Answer. Yes, most positively —

The Witness Retires

The Prosecution is here closed —

It being 5 O'Clock P. M. the Court —
adjourns till 9. O'Clock tomorrow morning
Friday 9. A. M. the 1st. of January 1813.

Court met pursuant to adjournment —

Members all present.

The Procedings of yesterday are read over and explained —

Defence.

Prisoner. The first time I saw this Jackass — Hussain Shaw was upon my arrival with the Battalion at this place, and he was in the habits of going to the Officers —

Quarters

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Quarters to beg. when the men were receiving their Pay. on those occasions he was generally sent away from Lieutenant. Macqueens House. by me. and the first time I saw this man after my return to Quilon from Detachment in april last. was at the main Guard. on the discovery of this Mutiny being made when I was sent for and pointed out by this Tackur as having joined in the Mutiny — The late name Tackur I know nothing of; not even his name nor where his Mauldkawn was. nor do I know any thing of the Jemidar of the 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment. who is here spoken of — nor do I know any one of the people of 2d Battalion 14th Regiment said to be engaged in this Conspiracy — I most positively deny all Knowledge of the

Crimes

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Crimes with which I am charged, and God knows. I am innocent — I have served the Honorable Company most faithfully for thirty two years. Nineteen years ~~years~~ of which I have been a Commissioned Officer: and two of that time Native Adjutant. my Conduct in the Commissioned Rank has always obtained the approbation of my European officers — Whenever my Battalion has been on Service I have always been present with it, and have Constantly done my Duty —

The Court postpones further Proceedings on the trial 'till the arrival of a letter — from Major Boardman 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment relating to the Prisoners Defence. and which the Prisoner declares to be indispensable. The Court consequently adjourns until further notice —

I have

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Three. P. M. Monday the 4th January 1813

Court met pursuant to notice —

Members all present.

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate acquaints the Court. the letter alluded to on the former day has arrived and contains a Character of the Prisoner — which the Prisoner prays the Court to admit being read and being entered on the Proceedings —

The Court admits the Prisoners request and the Character is consequently read and is as follows.

"Subidar Abdul Cawder one of the Senior Subidars in the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment has borne an excellent character in the Corps ever since it has been raised — In that disjointed period / the year 1806 / his loyalty I have every reason to believe was free of

suspicion

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suspicion — If a prompt and chearful obedience to all orders of his Superiors, an anxiety for the discipline and behaviour of his men, are the best of a good Soldier, I am happy in bear: =ing this testimony to his Character" —

Sworn before
a Magistrate.

Signed Edward Boardman
S: O: in Charge
2d Batt: 18th Regt.

Sentence — The Court finds the Prisoner Su: =bidar Abdul Khader of the 2d Batta =lion 18th Regiment Native Infantry Guilty of all and Several the Crimes = charged, and which being to the prejudice of good Order and Military Discipline it Does therefore by Virtue of the Arti: =cles of War, adjudge and Sentence him

to

Vizagapatam
28th December 1812

The Defence is here Closed —

The Proceedings are read over and explained —

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to suffer Death by being hanged by the neck. at such time and at such Station of the Army. as His Excellency the Comm: =mander in Chief may be pleased to direct—

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Capt.r A.d.g Dep.y
Judge Advocate

The mark + of
Lelchman Sing Subadar
1st Bn. 5th Regt. N. I. President—

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
12th February 1813.

I approve and Confirm
(Signed) S. Auchmuty
Lieut. Genl.

To Lieutenant Colonel Leith
Judge Advocate General

Sir. Fort St. George

I have the honor to transmit Pro. =ceedings on the Trials of Subidars Budder Ow: =deen and Khader Cawn of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment. Native Infantry—

Quilon
5th January 1813
½ pt. 1. P. M.

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) F. P. Stewart
acting Dep.y J. A.

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The Native General Court. Martial which assembled at Quilon on the 18th. day of. August in the year of our Lord 1812. by Orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Commanding the Forces in Travancore under authority from His Excellency the Commander in Chief. and Continued by successive adjournments. is reassembled this day the 1st. of January 1813.—

Present.

Subidar Lekhman Sing 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N.I.

President,

Members

Subidar Seyd Abdullah. 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Lekhman Sing... 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N.I.

Syrang Cassin ..... 2d Battn. Artillery

Subidar Shaik Ebram ... 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N.I.

Subidar Pennalloo — 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ismail ... 2d. Battn. 19th. Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ally ..... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Hussain Cawn — 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N.I.

Subidar

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Subidar Vencatachellum 2d. Battn 11th. Regt. N.I.

Subidar Mahomed Hussain 1st. Battn 5th. Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Shewer .... 2d. Battn 11th. Regt. N.I.

Subidar Verapah ..... 2d. Battn 19th. Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Ramahsaumy .. 2d. Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Shaik Ally — 1st Battn 5th. Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart, Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

The Court having assembled, the Warrants constituting its authority are read and explained.—

Subidar Budder Oudeen 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court. The names of the President and Members are read to him and he is asked,—

Deputy Judge Advocate. } Do you object to any of the Members composing the Court by which you are about to be tried?—

Prisoner I do not object to any.—

The President and Members are duly sworn

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sworn in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts.—

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly sworn.

Soobroow is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast. Interpreter to the Court.—

Charge Subidar Budder Oudeen 6th Company 2d Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry placed in Arrest by order of the Officer Commanding the Forces in Travancore on the following Charges.

1st For joining, aiding and abetting in Seditious and Mutinous Meetings for the purpose of destroying the European Officers and Men of the Subsidiary Force in Travancore.—

2d For concealing and suppressing his Knowledge of such Mutinous and Seditious Meetings and not giving information

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information thereof as directed by the Articles of War.

Head Quarters
in Travancore
Quilon 28th. May 1812.

(Signed) Alexr. Balmain
. M. B. to the Troops
in Travancore —

By Order,
(Signed) T. H. S. Conway
. Adjutant Gel. of the Army —

The Charges having been read and explained to the Prisoner, he is asked —

Deputy Judge Advocate — . Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you? —

Prisoner — . Not Guilty —

Deputy Judge Advocate — On opening the Prosecution on this trial, I have to regret a Witness has absented himself, and no tidings can be learned of him, whose testimony would have been most direct and pointed in support of the Charges, and it would otherwise have been very highly satisfactory

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satisfactory to the Court, as he gave the first information against this Prisoner. — There is reason to suppose this Witness has been induced to abscond either from apprehension of his personal safety by remaining here to give evidence on the trial of this Prisoner — and others similarly situated, or from having been promised or perhaps having received pecuniary reward to absent himself — The Witness to whom I allude is Hussain Shaw a Tasker who, in the course of these Proceedings will be shown to have had a perfect Knowledge of these clandestine Meetings detailed in the first charge, and frequently to have attended them, and I shall prove by the testimony of Lieutenant Colonel Hall and of Major Winfield, that after a most minute

examination

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examination of the Prisoners person & as this man Hussain Shaw pointed out the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators to a Board of Officers assembled at this place to investigate this Mutiny — The absence of this Tanker Hussain Shaw will not however so materially lessen the force of the Prosecution, as from what I have said might be inferred — Shaik Emaum one of the Native Witness here present will deliver evidence directly and pointedly in support of the Charges and Shaik Chaund another Native Witness will declare the Prisoner was pointed out to him by Hussain Shaw Tanker, as one who had joined in this Mutinous Conspiracy — this was occasioned by Shaik Chaund expressing to the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, his doubts of any Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment

being

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being engaged in this plot.

I trust by the evidence I shall produce clearly to shew to the Court. the Prisoner joined in the. Mutinous Conspiracy formed here. and assented to and promised to assist at the murder of the European Officers and. Artillery Men at Vellore.—

I also wish to remark to the Court. a Circumstance which however must be received with Caution by the Court against the Prisoner. and this is. that the whole of the. Native evidence will be found to agree as to the number of. Native officers of the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment engaged in this Conspiracy. Six. Native officers of that Corps are always mentioned in the. Mutinous. Meetings as having assented to the Murder of the European officers. and six only of the 2nd Battalion

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18th Regiment have been discovered and are accused -

The first evidence I shall call is Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn -

Lieutenant Colo. Hall -

I received information about the latter end of May last of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by several Men of the Fora: under my Command, the intent of which Conspiracy was to destroy the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore. With a view to investigate fully the truth of this information and to obtain a Knowledge of the extent of the Conspiracy, as also to detect the men who were engaged in it, I ordered a Court of enquiry or Board of Officers to assemble. of which I was President - At this Board I many

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many witnesses were examined. and among others, a Man by name Hussain Shaw, a Packer. sent to me by the Resid. dent in Travancore. This person by his own confession in the first instance to the Resident. and afterwards by undoubted evidence received by the Board of Officers. was found to have been one of the Conspirators and very well aware of all the leading men engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy — In his testimony before the Board of Officers he declared several. Native Officers belonging to this Force to be engaged in this. Mutinous plot and in consequence of this declaration. several. Native officers were sent for. by name Shaik Natter Syrang Artillery. Jemidar Seyd. Mazaffer. Native. Adjutant 2nd. Battalion 9th Regiment, Subidar Seid Noor and Nabby Cawn. 2nd Battalion 11th.

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11th. Regiment, Subedars. Mahomed Khan Poran Sing and Mahomed. Ally 2nd. Battalion 14th. Regiment, Subedars. Abdel. Nabby. Abdel Cawder. Budder Oudeen, Khader Caun and Jemidar Boran Beg 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regiment, and were brought into the room where the Board of Officers with this Packur Hussain Shaw were sitting; the Packur pointed out the Prisoner Budder Oudeen Subedar 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment, and said he was one of the Conspirators and he pointed out the other Native Officers as being also engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy, the whole of them brought to the Board of Officers to be identified, having been gone through the Packur appearing to me to have doubts of some of them. and for the purpose of preventing as much as possible. any mistake

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mistake. I directed the Jackar to with-
draw. when the positions of the several
Native Officers. he accused. were changed;
while absent Hussain Shaw. was most
unconsciously and unprejudicely told by Ma-
-jor Winfield. by my orders to be clear —
and positive of the people he pointed out,
as it was matter of most serious conse-
-quence to them, and not to point out any
one, but of whom he had a personal —
Knowledge: on re-entering the room. I
directed this Jackar Hussain Shaw a-
-gain to regard every one of them. with
great attention and again to say if he
knew all of them to be implicated —
on this more minute examination he
declared three of them. Namely. Syrang
Shaik Nutter Artillery; Subidars Poran
Sing and Mahomed Ally 2d Battalion
1st Regiment not to be engaged in this

Conspiracy

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Conspiracy with his Knowledge, but he again most positively said the Prisoner was implicated together with Jemidar Seyd Mozaffer. Native Adjutant 2nd. Battalion 9th. Regiment, Subidars Said Noor and Nobby Cawn 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment, Subidar Mahomed Khawn 2nd. Battalion 14th. Regiment, Subidars Abdul Nabby, Abdul Cawder. Khader Cawn. and Jemidar Boran Beg 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regiment— He was a Second time directed to withdraw, the positions of the Native Officers were again changed, the Cautions were repeated to him, and on being introduced again. he pointed out exactly the same Native Officers as he had done the second time, and he made the same exceptions— In consequence of this information I placed in arrest the Prisoner: and the other

Native

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Native officers said to be implicated,
and sent them under an Escort to Trichi
=nopoly-

Deputy Judge Advocate } Did you receive any information
from the Prisoner or by his means of the
existence at this Station of Mutinous Mut:
=ings, as set forth in the first Charge?-

Answer. None-

Question by the Prisoner. } Do you recollect at my request ha:
=ving asked this Jackur Hussain Shaw
in what place he had seen the Native
officers he accused and myself Consult:
=ing about the Mutiny with which I
am charged?

Answer. I have no recollection of having
asked any such question, having been
much engaged at that time — I recollect
perfectly the Jackur said to the Prisoner
and to the others he accused at this time
that "they were guilty and they knew it."—

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The Witness Returns.

Major J. P. Winfield 2nd. Battalion 11th. Regiment Native Infantry an Evi:=dence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn.

The Charges are read.

Deputy Judge advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes.

Question Was you a Member of a Board of Officers assembled at Quilon about the latter end of May last, to investigate a Mutinous Conspiracy which had been discovered amongst the Troops at this Station?

Answer I was.

Question Who was President of this Board?

Answer Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Question At this Enquiry was a man by name Hussain Shaw a Packer convicted a principal Witness?

Answer He was.

Question Did he appear to be perfectly aware

of

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of the extent of the plot. and to Know
well the leading men engaged in it?—

Answer He seemed to be perfectly aware of
the extent of the plot. and to Know well
the leading men engaged in it—

Question Did this man Hyspain Shaw say
before the board of Officers. that any. Native
Officers were engaged in this Conspiracy,
if so. mention their names?—

Answer He said he had been present at
a Meting at a Packirs place, called
Hot Bawa Ka. Muckaun where a
proposal was made and agreed to by
all present "to Kill the Officers and to
Seize this Country" At this. Meting he
stated were present the late Lame Packer,
Sorgooroo Packer. Subidars. Abdul Nabby,
Abdul Cawder. Abdullah Cawn, Budda
Oudeen (the Prisoner) and a. Mogul Je:
=midar (whose name he did not Know)
of

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of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment; the first and second Subidars of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment. the Native Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion 9th Regiment, Subidar Mahomed Khawn and the late Shaik Hussain Jemidar. late Salabat Cawn Ally Cawn and Mustapa Sepoys of the 2d Battalion 14th Regiment; and from information received from the same Factor. besides the above, three other Native Officers by name. Mahomed Ally Subidar 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment, and a Rajahpoot Subidar of Grenadiers of the same Corps. and Shaik Nutter Syrang. Artillery. were brought before the Board of Officers. —

Question Do you perfectly recollect that this Factor Hussain Shaw said the whole of the Native Officers whose names you have mentioned were implicated

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in this Mutinous Conspiracy?—

Answer Yes, he was desired to point them out before the Board of Officers. when he excepted as not recognizing them to be concerned. the three last mentioned by me. the others he individually and repeatedly pointed out as being concerned — The first and second time. he hesitated some-what at the native Officers of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiments, but the third time he positively included them.—

Question Are you certain Gholam Shaw at the Board of Officers and in your presence. pointed out the Prisoner as one engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy?—

Answer Yes, most certain.

Question On what authority or grounds did he say he acted in thus pointing out the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators?—

Answer

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Answer — It appears to me his reasons for pointing out the Prisoner as well as the others were from his having acceded to the Proposal made, "to kill the Officers and to seize this Country" as the Muting I have before mentioned.—

Question — By the investigation gone through by you as a Member of the Board of Offairs. can you conscientiously declare that you consider the Prisoner to have been one of the Conspirators?—

Answer — Not by the investigation gone through by the Board of Officers. as there was before them only the testimony of this Packer. but by subsequent enquiries I made by desire of the British Resident and of the Officer Commanding in Travancore. I have no hesitation in stating it is my opinion "that the Prisoner was engaged in the Mutinous Conspiracy

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Conspiracy discovered here in May last — what induces me to form this opinion is the Statements I have taken down of Shaik Emaum and Shaik Chaund two of the men engaged in this Conspiracy corroborated by intel-ligence I received from trusty men of my own Corps in whom I can confide.—

Question Do you recollect that by Orders of Lieutenant & Colonel Hall, you anxiously and impressively warned this Jacker Hussain Shaw to be most particular and cautious in saying those Native Officers were enga-ged in this Conspiracy, and not to point out any one, he was not personally acquaint-ed with?—

Answer I perfectly recollect taking this man Hussain Shaw into the Front Verandah of the Main Guard for that purpose.— and there most earnestly cautioned him to point out only those of whom he was positive

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positive and had a personal Knowledge and Imputed my Caution to him on that head. after he had a Second time examined the Native officers and previous to a third examination—

The Witness gives a Specimen of his proficiency in the Hindoostanee Language with which the Court is highly satisfied.

Question by the Prisoner } Do you recollect this Jacket having been asked by you or by any one of the European Officers at the main Guard. in what place the Native officers. had accused and myself had consulted respecting the Mutiny with which I am charged?

Answer I do not recollect this particular question. a great many questions of similar import were asked. and this may have been one, but. I neither recollect the question itself or the answer. as there was much confusion at the time.—

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The Witness Returns.

The President being indisposed and un-
able to remain,-
The Court adjourns at 3. P. M. till 9.
O'Clock tomorrow morning -
Saturday / 9. A. M. / the 2d. of January
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Court met pursuant to adjournment.
Members all present. -
The Proceedings of Yesterday are read
over and explained.-
Shaik Emaum Private 2nd. Battalion
14th. Regiment. Native Infantry an
Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn
in Conformity to the usages of his Cast. -
The Charges are read and explained. -

Deputy Judge Advocate. Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes, the Prisoner is Subidar Budder
Oudeen of the 2nd. Battalion 18th Regiment.

Question Do you Know what. Mutinous
. Meetings

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. Meetings were held some time ago at this Station?-

. Answer Yes, Mutinous . Meetings were held in the . Muckaun of a Lame Facker (who is dead) some time ago at this Station, and I attended them for two months, The late Lame Facker, late Shaik Hussain Jemadar 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment, Hussain Shaw Facker (who has ran away) Havildars Shaik . Nutter and . Abdul Cawder, late Salabat Cawn. Shaik Rustoom, . Ally Cawn . and Gholam . Mootzah Sepoys, and many others . whose names I do not now perfectly recollect, were also constantly at these . Mutinous Meetings. Jemadar Shaik Hussain 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment . was the principal, and the late Lame Facker and Hussain Shaw Facker were leading men in the . Mutinous . Meetings.-

Question

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Question — What were the objects of those Mu-
-tinous Meetings? —

Answer — They were for the purpose of form
-ing plans to murder the European officers
and Artillery men in Travancore, and
this being a new Country it was determined
to seize it, to raise Battalions to guard —
the Passes into the Country, and to make
the Rajah of Cottingherry, Rajah of Tra-
-vancore. —

Question — Do you know that the Prisoner —
was acquainted with those Mutinous Meet-
-ings being held here, and that he also —
was acquainted with the intentions of the
people who were engaged in them? —

Answer — Yes, the Prisoner was perfectly a-
-ware of those Mutinous Meetings being
held, and of the intentions of the men
who were engaged in them.

Question — How do you know this? —

Answer

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Answer Hussain Shaw Tacker was in the habits of bringing news to Mr. Mackawn of any one having agreed to join in this Mutiny "to Kill the Officers and to seize this Country", and always wrote down the names of the people who agreed; one day he told the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d Battalion 14th Regiment. That some of the native officers of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment had consented to the Mutiny and were willing to join; but that they wished to speak to the Jemidar and some of the men engaged in the Mutiny face to face.

The late Jemidar Shaik Hussain accordingly desired the Tacker Hussain Shaw to say to the Native officers of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment that he would do as they wished, and about seven or eight days before the Review of the 2d Battalion 18th

Regiment

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Regiment at 9 Oclock at night. The late Jemidar Shaik Hupsain. The late Lasne Jacker. Hupsain Shaw Jacker. late Salabut Cawn and Ally Cawn Sepoys and myself went to the Lines of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment for the express purpose of meeting the Native Officers of that Corps. who. the Jacker said. — wished to engage in the Mutiny — We met them in a Mutkawn and we exchan: =ged bette and bette mut. The business of Murdering the European Officers and of Seizing the Country. and every thing = connected with the intended mutiny = was most fully spoken of. and all the = Native officers of the 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regiment present at this. Mutiny agreed to join in the Mutiny to Kill the European officers and to Seize the Country. The names of those officers of the 2d. Batta

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Battalion 18th Regiment. are Subidars
. Abdul . Nabby . Budder Oudien (the Pris:
=oner) Khader Cawn . and . Abdul Kha:
=der. Jemidars Boran Beg and Shaik
Hussain) or . Mahomed Cassim) — after
they had fully assented to every plan propo
=sed for the . Murder of the Officers, an oath
was taken by every one present, of secrecy
respecting every thing that had passed and
of attachment to each other . and I heard
and saw the Prisoner take the Oath saying
"he agreed to the Mutiny . that he never would
divulge any thing respecting it. and that he
would remain faithful."

Question — Was any lamp burning in the pla
you met the . Native Officers of the 2d. Batta
=lion 18th. Regiment?

. Answer — There was no lamp burning, but it was
light enough to see the faces of every one pre:
=sent . and besides we sat very close to each
other —

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Arthur -

Question Do you positively swear you heard the Prisoner assent to, and promise to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men at Quilon?

Answer Yes, most positively, and Gir Arthur the Prisoner promised to bring some Men to assist -

Question Do you positively Swear, that you heard and saw the Prisoner take an Oath not to divulge the business of the Mutiny? 2

Answer Yes, most positively.

Question Was any time fixed on to carry those plans of Murder into execution?

Answer On the night of the review of the 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regiment, it was determined to attempt the Murder, while the Officers were at dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps, and if prevented on that night,

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night, it was fixed to try it. at a large. Dinner expected soon to have been given by the Resident, and if again prevented on any other favorable opportunity. and to all these plans the Prisoner assented.—

Question Do you know well Hussain Shaw. Tacker. of whom you have spoken?—

. Answer Yes. I know him very well, this man always used to tell over the names of the. Native Officers and principal peo: =ple engaged in the. Mutiny; and I have often heard him mention the name of the Prisoner at the. Mutinous. Meetings in the. Muskawn. as one who had joined in the Conspiracy.—

Question Do you know that the Conspirators in general. considered the Prisoner had en: =gaged in the. Mutiny; and that they ex: =pected he would assist the. Murder of the European Officers and. Men at Quilon?

. Answer

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. Answer Yes. every one considered the Pris:
=soner engaged in the . Mutiny and all
expected he would assist at the murder:-
many of the Conspirators used to mention
the Prisoner's name as one of the . Mutineers,
and always in the . Muckaun: it was
said, Six Native Officers of the 2d. Batta
=lion 18th. Regiment had agreed to, and
had joined in the . Mutiny, and every
one expected their assistance.-

Question by the Court - Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?-

. Answer . All the . Native Officers engaged in this . Mutiny were promised to be made . Amers.-

Question by the Prisoner - Say positively, where you saw me?-

. Answer - I saw you in a . Muckaun. in front of your own Lines. at the time and in the manner I have before mentioned -

Deputy

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Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you positively swear to the truth of all you have now said? —

Answer Yes. most positively —

The Witness Retires.

Shaik Chaund Private 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast. —

The Charges are read and explained. —

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes. he is Budder Oudeen Subidar D. Battalion 18th Regiment —

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station? —

Answer Yes, Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station in the Muckaun of a lame Tacker who is dead, and Attended them for two Months, the late lame Tacker shaik late Hussain Jemidar, 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment; Hussain Shaw Tacker, who has runaway,

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runaway) Havildars. Abdul Cauder &
and Shaik. Nutter. Syd Ebram. Naigin,
late Salabut Cawn. Shaik Hamed and
. Ally Cawn Sepoys, and many others, &
whose names I have forgotten, were
also constantly attending these. Mutinous
. Meetings. — The late Jemadar Shaik
Hussain 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment
was the principal, and late Lance Jacker
and Hussain Shaw Jacker were lead:
=ing men in this Conspiracy —

Question What were the intentions of the
people engaged in these. Mutinous. Meet.
=ings? —

. Answer Their intentions were to murder the
European Officers and . Artillery men in
Travancore, to seize this Country. to raise
Battalions to guard the Passes, and to
make the Rajah of Cottingherry Rajah
of Travancore. —

Question

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Question At those Mutinous Meetings have you heard the Prisoners' name mentioned as being engaged in the Conspiracy? —

Answer Yes, I have often heard it. — Hyssain Shaw Facker had the Prisoners' name written down as one who had agreed to the Mutiny. — This man Hyssain Shaw Knew every body engaged in this Conspiracy, and every thing connected with it; he Kept the names of the leading people written down, and always repeated them in the Mutinous Meetings, and I have often heard him mention the name of the Prisoner Subidar Buddee Oudeen as one of the Conspirators. as also the names of Subidars Abdul Nabby. Abdul Khader and Khader Khawn; Jemidars Boran Beg. and Shaik Hussain (Mahomed Cassim) of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment as having agreed to. and joined in the Mutiny. "to Kill the

European

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European Officers and to Suze this —
Country —"

Question Was the Prisoner ever pointed out
to you by any one as being one of the Na-
-tive officers of the 2d Battalion 18th
Regiment who had agreed to, and had
joined in this Mutiny? —

Answer Some of the people engaged in these
. Mutinous . Meetings, and Myself said
to the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, that
we apprehended the Tacker Hussain Shaw
was not speaking truth in saying in
the . Mutinous . Meetings that Several
. Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion
18th Regiment had joined in this . Mu:
=tiny, and that we wanted more proof
of this than the word of the Tacker —
alone, the Jemidar told us, if we would
not believe what was written down, we
might go with this Tacker Hussain
Shaw

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Shaw and he would point out the Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment to us. I went with the Packer, as did some others of the Mutineers to the road where the Native officers 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment must pass to go from their Parade to their Houses; on the Prisoner coming near, the Packer went to a little distance, salamed and spoke to the Prisoner. I did not hear what passed, but on the Prisoner going away I heard him say to the Packer "give my Salam to the Jemidar" the Packer told us he was one, and he afterwards pointed out five others, whose faces I know very well — We returned to the muckawn and told the Jemidar, we were satisfied as the Packer had pointed out six native officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment to us — I heard the Packer deliver the Salams of the Native officers to the Jemidar

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mentioning at the sametime their names which are exactly the names I have already mentioned — Sisc. Native officers were always spoken of in the Mutinous Meetings as having joined in this Conspiracy.—

Question. Did you positively consider the Prisoner, and do you know he was considered by the people in the Mutinous Meetings as one from whom assistance was to be received on attempting the Murder of the European Officers and Men?—

Answer. I positively considered him one, and I know the people in the Mutinous Meetings always said they considered Subidar Budder Oudeen 2d Battalion 18th Regiment, one from whom assistance was to be received on the Murder being attempted, and I declare had the business been tried, I should have expected

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equal support and assistance from the Prisoner as from any of the men who were always with me in the Mutinous Mutings, because the Prisoner was point=ed out to me by the Jackur and was constantly spoken of amongst the Mu=tineers as one of them.-

Question. Do you know that any time was fixed on to carry into execution those plans of Murder?-

Answer. On the Review of the 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regiment at night, it was determined to attempt the murder of the Officers, while at Dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps, and if prevented on that night, it was fixed to try it at a large dinner expected soon to have been given by the Resident, and if again prevented on any other favora=ble opportunity.-

Question by the Court. Do you know if the Prisoner was

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to receive any reward for his Services in this busines?—

Answer. The names of all the Native Officers engaged in this Mutiny were written down with the intention, after the murder was effected, to make them Amers.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now said?—

Answer. Yes, most positively.—

Question by the Prisoner. At what hour of the day was it, the Packer pointed me out to you, and that I sent my Salam to the Jemidar as you say?—

Answer— About half past six in the evening when the Prisoner was going from his Pa=rade towards his Lines.—

The Witness Retires

Hussain Khawn Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evi=dence on the Prosecution, is duly Sworn in Conformity

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Conformity to his Cast -

The Charges are read and explained

Deputy Judge Advocate ... } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes. I have often seen the Prisoner on Duty and otherwise, and Know him to be a Subidar of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment -

Question State to the Court what you Know relating to the Charges? -

Answer. About seven months ago. my house being uncovered. I went one evening to Sleep at the Murkaun of a Lame Packer. who is now dead - About eight o'Clock many people came there. and they sat down. a: =mongst them were the late Jemidar Shaik Hupsain. late Lame Packer, Havildars Abdul Cawder and Shaik. Nutter. Naigue Seyd Ebram and many others whom I do not now recollect — The late Jemidar Shaik Hupsain seemed to be the principal

person

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person there - They spoke of Murdering the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore and of seizing this Country. the Jemidar made a speech to the people and in it. he particularly mentioned that six Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment had agreed to join them in murdering the Officers, and that they had promised their assistance whenever the murder should be attempted - The late Cane Packer also spoke, and also mentioned that Six Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment had assented to. and had promised their assistance at the Murder of the Europ: -pean Officers whenever it should be - attempted. and every one present seemed to believe these Words, for no one asked any questions or made any objections to what was said — neither the Jemidar

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or Parker mentioned the names of the Native officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment, they only said six had joined them.—

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now said?

Answer. Yes, most positively. I heard what I have said.—

The Witness retires.

The Prosecution is here closed.—

Defence.

Prisoner. I have served the Honorable Company nearly forty years, thirteen of which I have been a Commissioned Officer. I have always conducted myself guiltly, and well. I am now an Old man and for a long time, I have not been in the habit of going any where than to my Duty: so that I am a very unlikely man to have engaged in such

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such business as this with which I am charged — I most positively deny all knowledge of every thing said against me by the Native Witnesses and of ever knowing in any way that Mutinous Meetings were held and that I never joined in any Mutiny of any Kind whatever is most positively true. I was not in any manner acquainted with the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d Battalion 14th Regiment nor the late Cane Packer the Packer Hussain Shaw I have seen, but I was acquainted with him — I have been a Volunteer for Foreign Service and I have been on board of Ship on the Manilla Expedition. I have been a Sepoy. Naigue. Havildar and Jemidar and never was I charged with any thing of this Kind or any thing bad. now I am a Subidar on fifteen pagodas and

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an old man. how can it be supposed or for what purpose could I engage in a busines of Mutiny. I was not very likely to gain much. and I was almost sure to loose all by doing so—

The Court being requested to postpone further Procedings on this trial until the arrival of a letter from Major Boardman 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment relating to the Prisoner and which he declares to be indispensable to his Defence, the Court in compliance thereto adjourns till further notice—

Four P. M. Monday 4th January 1813

Court met pursuant to notice.

Members all present.

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate acquaints the Court. the letter alluded to on a former day has arrived. and contains a Character of the Prisoner which he prays

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prays the Court to allow to be read and to be entered on the Proceedings —

The Court complies with the Prisoners' request. The Character is read, and is as follows —

"Subidar Budder Oudeen is a quiet and inoffensive Character: has been with the Corps since it was raised and the only fault to my Knowledge, that has ever been found with him, was a want of Capacity and Energy — I should think him the least suited for being an actor in a project of so serious and dangerous a nature as that of a revolt against the British Government." —

Sworn before a Magistrate.

(Signed) Edward Boardman

Seringapatam
28th December 1812.

A.D.C. in Charge
2d Bn 8th Regiment.

The Defence is here closed.

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The Procedings are read over and explained —

The Court adjourns at half past five P. M. till tomorrow Morning at 9 O'clock —

Tuesday (9 A. M.) the 5th January 1813 —

Court met pursuant to adjournment —

Members all present.

Sentence The Court finds the Prisoner Subidar Budder Oudeen of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment Native Infantry, Guilty of all and Several the Crimes charged, and which being to the prejudice of good Order and Military Discipline it does therefore, by virtue of the Articles of War adjudge and Sentence him to suffer Death by being hanged by the neck at such time and at such Station of the Army as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct. —

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The mark + of

(Signed) F. P. Stewart

Capt. act. Dpty

Judge advt.

Letchman Serj Subedar

1st Bn. 5th Regt. N. I President

I approve and Confirm

(Signed) S. Auchmuty

Lieut. Genl.

Head Quarters

Choultry Plain

12th February 1813.

The Native General Court Martial —

which assembled at Quilon on the 18th Day of

August in the year of our Lord 1812, by orders

of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Commanding

the Forces in Travancore under the Authority of His Excellency the Commander in Chief

and Continued by successive Adjournments, is

reassembled at 3 P. M. this 2nd day of January, 1813 —

Present

Subidar Letchman Serj - 1st Batt. 5th Regt. N. I.

President

Members.

Subidar Syd. Abdullah . . 2d Batt. 19th Regt. N. I

Subidar Letchman Serj . . 1st Batt. 5th Regt. N. I

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Syrang Capsin ..... 2d. Battn. Artillery

Subidar Shaik Ebram ... 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Pirmaulloo ..... 2d. Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ismail ... 2d. Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ally ..... 2d. Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Hussain Cawn ... 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Vencatachellum .. 2d. Battn 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Mahomed Hussain 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Shuwer ... 2d. Battn 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Verapah ..... 2d. Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Ramasamy ... 2d. Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Shaik Ally .... 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

The Court having assembled, the Warrants constituting its authority are read and explained.—

Subidar Khader Cawn 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court, the names of the President and Members are read to him, and he is asked—

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Deputy Judge advocate. — Do you object to any of the Mem: bers Composing the Court by which you are about to be tried? -

Prisoner. I do not object to any.

The Presidents and Members are duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts. -

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is duly Sworn. -

Sooboorow is duly sworn in Conformity to the Customs of his Cast, Interpreter to the Court. -

Charge Subidar Khader Cawn 2d Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry placed in arrest by order of the Officer Command= =ing the Forces in Travancore, on the following Charges. —

1st For joining, aiding and abetting in Seditious and Mutinous Meetings for the purpose of destroying the European

Officers

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Officers and Men of the Subsidiary
Force in Travancore —

2d For concealing and suppres-
-sing his Knowledge of such Mutinous
and Seditious Meetings, and not
giving information thereof as directed
by the Articles of War.

Head Quarters
in Travancore
Quilon 28th May 1812.

(Signed) Alexr Balmain
Major Genl
Commg the Troops
in Travancore.

By Order,
(Signed) T. H. S. Conway
Adjt Genl of the Army.

The Charges having been read and ex-
-plained to the Prisoner, he is asked,

Deputy Judge advocate — Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you?

Prisoner — Not Guilty —.

Deputy Judge Advocate — On opening the Prosecution on this trial, I have to regret that a

Witness

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Witness has absented himself and no tidings can be learned of him. whose testimony would have been most direct and pointed in support of the Charges, and it would otherwise have been very highly satisfactory to the Court as he gave the first information against this Prisoner. There is reason to suppose the Witness has been induced to abscond either from apprehension of his personal safety by remaining at this place to give Evidence on the trial of this Prisoner and others similarly situated, or from having been promised or perhaps having received a pecuniary reward to absent himself— The Witness to whom I allude is Hussain Shaw a Packer who in the course of these Proceedings will be shown to have had a perfect Knowledge of those Mutinous Meetings detailed in the first

Charge

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charge and frequently to have attended them and I shall prove by the testimony of Lieutenant Colonel Hall and Major Wm = field that after a most minute examination of the Prisoner's person &c. he pointed out the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators. to a Board of Officers assembled at this place to investigate this mutiny -

The absence of this Evidence Hufsain Shaw will not however so materially lessen the force of the Prosecution as from what I have said might be inferred. - Shaik Emaum one of the Native Witnesses now present will give evidence directly and pointedly in support of the Prosecution, and Shaik Chaund another Native Witness will declare the Prisoner was pointed out to him by Hufsain Shaw Jackier as one who had joined in this

Mutinous

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Mutinous Conspiracy. This was occasioned by Shaik Chaunds espousing to the late Jemadar Shaik Hussain. his doubts of any Native officers of the 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment. being engaged in this plot — I trust by the evidence I shall produce — clearly to show to the Court. the Prisoner joined in the Mutinous Conspiracy formed here and assented to. and promised to assist at the Murder of the European officers and Artillery men at Vellore —

I also wish to remark to the Court a Circumstance which however must be received with caution by the Court against the Prisoner. and this is. That the whole of the Native Evidence will be found to agree as to the number of Native officers of the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment engaged in this Conspiracy. six Native officers of that Corps are always mentioned in the

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Mutinous Meetings as having assented to the Murder of the European Officers and Six only of the 2nd Battalion 1st* Regiment have been discovered and are accused — The first Evidence I shall call is Lieutenant Colonel Hall —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall

I received information about the latter end of May last of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by several men of the Fora under my Command. The intents of which Conspiracy was to destroy the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore. with a view to investigate fully the truth of this information and to obtain a Knowledge of the extent of the Conspiracy. as also to detect the men who were engaged in it I ordered a Court of Enquiry or Board

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of Officers to assemble. of which I was
President — . At this Board many wit-
=nyss were examined. and among others
a man by name Hussain Shaw a
Packer. sent to me by the Resident
in Travancore, this person by his own
Confession in the first instance to the
Resident. and afterwards by undoubted
evidence received by the Board of Officers
was found to have been one of the Con-
=spirators and very well aware of all
the Leading men engaged in this Mu-
=tinous Conspiracy. In his testimony before
the Board of Officers. he declared seve-
ral Native Officers belonging to this
Force. to be engaged in this Mutinous plot
and in consequence of this declaration,
several Native Officers were sent for by
name Shaik Nuttu Syrang Artillery,
Jemidar Seyd Mozaffir Native Adjutant

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2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment, Subidars Sied Noor and Nabby Caun 2d. Batta=lion 11th. Regiment. Subidars Mahomed Khawn. Poran Serj. and Mahomed Ally 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment. — Subidars. Abdul Nabby. Abdul Caw=der. Budder or Khader Oudin, Kha=der Cawn, and Jemidar Boran Beg. 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment, and were brought into the room where the Board of Officers with Mrs Tacker Hussain Shaw, were sitting — The Tacker point=ed out the Prisoner Khader Cawn — Subidar 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment, and said he was one of the Conspirators and he pointed out the other Native Officers as being also engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy; the whole of them Brought to the Board of Officers on Suspicion to be identified having ban

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gone through. The Packer appearing to
me to have doubts of some of them. and
for the purpose of preventing as much
as possible any mistake I directed the
Packer Hussain Shaw to withdraw —
when the positions of the several officers
the accused were changed while absent.
Hussain Shaw was most anxiously and
impressively told by Major Winfield by
my orders to be clear and positive of the
people he pointed out, as it was matter
of most serious Consequence to them, —
and not to point out any one but of whom
he had a personal Knowledge; on re-
entering the room I directed the Packer
Hussain Shaw again. to regard every
one of them with great attention and
again to say if he knew all of them to be
implicated — on this more minute exa-
mination he declared three of them, —
namely

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namely Syrang Shaik Nuller. Artillery Subedars Poran Sing and Mahomed Ally 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment not to be engaged in this Conspiracy with his Knowledge, but he again most positively said the Prisoner was implicated together with Jemadar Syd. Mozaffer. Native. Adjutant 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment, Subedars Sied. Noor and Nabby Cawn 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment, Subedar. Mahomed Khawn 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment, Subedars. Abdul Nabby. Abdul Cawder Budder or Khadir Oudun and Jemadar Boran Beg 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. He was a second time directed to withdraw. the positions of the Native officers were again changed, the Cautions were repeated to him. and on being introduced again. he pointed out exactly the same Native officers. as he had done the second

time

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time, and he made the same exceptions —
In consequence of this information D.
placed in doubt the Prisoner and the
other Native officers said to be implic
:cated, and sent them under an Escort
to Trichinopoly —

Deputy Judge Advocate — Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means of the existence at this Station of Mutinous Meetings as detailed in the first charge? —

Answer — None —

Question by the Prisoner. Do you recollect that this Fackr. =er gave in my name Abdullah Cawn and afterwards changed it to be Khader Cawn?

Answer — I do not recollect this circumstance, but I am positive this Fackeer pointed out the Prisoner in direct terms as being one of the Conspirators. —

Question by the Prisoner. Do you recollect my having in your

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your presence at the Main Guard. asked this Packet. to say what he knew of me, and where the Native Officers. he accused and myself. had Consulted respecting this said Mutiny? —

Answer I have no recollection of any such question, it might however have been asked as my attention was much taken up to the one point. of guilty or not guilty.

The Witness retires.

Major J. P. Winfield 2d Battalion 11th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn —

The Charges are read —

Deputy Judge advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes —

Question Was you a Member of a Board of Officers assembled at Dinapore about the latter end of May last to investigate a Mutinous Conspiracy. which had been discovered —

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amongst the Troops at this Station?

Answer I was.

Question Who was President of this Board?

Answer Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Question At this enquiry was a Man by name Hussain Shaw a Tacker considered a principal Witness?

Answer He was.

Question Did he appear to be perfectly aware of the extent of the plot and to know well the leading men engaged in it?

Answer Yes, he did.

Question Did this man Hussain Shaw say before the Board of Officers that any Native officers were engaged in this Conspiracy, if so, mention their names.

Answer He mentioned that he had been present at a Meeting at a Tackers' place called Kot Bawa Ka Mudkown

where

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where a proposal was made and a-
greed to by all present "to kill the offi-
cers and to seize this Country." At this
Meeting there were present as the
Packer said, the Prisoner Subidar Kha
-der Cawn 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment
/commonly called Abdullah Cawn/ the
late Lame Packer. Sergaroo Packer,
Subidar Abdul Nabby, Budder Oudien,
Abdul Cawder and a Mogul Jemidar
2d. Battalion 18th Regiment / whose
name he did not Know / the First and
Second Subidars of the 2nd Battalion
11th Regiment, the Native Adjutant 2.
Battalion 9th Regiment; Mahomed
Kahun Subidar late Shaik Hussain
Jemidar, the late Salabat Cawn and
Mustapha Private 2nd Battalion
14th Regiment; and from further in-
formation received from Nissamy Packer,

besides

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besides the above three other Native officers by name Mahomed Ally Subidar 2d Battalion 14th Regiment, a Rajpoot Subidar of Grenadiers of that Corps, and Shaik Nutter Syrang &c: &c: were brought before the Board of Officers.—

Question Do you perfectly recollect that this Faukur Hussain Shaw said the names you have mentioned were implicated in this Mutinous Conspiracy?—

Answer Yes, he was desired to point them out before the Board of Officers; when he excepted as not recognising them to be concerned, the three last mentioned by me, the others he individually and repeatedly pointed out as concerned — The first and second time he hesitated somewhat at the two Native Officers of the

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2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment, but he afterwards positively included them.

Question — You are certain Hussain Shaw at the Board of Officers and in your presence pointed out the Prisoner as one engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy?

Answer — Most Certain.

Question — On what authority or grounds did he say he acted in thus pointing out the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators?

Answer — It appeared to me his reasons, for pointing out the Prisoner as being engaged in this Mutiny, were, the prisoner having agreed to the proposal, "to kill the Officers and to seize this Country" as the Mutiny I have before mentioned.

Question — By the investigation gone through by you as a Number of the Board of Officers, can you conscientiously declare

that

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That you consider this Prisoner to have been one of the Conspirators?—

Answer Not by the investigation that — was gone through by the Board of Officers, as there was before them only the simple assertion of this Packer. but by subsiquent enquiries, made by me, by desire of the President and Officer Comm: -manding in Travancore, I have no hesitation in stating it to be my opinion, "that the Prisoner was engaged in the Mutinous Conspiracy discovered here in May last," which induces me to form this opinion is my having taken down the Sentiments of Shaik Emaum and Shaik Chaund two men engaged in this Mutiny, corroborated by intelligence I received from trusty men of my own Corps, in whom I place every reliance.—

Question

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Question Do you recollect that by orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hall you anxiously and impressively warned this Tacker Hussain Shaw to be most particular and cautious in saying those Native Officers were engaged in this Conspiracy and not to point out any one he was not personally acquainted with?

Answer Yes, I perfectly recollect taking this Tacker into the front Verandah of the Guard Verandah of Hon. Main Guard for that purpose, and there most earnestly cautioned him, to point out only those of whom he was positive and of whom he had a personal Knowledge, and I repeated my Cautions to him after he had a second time examined the Native Officers and previous to the third examination.

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The Witness hereunto gives a Specimen of his proficiency in the Hindostanee Language, which is highly satisfactory to the Court.-

Question — by the Prisoner. Do you recollect if this Fackeer spoke of the Meeting that he says, took place at Kot Bawa Ka. Muckaun - before me at the Board of Officers?

Answer. No, it was afterwards.

The Witness Retires.

It being 5 P.M. the Court adjourns till Monday ~~" " " " " "~~ Morning at 9 O'Clock.-

Monday 9 A.M.) the 4th of January 1813.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Members all present.

The Procedings of Saturday are read over and explained.-

Shaik Emaum Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence

on

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on the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to his Cast.

The Charges are read and explained —

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes. the Prisoner is Subedar Khader Cawn 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment.

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Mutings were held at this Station, some time ago?

Answer. Yes, Mutinous Mutings were held some time ago at this Station, in the Month of a lame Jacket, who is dead, and I attended them for two Months, the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, late Lame Jacketer, Hussain Shaw Jacket (who has runaway) late Salabat Cawn, Ally Cawn, Havildars Abdul Cawder and Shaik Nutter and many others whose names I do not now recollect were also constantly at those Mutinous Mutings; the late Jemidar

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Shaik Hussain was the principal, and the late Lame Packer and Hussain Shaw Packer were leading men in these Mutinous Meetings.-

Question What were the objects of these Mutinous Meetings?-

Answer. They were for the purpose of forming plans to murder the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore: :core, to seize this Country, to raise Batta :lions, to guard the Passes into the Coun: :try, and to make the Rajah of Cottiv: :ghurry Rajah of Travancore.-

Question Do you Know that the Prisoner was acquainted with these Mutinous Meetings being held here, and that he also was acquainted with the intentions of the people who were engaged in them?-

Answer- The Prisoner Knew very well that Mutinous Meetings were held here and

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he also was well aware of the intentions of the people who were engaged in them —

Question How do you Know this? —

Answer Hussain Shaw Jacker always brought news to the Muckaun. to the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain and Lame Jacker, and had the names of the all the principal men and Native officers written down. who had agreed to join in the Mutiny — This Jacker Hussain Shaw brought the names of six native officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment and mentioned them in the Mutinous Meetings in the Muckaun as having assented to join in the Mutiny — It was agreed by means of Hussain Shaw that some of the people should go and meet those men of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment and speak to them. face to face, accordingly. about seven or eight

days

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days before the Review of the 2d. Battalion
18th Regiment, the late Jemidar Shaik
Hussain. Lame Jacker. late Salabut
Cawn. Ally Cawn. Hussain Shaw &
Jacker and myself. at 9 Oclock at
night. went to the Lines of the 2nd
Battalion 18th. Regiment to meet these
Native officers — We met them in the
Mucksawn. near to their Lines, and we
exchanged betle and betle nut, and
the business of the Murder of the Euro:
=pean officers and men in Travancore /
the Seizure of the Country. the making
the Rajah of Cottenghovy Rajah of
Travancore and every thing connected
with the intended Mutiny were most
fully spoken of. and were agreed to by
all the Native officers of the 2d. Batta
=lion 18th. Regiment present, six in
number, and the Names are Subedars

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. Abdul Nabby . . Abdul Khader . Budder Oudeen and Khader Cawn / the Prisoner / Jemidars Boran Beg and Shaik Hus= =sain; after every thing respecting the Mutiny had been fully Considered, and all the plans proposed assented to by the above= . Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th Re= =giment and after all of them had promised to bring some men to Assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men whenever it should be attempted, every one present took an Oath of Secrecy respecting what= had passed and of attachment to the cause and I heard and saw the Prisoner take Oath. saying "he never would divulge the "business of the Mutiny and Swearing to "remain faithfull."

Question . Was any lamp burning in the= place you met the Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment—?

. Answer

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Answer. There was no lamp burning nor much light, but we were seated very close to each other and it was sufficiently light to see the peoples' faces.—

Question. Do you positively swear you heard the Prisoner assent to and promise to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men at Vellore?—

Answer. Yes. most positively and he said he would bring some men to assist—

Question. Do you also positively swear that you heard and saw the Prisoner take an Oath not to divulge the business of the Mutiny?—

Answer. Yes, most positively.

Question. Was any time fixed on to carry into execution those plans of Murder?—

Answer. On the night of the review of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment it was determined to attempt the murder while

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the officers were at dinner in the Mess-
room of that Corps, and if prevented on
that night, it was fixed to try it at a
large dinner expected soon to have been
given by the Resident, and if again prevent-
ed on any other favorable opportunity—
and to all these plans the Prisoner agreed—

Question Do you know well this man Hus-
sain Shaw, Tasker, of whom you have
spoken?—

Answer. Yes, I know him very well, he
always brought the news of any one joining
in the Mutiny, and he used to tell over
the Names of the Native Officers and
the leading men engaged in the Conspi-
racy; and I have often and often heard
this man mention the Prisoners'
name in the Mutinous Meetings as
having agreed to the business — He
always spoke of six Native Officers being

engaged

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engaged in this Mutiny. and he Knew well every thing connected with it – He has runaway. –

Question Do you Know that the Conspira-tors in general Considered the Prisoner had engaged in the Mutiny and that they expected he would assist at the Murder of the European Officers and men at Quilon? –

Answer. I have often, every day almost, – heard the people in the Mutinous Meet-ings mention the Prisoner's name as being engaged in the Conspiracy: and I have also often heard them say, they expected he would assist at the Murder. The People always spoke of Desc. Native Officers 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment – having agreed to the Mutiny, and they expected all of them to assist. –

Question by the Court – Do you Know if the Prisoner was

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to receive any reward for his Services in this business?

Answer. After the business was over all the Native Officers engaged were promised to be made Amers.—

Question by the Prisoner } You say, you knew well all this business of the Mutiny, why did you not report it?

Answer. I was myself engaged in the Mutiny and was taken up and put in irons with the other Mutineers —. At this time I was afraid to say any thing, and besides I had taken an Oath to be secret, but in being promised Pardon for my Crime, I came forward and discovered to Lieutenant Colonel Hall every thing I was acquainted with, respecting this Mutiny.

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed—

Answer.

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Answer Yes most positively

The Witness Retires

Shaik Chaund Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment an Evidence on the Prose-cution is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast.-

The Charges are read and explained.—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes. he is Subidar Khader Cawn 2d. Battalion 18th. Regement.

Question Do you Know that. Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station?

Answer Yes. Mutinous. Meetings were held some time ago at this Station. in the Mussalman of a Same Facker who is dead, and I attended them for two Months— The late Shaik Hussain. Jemidar was the principal and Same Facker and Hussain Shaw Facker were leading men

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men at these Mutinous Meetings, and late Salabut Cawn, Ally Cawn, Havildars Shaik Nutter and Abdul Cawder and many others, I donot now recollect, were constantly at them.—

Question What were the objects of these Mutinous Meetings?

Answer They were for the purpose of forming plans to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore, to seize this Country, to raise Battalions, and make the Rajah of Cottingkovy Rajah of Travancore.

Question At these Mutinous Meetings, have you heard the Prisoner's name mentioned as being engaged in this Conspiracy?—

Answer Yes. I have often heard it—Hyspain Shaw Tacker brought the name of the Prisoner in the first instance to the Mutinous, written down and the same Tacker read

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read it out to the people as one who had engaged in the Mutiny, and afterwards I heard the Prisoner's name often and often in the Muckaun.—

Question Do you Know this Man Hyd: Sain Shaw Tackur well?—

Answer. Yes. I Know Hydsain Shaw very well, and he was well acquainted with the Mutiny and every principal person engaged in it. he had the names of all the Native Officers engaged in it, written down, and I have always heard him say that six Native Officers of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment were engaged in this Conspiracy. the names he mentioned in the Muckaun are Subidars Abdul Nabby, Abdul Khader, Khader Cawn (the Prisoner) and Budder Oudeen: Jemidars Boran Beg and Shaik Hydsain — six native

Officers

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Officers of the 2nd. Battalion 18th. Regi:
=ment were Constantly Spoken of in the
. Mutiny — This man Hussain Shaw
has run away —

Question Was the Prisoner ever pointed out
to you by any one. as being one of the Native
Officers of the 2? Battalion 18th Regiment
who had engaged in this Mutiny? —

Answer Some of the Conspirators and My:
=self told the late Jemadar Shaik Hussain
that we did not think there were any Na
=tive Officers of the 2? Battalion 18th
Regiment engaged in this Mutiny and
that we wished to have more proof than
merely the word of the Packer Hussain
Shaw — The Jemidar told us very well,
if you will not believe what is written,
you may go with Hussain Shaw and
he will show you the six. Native Officers

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of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment who have agreed to the Mutiny.— We went with the Tackur to the road where the Native officers must pass in going from their Parade to their houses and on the approach of the Prisoner the Tackur walked to a little distance from us, to meet him, the Tackur and the Prisoner spoke together for a little time but I did not hear what they said, on separating, I heard the Prisonir say "give my salam to the Jemadar" the Tackur on returning to us. told us, that, was one of them, and he did exactly the same to five other Native officers 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment, and all of them sent their Salams, in the same way to the Jemadar— We returned to the Muckaun and told the Jemidar Shaik Hussain we had seen six na-

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native officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment and that we were satisfied; the Packer delivered their Salams to the Jemidar and mentioned their names which were exactly the same as I have mentioned. and this was about eight days before the review 2d Battalion 18th Regiment — I know the faces of those sipoys very well—

Question Did you positively consider the Prisoner, and do you know. he was considered by the people in the Mutinous Meetings, as one from whom assistance was to be received on attempting the murder of the European Officers and men?

Answer Yes, after he was pointed out to me, by the Packer. I positively considered him one. and I know the people in the Mutinous Meetings considered him one. from whom assist

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assistance was to be received on the Murder of the European Officers and men being attempted, and if the murder had been tried. I should have expected the same assistance from this Prisoner as from any one of the people who were constantly with me in the Mutinous Meetings.—

Question Do you know if any time was fixed on to carry into execution these plans of Murder?—

Answer On the night of the review of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment it was fixed to attempt the murder of the European Officers while at dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps, and if prevented on that night it was determined to try it at a large Dinner expected soon to be given by the Resident, and if again prevented on any other favorable opportunity—

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opportunity -

Question - by the Court } Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business? -

Answer The Names of all the Native Officers were written down and after the business was over they were to be made Answers. -

Deputy Judge advocate } Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed? -

Answer Most positively -

The Witness retires.

Hussain Khawn Private 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to this Cast -

The Charges are read and explained -

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer I Know him to be a Subidar of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment and I have seen him on Duty. -

Question

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Question - State to the Court what you know respecting the Charges?—

Answer - About seven months ago, my house being uncovered I went one evening to sleep at the Nuckaun of a—Cauw Tacker who is dead—: At eight o'clock many people came there and amongst them were late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, late Subadar Shaik Hussain, late Subadar Ally Cauw, Havildars Shaik Nutter, Abdul Cawder, late Cauw Tacker. Shaik Hamed and many others, I do not now recollect— These people sat down and I overheard them speak of their intentions to murder the European Officers and Men, and to seize this Country: late Jemidars Shaik Hussain and Cauw Tacker seemed to be the principal people present, both of them spoke to the men Assembled and I heard each of them say: that six—

Native

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Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion—
18th Regiment had agreed to join them
and had promised to assist at the mur=
der of the European Officers and Men—
this appeared to be believed by all present
as no one asked any questions or made
any objections to what had been said by
the Jemadar and Jacker—

The names of the six Native Officers
were not mentioned.—

Question Do you Swear to the truth of—
what you have now deposed?—

Answer Yes, most positively —

The Witness Retires

The Prisoner admits his name in the
Rolls of his Corps to be Khader Cawn—
and he ~~is~~ also admits he is otherwise—
usually called Abdullah Cawn.—

The Prosecution is here closed.

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Prisoner— I most positively deny all Know-
=ledge of the Crimes laid to my charge,
and I never saw the same Tucker or
the late Shaik Hyssain Jemadar,—
and those men Shaik Emaum and
Shaik Chaund I never saw until the
next day. They came to the guard to
look at me and the other Native Offi:
:cers confined there, and every thing they
have said against me is positively—
false: They may have been engaged in
a business of this Kind and to save—
their lives they say any thing— At the
time they say they saw me, about eight
days before the Review of my Battalion
I was so ill as to be unable to get up:—
and I did not recover till the very morn:
=ning of the Review. I did not go to the—
Hospital, because it is customary in our
Battalion to allow Native Officers to

remain

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remain in their Houses when sick. and on the morning of the review I was dis-
-ed by the European Adjutant to go to the rear. as I might forget some part of the exercise having been some days sick and another Subidar took my Company—

I have served the Honorable Company for thirty five years and have been a Commissioned officer thirteen years— and I have been much employed on field Service. I know my duty very well and had I known any thing of this said Mutiny. I should have reported it immediately to my officers. I am an old man now, and not a likely person to engage in a business of this kind. —: My whole family has been in this service and four of my Brothers have died while on service in the field. and

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Inow supports all their Wives —

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate informs the Court he has received a written Character of the Prisoner from Major Boardman Commanding the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment which the Prisoner is desirous should be read to the Court and should be admitted on the Defence —

The Character is read and the Court admit its appearance in their Proceedings; it is as follows —

"Subidar Khader Khawn has been with the Corps, since it has been raised and from my own Knowledge as well as what I have learned from His officers has ever been Considered a very inoffensive, Sober, and Correct Officer" —

Sworn to before a Magistrate.

Seringapatam 28th Dec. 1812.

(Signed) Edr. Boardman
S.O. in Charge
2d Batt. 18th Regt.

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The Defence is now closed-

The Court adjourns at 2 P.M. till fur-
-ther notice-

Tuesday / 1 P.M. / the 5th of January 1813-

Court met pursuant to notice
. Members all present.

The Proceedings are read over and
explained.

Sentence The Court finds the Prisoner
Subidar Khader Khaun of the 2nd
Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infan-
-try. Guilty of all. and several the
Crimes charged, and which being to the
prejudice of good Order and Military
Discipline it does therefore by virtue of
the Articles of War. adjudge and sen-
-tence him to suffer Death by being
hanged by the neck at such time and
at such Station of the Army as His
Excellency the Commander in Chief
may

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may be pleased to direct —

signed F. P. Stewart
Capt.n Actg. Deputy
Judge advocate.

The mark + of
Letchman Sing Subidar
1st. Bn. 5th. Regt. N. I Prisidr.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
12th February, 1813. —

I approve and Confirm
(signed) S. Auchmuty
Lieut.o Genl.

To Lieutenant Colonel Leith.
Judge Advocate General
Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit the Procedings of the Court on the trial of Jemidar Boran Beg of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment Native Infantry; and to acquaint you the trials of the Native officers confined at this Station for mutiny are completed. —

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Quilon
6th January 1813
4. P. M.

(signed) F. P. Stewart
Acting Deputy Judge Advte

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The Native General Court Martial which assembled at Quilon on the 18th day of August in the Year of our Lord 1812 by orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Comm=manding the Forces in Travancore under authority from His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Continued by Successive Adjourn=ments is reassembled at ½ past 1 P. M. this 5th day of January 1813 — President

Subidar Letchman Sing 1st Batt. 5th Regt. N.I.

President —

Members.

Subidar Syd. Abdullah 2d Batt. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Letchman Sing 1st Batt. 5th Regt. N.I.

Syrang Capsin ..... 2d Batt. Artillery.

Subidar Shaik Ebram ... 1st Batt. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Purmaulloo ..... 2d Batt. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ismail .. 2d Batt. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ally ..... 2d Batt. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Hussain Cawn ... 1st Batt. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar

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Subadar Vencatachellum 2d Battn 11th Regt. N.I.

Subadar Mahomed Hussain 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.

Subadar Shaik Shuver —— 2d Battn 11th Regt. N.I.

Subadar Veraputh ..... 2d Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Ramahsawmy .... 2d Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Shaik Ally .... 1st Battn 5th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.—

The Court having assembled, the Warrants —
constituting its authority are read and explained —
Jemidar Boran Reg. 2nd Battalion 11th Regi-
=ment Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought
into Court, the names of the President and —
Members are read to him and he is asked,—

Deputy Judge advocate } Do you object to any of the Mem-
=bers Composing the Court by which you
are about to be tried?—

Prisoner I do not object to any.

The President and Members are duly —
sworn in Conformity to the usages of their
respective Casts.—

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The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly Sworn—

Sooboorow is duly Sworn in Conformity to his Cast. Interpreter to the Court.—

Charge Boran Beg Jemidar Light Com=pany 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment=. Native Infantry placed in arrest by Order of the Officer Commanding the Forces in Travancore on the following Charges—

1st. For joining, aiding and abetting in seditious and Mutinous Meetings for the purpose of distroying the Europ: =pean Officers and Men of the Subsidiary Force in Travancore—

2d. For concealing and suppressing his Knowledge of such Mutinous and Seditious Meetings and not giving information thereof as directed by the Articles of War—

(Signed)

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(Signed) Alexr. Balmain

M. B. to the Troops

in Travancore—

Head Quarters

in Travancore

Quilon 28th. May 1812.

By Order,

(Signed) T. H. S. Conway.

Adjutt Gel. of the Army—

The Charges having been read and explained to the Prisoner he is asked,—

Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you?—

Deputy Judge Advocate.

Prisoner— Not Guilty—

Deputy Judge Advocate— On opening the Prosecution on this trial, I have to regret that a Witness has absented himself, and no tidings can be learned of him. whose testimony would have been most direct and pointed in support of the Charges, and it would otherwise have been very highly satisfactory to the Court as he gave the first information against this Prisoner.

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There is reason to suppose the Witness has been induced to abscond either from apprehension of his personal safety by remaining at this place to give Evidence on the trial of this Prisoner and others similarly situated, or from having been promised or perhaps having received a pecuniary reward to absent himself. The Witness to whom Jaffundee Hussain Shaw a Tanker who in the course of these Proceedings will be shewn to have had a perfect Knowledge of those Mutinous Meetings detailed in the first Charge, and frequently to have attended them; and I shall prove by the testimony of Lieutenant Colonel Hall and Major Winfield. That after a most minute examination of the Prisoners person he deposited out. the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators to a Board of Officers assembled

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assembled at this place to investigate —
this mutiny —
The absence of the Evidence Hussain
Shaw will not however so materially
lessen the force of the Prosecution as —
from what I have said might be —
inferred — Shaik Emaum one of the —
Native Witnys here present will —
give evidence directly and pointedly
in support of the Prosecution, and Shaik
Chaund another native Witnys —
will declare the Prisoner was pointed
out to him by Hussain Shaw Jacker
as one who had joined in this — Mu
=tinous Conspiracy. This was occasioned
by Shaik Chaund's expressing to the
late Jemidar Shaik Hussain his —
doubts of any Native Officers of the 2d
Battalion 18th Regiment being engaged
in this plot — I trust by the evidence —
I shall

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I shall produce, clearly to show to the Court. the Prisoner joined in the Mu: =tinous Conspiracy formed here. and assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery Men at Quilon.—

I also wish to remark to the Court. a Circumstance which however must be received with caution by the Court. against the Prisoner. and this is that the whole of the Native Evidences will be found to agree. as to the number of Native Officers of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment engaged in this Conspiracy six Native officers of that Corps are always mentioned in the Mutinous Mutings as having assented to the Mur =der of the European Officers. and six only of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment have been discovered and are accused—

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The first Evidence I shall call is Lieu:
=tenant Colonel Hall-

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn-

Lieutenant Colonel Hall

I received information about the latter end of May last, of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by several men of the Force under my Command. The intent of which Conspi
=racy was to destroy the European Offi
:cers and Artillery men in Travan:
:core; with a view to investigate fully the truth of this information and to obtain a Knowledge of the extent of the Conspiracy as also to detect the men who were engaged in it, I ordered a Court of Enquiry or Board of Officers to assemble, of which I was President:— at this Board many witnesses were exa:
=mined: and among others a man by name

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name Hussain Khan a Jacket sent to me by the Resident in Travancore. This person by his own Confession in the first instance to the Resident and afterwards by undoubted evidence receiv: =ved by the Board of Officers was found to have been one of the Conspirators, and very well aware of all the Leading men engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy. In his testimony before the Board of Officers he declared several Native offi =cers belonging to this Force to be engaged in this Mutinous plot. and in consequence of this declaration several Native officers were sent for by name Shaik Nutter Sy: =rang Artillery. Jemidar Syd Mozaffer Native Adjutant 2d Battalion 9th Regi =ment. Subidar Sid Noor and Nabby =Cawn 2d Battalion 11th Regiment. Subi =dar Mahomed Khawn. Poran Sing.

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and Mahomed Ally 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment, Subadars Abdul Nabby Abdul Cawder. Budder or Khawn — Oudun. Khader Cawn. and Jemidar Boran Beg 2d. Battalion 18th. Regi. =ment, and were brought into the room where the Board of Officers with the Shes Tacker Hussain Shaw were sitting — The Tacker pointed out the Prisoner Boran Beg Jemidar 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. and said he was one of the Conspirators and he pointed out the other Native Officers as being also engaged in this Mutinous Con: =spiracy. The whole of them brought to the Board of Officers on suspicion to be identified having been gone through the Tacker appearing to me to have doubts of some of them. and for the — purpose of preventing as much as —

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possible any mistake, I directed the Fa:
:kier Hussain Shaw. to withdraw, when
the positions of the several officers he
accused were changed, while absent —
Hussain Shaw was most assciously and
impressively told by Major Winfield —
by my orders to be clear and positive of
the people he pointed out. as it was —
matter of most serious consequence to —
them and not to point out any one. but
of whom he had a personal Knowledge.
on re-entering the room I directed this
Tacker Hussain Shaw again to regard
every one of them with great attention and
again to say if he Knew all of them to
be implicated —
On this more minute examination he de:
:clared three of them. namely Syrang.
Shaik. Nutter. Artillery, Subidars Poran
Sing and Mahomed. Ally 2d. Battalion

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14th. Regiment not to be engaged in this Conspiracy. with his Knowledge. but he again most positively said the Prisoner was implicated together with Jemadar Syd Mozaffer. Native. Adjutant. 2nd. Battalion 9th. Regiment, Subidars Seid Noor and Nobby Cawn 2nd. Battalion 11th. Regiment. Subidar. Mahomed Kha: =wn 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment, Subidars Abdul. Nabby. Abdul Cawder, Budder or Khader. Oudeen and Khader Cawn 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment —He was a Second time directed to withdraw, the positions of the Native officers were a: =gain changed. the Cautions were repea: =ted to him. and on being introduced a= =gain he pointed out exactly the same Native officers as he had done the se: =cond time. and he made the same — exceptions. —

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In consequence of this information I placed in arrest the Prisoner and the other Native Officers said to be implicated and sent them under an Escort to Triche-nopoly.-

Deputy Judge Advocate— Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means, of the existence at this Station of Mutinous Meet-ings as set forth in the first charge?

Answer. None-

Question by the Prisoner. Do you perfectly recollect that the Tasker gave in my name to the Board of Officers?-

Answer I do not recollect that the Tasker gave in the Prisoners name, but I perfectly recollect, that the Tasker pointed out the Prisoner as a Conspirator, in passive-terms. three times, and the Prisoners name was taken down at the Board of Officers, to-gether with the names of the other Native

Officers

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Officers the Packer accused.

The Witness Returns

Major J. P. Winfield 2nd Battalion

11th Regiment. Native Infantry an Evi-

-dence on the Prosecution is duly sworn. —

The Charges are read.

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes —

Question Was you a Member of a Board

of Officers assembled at Quilon about the

latter end of May last, to investigate a

Mutinous Conspiracy which had been

discovered amongst the Troops at this

Station? —

Answer I was.

Question Who was President of this Board?

Answer Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Question At this Enquiry was a Man by

name Hussain Shaw a Packer considered

a principal Witness? —

Answer

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. Answer He was.

Question Did he appear to be perfectly aware of the extent of the plot. and to Know well the leading men engaged in it?

. Answer Yes. he did.

Question Did this man Hussain Shaw say before the Board of Officers that any Native officers were engaged in this conspiracy. if so mention their names?

. Answer He mentioned that. he had been present at a Meeting at a Fackeer's place called Kot Bawa Ka. Muckawn. where a proposal was made and agreed to by all present "to Kill the Officers and to seize this Country". At this Meeting the Fackeer said there was present the late Lame Fackeer, Sergooroo Fackeer, Subidar. Abdul Nabby, Buddur Oudeen. Abdullah or Khader Cawn. Abdul Khader and a Mogul Jemidar of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regt. I

who

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who turned out to be the Prisoner. but whose
name he did not Know, the first and
Second Subidars of the 2d. Battalion 11th.
Regiment, the Native. Adjutant of the 2d.
Battalion 9th. Regiment, Subidar. Maho:
=med Khawn. late Jemidar Shaik =
Hussain, late Salabut Cawn. Ally Cawn
and Mustapha, Sepoys of the 2d. Batta
=lion 11th. Regiment. and from further
information received from this same Fac.
:keer in addition to the above. three other
. Native officers, by name. Mahomed =
. Ally, Subidar 2d. Battalion 14th Regi:
=ment. a Rajpoot Subidar of Grenadiers
of that Corps. and Syeang Shaik. Nut:
=ter. Artillery. were brought before the
Board of Officers. —

Question Do you perfectly recollect that —
this Facker Hussain Shaw. said the =
whole of the Native officers whose names

you

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you have mentioned were implicated in this Mutinous Conspiracy?

Answer. Yes. he was desired to point them out before the Board of Officers. when he excepted as not recognizing them to be concerned. the three last mentioned by me; the others he individually and repeatedly pointed out as concerned. he hesitated somewhat the first and second time at the two Native Officers of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment. but he afterwards positively included them.

Question. Are you certain Hussain Shaw at the Board of Officers and in your presence pointed out the Prisoner as one engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy?

Answer. Most certain.

Question. On what authority or grounds did he say he acted in thus pointing out the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators?

Answer

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Answer. It appeared to me, his reasons for pointing out the Prisoner as being engaged in this Mutiny were the Prisoner's having agreed to the proposal "to kill the Officers and to seize this Country" at the Meeting I have before mentioned.—

Question By the investigation gone through by you as a member of the Board of Officers can you conscientiously declare that you consider this Prisoner to have been one of the Conspirators?—

Answer Not by the investigation gone through by the Board of Officers, because before them there was only the simple assertion of this Packer, but by subsequent enquiries made by me, by desire of the Resident and Officer Commanding in Travancore, I have no hesitation in stating it to be my opinion "that the Prisoner was engaged in the Mutinous Conspiracy discovered here

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how in May last" what induces me to form this opinion is my having taken down the statements of Shaik Emaum and Chaik Chaund two men engaged in this Mutiny, corroborated by intelligence I received from trusty men of my own Corps, in whom I place every reliance.—

Question Do you recollect, that by orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hall, you anxiously and impressively warned this Packer Havildar Shaw, to be most particular and cautious in saying those, Native officers were engaged in this Conspiracy, and not to point out any one he was not personally acquainted with?

Answer. Yes, I perfectly recollect taking this Packer into the front Verandah of the main Guard for that purpose, and there most earnestly cautioned him to point out only those of whom he was positive.

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positive and of whom he had a personal Knowledge, and I repeated my caution to him after he had a second time examined the Native Officers and previous to the third examination -

The Witness gives a Specimen of his proficiency in the Hindoostanee Language which is Satisfactory to the Court.

The Witness returns

Shaik Emaum Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn - in Conformity to the usages of his Cast. -

The Charges are read and explained -

Deputy Judge Advocate - Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer - Yes. I Know him to be Boran Beg Jemidar 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment -

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station? -

Answer

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Answer Yes. Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station, in the Muckawn of a Lame Packer, who is dead; and I attended them for two months, the late Jemadar Shaik Hussain 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment was the principal man and late Lame Packer and Hussain Shaw Packer (who has runaway) were leading men in these Mutinous Mutinings and late Salabat Cawn. Ally Cawn Shaik Nutter Havildar; Abdul Cawder Havildar; and many others whom I do not now recollect, were constantly in the Muckawn at these Meetings. —

Question What were the objects of these Mutinous Meetings? —

Answer They were for the purpose of forming plans to murder the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore, to seize this Country, to raise Battalions to guard the

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the Passes into this Country, and to—
make the Rajah of Cottingherry Rajah
of Travancore.—

Question Do you Know that the Prisoner
was acquainted with these Mutinous
Meetings being held here, and that he
was also acquainted with the intentions
of the people who were engaged in them?—

Answer The Prisoner Knew very well that
Mutinous Meetings were held here, and
he also Knew perfectly well the intentions
of the people who were engaged in them.—

Question How do you Know this?—

Answer. Hyssain Shaw Tadkur was well
aware of all the leading men and Na-
tive Officers and of every thing Connected
with this Mutiny — He always brought
the News to the Muckawn. of any one
joining in this Mutinous Conspiracy, and
he brought the name of this Prisoner—

Jemidar

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Jemadar Boran Beg 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment and the names of five Native officers of that Corps written down and mentioned them in the Muckawn as having assented to join in the Mutiny. — By means of this man Hussain Shaw, it was arranged to go to the lines of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment to meet the Native officers of that Corps, who were said to have joined, and to speak to them face to face; accordingly about eight days before the Review of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regimt. at 9 Oclock at night — I accompanied the late Shaik Hussain Jemadar, late Lance Jacker, Hussain Shaw Jacker, late Salabut Cawn and Ally Cawn to a Muckawn near to the Lines of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment. and we there met five Native officers of that Corps. —

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Corps — The busines of Murdering the
European Officers and Seizing the Coun
-try and every thing connected with the
intended Mutiny were most fully —
spoken of, and Considered, and were —
agreed to by every one present: the names
of the Native Officers of the 2d Batta.
-lion 18th Regiment who were present —
at the Meeting and Assented to murder
the European Officers and to Seize this
Country are Subidars Abdul Nabby,
Budder Oudeen Khader Khawn and
Abdul Khader Jemudars Shaik
Hussain and Boran Beg the Priso:
-ner — Before we came away an Oath
was taken after exchanging betle and
betle nut by every one present "to remain
Secret respecting the Mutiny and attach.
-ed to each other," and I heard and —
saw this Prisoner take Oath "never to

divulge

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divulge the Mutiny and to remain faithful"

Question Was any lamp burning in the place you met the Native officers of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment?

Answer There was no lamp burning, but it was light enough to see the faces of the people, and we were besides sitting very close to each other.

Question Do you positively swear you heard the Prisoner assent to, and promise to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Men at Dindigul?

Answer Yes, most positively, and the Prisoner promised to bring some men to assist, whenever the murder should be attempted.

Question Do you also positively swear that you heard and saw the Prisoner take an Oath, not to divulge the business

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of the Mutiny?—

Answer Yes. most positively

Duestion Was any time fixed on to carry into execution those plans of Murder?

Answer. Yes. it was fixed to try it, on the night of the review of the 2.nd Battalion 18th Regiment. while the Officers were at Dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps, and if prevented on that occasion. it was determined to attempt it. at a large Dinner expected soon to have been given by the President, and if again prevented on any other favorable opportunity.—

Duestion Do you Know well this Man Hyspain Shaw of whom you have spoken?—

Answer Yes. I Know him very well. and he Knew every person and every thing Connected with the Mutiny and I have often. and often. heard him mention the Prisoner's name as the Mutinous Sent.

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Meetings, as one who had fully agreed to the business, and he used always to say Sir. Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment had joined in the Mutiny.-

Question Do you Know that the Conspirators in general Considered the Prisoner had engaged in this Mutiny - and that they expected him to assist at the Murder of the European officers and Men at Quilon?-

Answer I have often heard the Prisoner's name mentioned by all the people in the Blackaun as being engaged in the Conspiracy, and they all expected the Prisoner would assist wherever the Murder should be attempted. sic native officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment were always spoken of by the Conspirators as having joined in the Mutiny -

Question

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Question by the Court — Do you Know if the Prisoner — was to recive any reward for his Servis in this busines? —

Answer. After the busines was completed all the Native officers engaged were to be made Amers. —

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now said? —

Answer. Yes. every word is positively true.

The Witness Retires

It being near five P. M. the Court — adjourns till 9 Oclock tomorrow morning Wednesday 9 A. M. / the 6th January 1813

Court met pursuant to Adjournment

Members all present.

The Procedings of Yesterday are read over and explained —

Shaik Chaund Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution is duly — sworn

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sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast.

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes, Boran Beg Jemidar Light Company 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Mutings were held some time ago at this Station?

Answer. Yes, Mutinous. Mutings were held some time ago at this Station in the Muckawn of a lame Tacker who is dead, and I attended them for two months; the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment was the principal & and late lame Tacker and Hussain Shaw Tacker, who has runaway, were leading men in these. Mutinous Mutings; and late Salabut Cawn Shaik. Nutter and Abdul Cawder Havildars. Ally Cawn and many others whose names I do not recollect

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recollect, were constantly attending these
. Mutinous . Meetings.-

Question ~What were the objects of these~
. Mutinous . Meetings?-

. Answer. They were for the purpose of form:
=ing plans. to murder the European
Officers and Men in Travancore, to seize
this Country, to make the Rajah of Cotton
=ghurry Rajah of Travancore, to raise
Battalions and to guard the Passes into
the Country.-

Question . At these . Mutinous . Meetings~
have you heard the Prisoner's name~
mentioned as being engaged in this~
Conspiracy?-

. Answer - Yes. I have frequently heard it,
in the first instance the Prisoner's name
was brought to the . Muckawn by Hussain
Shaw Tacker, and he gave it written down
to the late Lame Tacker who read it out

to

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to the people in the Mutinous Meetings—

Question Do you know well this Man Hussain Shaw Fackir whom you speak of?—

Answer. I know him very well, and this man knew all the leading men and Native officers engaged in this Mutiny.— He had the names of all the principal people written down, and among them were the names of Sixe Native officers 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment, and these he and the lame Fackir used to read out to the Conspirators. They are, Subidars Abdul Nabby. Khadir Khawn, Abdul Cawder and Budder Oudein. Jemidars Shaik Hussain. and Boran Beg, the Prisoner — Sixe Native officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment were always spoken of in the Mutinous Meetings as having joined in the Conspiracy to

Murder

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murder the European officers and to
seize this Country — This man Hyd:
=sain Shaw has runaway —

Question — Was the Prisoner ever spoken
out to you by any one as being one of the
. Native officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th.
Regiment who had engaged in this
. Mutiny? —

. Answer. — Some of the . Mutineers and my
=self expressed our doubts to the late
Jemidar Shaik Hussain of this Facker
Hussain Shaw's veracity, in saying that
six . Native officers of the 2d. Battalion
18th Regiment had joined in the . Mutiny
and that we wished to have more proof
— The Jemidar said — if you will not
belive what is written down and what
you are very day hearing in the Mark
=own . go with Hussain Shaw . and he
will point out to you the six . Native
officers

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Officers of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regimt.
whose names you have heard in the
Meetings. We accordingly went with the
Packer to the road where the Native Offi
cers 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment must
pass to go from their Parade to their lines,
and on the Prisoner coming near to us the
Packer went to a little distance; about ten
paces, Salamed and Spoke to him a short
time. I did not hear what they said, but
on their separating I heard the Prisoner
say "give my Salam to the Jemidar" when
the Packer returned to us, he told us that
was one. and he pointed out in the same
manner five others. and all of them. I
heard. send their Salams to the Jemidar
exactly as the Prisoner had done. We
returned to the Muckan. and told the
Jemidar we were satisfied, as we had seen
the said Native Officers of the 2d. Battalion
18th.

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18th Regiment. The Packer delivered
their Salams and in doing so mentioned
their Names, which are exactly the
Names I have already told, and this
was about eight days before the review
of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment.—
I Know the Faces of these six Native
Officers of the 2d Battalion 18th Regi-
ment perfectly well.

Question. Did you positively consider the
Prisoner, and do you know he was con-
sidered by the people in the Mutinous
Meetings, one from whom assistance
was to be received on attempting the
murder of the European Officers and
Men?

Answer. Yes. I positively considered, and
the people in the Mutiny said they consi-
dered the Prisoner one, from whom
assistance was to be received on the murder

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of the Officers and Men being attempted, and if the business had been tried or begun I should have expected the same support and assistance from the Prisoner, as from any one of the people who were constantly in the Mutinous Meetings with me—

Question Do you Know any time was fixed on, to Carry into execution these plans of Murder?—

Answer Yes. on the night of the Review of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment it was determined to attempt the Murder while the Officers were at Dinner in the Mess room of that Corps, and if prevented on that night, it was fixed to try it at a large Dinner soon to have been given by the Resident, and if again prevented, on any other favourable opportunity—

Question by the Court— Do you Know if the Prisoner was to

Receive

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receive any reward for his Services in this business?—

Answer. The Names of all the Native Officers engaged in the Mutiny were written down and after the Murder was completed. They were promised to be made Amuers.

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now said?

Answer Yes. every word is positively true.

The Witness Retires.

Hyssain Khawn Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast—

The Charges are read and explained.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?—

Answer. I have seen him on Duty, and Know him to be a Sepoy of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment—

Question

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Question State to the Court what you Know relating to the Charges?—

Answer About Seven Months ago. I went one Evening to Sleep at the Muckaun of a Lame Fackur / who is dead / in consequence of my house being uncovered. At eight o'Clock many people came there and amongst them the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain, Lame Fackur, Syd Ebram Naqui, Havildars Abdul Cawder and Shaik Nutter, Ally Cawn, Abbas Ally. and many others whom I do not recollect. These people sat down— and I overheard them speak of their intentions to murder the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore, and to seize this Country— The late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d Battalion 14th Regiment and late Lame Fackur appeared to be leading men at this assembly. both of them spoke to the people and both of them particularly

mentioned

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mentioned. that six Native Officers
of the 2d Battalion 18th Regiment had
agreed to join in the Mutiny and had
promised to assist themselves. and to
bring some Men to assist whenever the
Murder of the European Officers should
be attempted. and this appeared to be
believed by all the people present. as no
one made any objection or asked any
questions — The names of these six
Native Officers 2nd Battalion 18th Regiments were not mentioned. —

Question. Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer. Yes. every word is positively true.

The Witness Returns.

The Prosecution is closed

Defence.

Prisoner. I deny in the most positive manner all Knowledge of the Crimes with which I am

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I am Charged. I was not in any way acquainted with the Jemidar of the 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment and the Same Tacker spoken of by the Witnesses. and I have only seen the Tacker Hussain Shaw when he came about begging— Every thing said against me by the Native Witnesses is positively false— I have Serv=ved the Honorable Company twenty five years. five of which I have been a Jemi=dar. and I have been wounded at this= place. and I have always done my duty— and have always been with my Battalion when it has been on Service — I served at the Capture of the Island of Ceylon.— and I have been a volenteer for Foreign= Service — at Trincomalle I caught a= man carrying a letter. from one post of the Enemy to another directing an attack= upon a particular part of our Line, which

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by my exertions was prevented —
The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate
acquaints the Court, he has received a
Character of the Prisoner from Major
Edward Boardman Commanding —
2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment, which
the Prisoner is desirous should be —
read to the Court and should be admit=
=ted on the Defence —

The Character is read and the Court
admits it's appearance on the Proceedings,
it is as follows —

"Jemadar Boran Beg has been with
the Corps since it has been raised, and
from what I know and can learn from
the officers of the Corps respecting him
has borne a very good Character, both
in his general Conduct, and as an offi
=cer — He was wounded in the Campaign
in Travancore, and the Officer who —

Commanded

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commanded his Company speaks very –
favorably of him –"

Sworn before a Magistrate

Seringapatam
28th. December 1812

Signed Edward Boardman
S.O. in Charge 2d. Bn.
18th. Regiment.

The Defence is here closed.

The Proceedings are again read over and explained –

Sentence The Court finds the Prisoner Jemidar Boran Beg of the 2d. Battalion 18th. Regiment Native Infantry Guilty of all and Several the Crimes charged, and which being to the prejudice of good Order and Military Discipline, it does therefore, by virtue of the Articles of War, adjudge and Sentence him to suffer Death by being hanged by the Neck at such time and at such Station of the Army as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to –

direct –

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direct—

(signed) F. P. Stewart
Captn. acting Dpty
Judge Advocate

The mark + of
Letchman Serg Subidar
1st. Battn 5th Regt. N. I. Prest.

I approve and Confirm,
(signed) S. Auchmuty
Lieut. Genl.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
12th. February 1813

The Court Adjourns Sine Die

The Native General Court Martial
which assembled at Quilon on the 18th. day of
August in the Year of our Lord 1812, by Orders
of Lieutenant Colonel Hall Commanding the
Forces in Travancore, under authority of His
Excellency the Commander in Chief, and Con-
tinued by Successive Adjournments, is reassem-
bled this day the 16th of December, 1812—

Present,

Subidar Letchman Serg 1st. Battn 5th Regt. N. I.

President,

Members—

Subidar

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Subedar Seyd Abdullah ... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Subedar Letchman Sing ... 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Syrang Capsini ... 2d Battn Artillery

Subedar Shaik Ebram ... 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Subedar Purmalloo ... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Subedar Shaik Esmail ... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I

Subedar Shaik Ally ... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Subedar Hussain Cawn ... 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Subedar Venkatachellum ... 2d Battn 11th Regt N.I.

Subedar Mahomed Hussain ... 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Subedar Shaik Shervee ... 2d Battn 11th Regt N.I.

Subedar Veerapah ... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Jemadar Ramaksawmy ... 2d Battn 19th Regt N.I.

Jemadar Shaik Ally ... 1st Battn 5th Regt N.I.

Captain Stewart Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

The Court having assembled, the Warrants constituting its authority are read and explained.

Shaik Emaum Camp Followers, a Prisonier being brought into Court, the names of the

Presidents

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President and Members are read over to him—
and he is asked,—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you object to any of the Mem-
bers Composing the Court by which you
are about to be tried?—

Prisoner I do not object to any.

The usual Oaths are administered to the
President and Members in Conformity
to the usages of their respective Casts—

The Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly
Sworn.—

Sooboorow is duly Sworn in Conformity
to the usages of his Cast, Interpreter to—
the Court—

Charge Shaik Emaum Camp Followers Con-
:fined by Order of the Officer Command-
:ing in Travancore on the following—
Charges.

"For joining aiding and abetting in Sedi-
:tious and Mutinous Meetings for the
purpose

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purpose of distroying the European Offi-
cers and Men of the Subsidiary Force in
Travancore —

Quilon
September 1812.

(Signed) Alexr. Balmain
M. B to the Troops
in Travancore

By Order,

(Signed) J. H. S. Conway.
Adjutant Genl. of the Army

The Charges having been read and ex-
plained to the Prisoner, he is asked —

Deputy Judge Advocate. } Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the
Charge now preferred against you? —

Prisoner — Not Guilty —

Prosecution

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on
the Prosecution is duly Sworn and States
that about the Latter end of May last he
received information of a Conspiracy
having been formed and entered into by

Several

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Several men of the Force under his Command. The intent of which Conspiracy, was to destroy the European Officers and men in Travancore — The Prisoner now before the Court was at the period above alluded to a Servant of Lieutenant Edmonds of the 2d. Battalion 11th Regiment. Lieutenant Colonel Hall after due enquiry found the information he had received respecting a Conspiracy among the Men at Quilon to be true, and Lieutenant Colonel Hall also found strong grounds of Suspicion against the Prisoner, in Consequence of which Lieutenant Colonel Hall directed him to be Seized and Confined. —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall Subsequent to this has found by undoubted evidence that the Prisoner was most materially implicated in the Conspiracy formed

at.

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at Dinner for the destruction of the
European Officers and Men.

The Witness Retires.

Vencatram Private 2? Battalion 4th
Regiment. Native Infantry an Evi:
-dence on the Prosecution is duly sworn
in Conformity to the usages of this Cast —

The Charge is read and explained —

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes. very well

Question Do you Know that. Mutinous
Meetings took place some time ago at
this Station? —

Answer Yes. Mutinous Meetings were
held some time ago at this Station in
the Mess House of a Lame Tailor who
has been executed. —

Question How do you Know. Mutinous —
Meetings were held? —

Answer I attended them for fifteen days —

Question

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Question — What were the objects of those Mutinous Meetings?—

Answer — They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore and to seize this Country —

Question — Did you ever see the Prisoner at those Mutinous Meetings?—

Answer — Yes. I saw the Prisoner three times at those Mutinous Meetings.— and each time the Murder as above stated, was talked of, and Arrangements were making for sending Guards to different places, on the night the murder should be attempted.—

Question — Do you know that the Prisoner willingly assented to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery Men in Quilon?—

Answer — Yes. The Prisoner willingly agreed to

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to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men in Duties. and further he promised in the Mucklaun at a Meeting to bring the head of his master Lieutenant and Adjutant Edmonds of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment. to the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain and late Lame Farker.

Question by the Court.} Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?

Answer I never heard.

Deputy Judge Advocate ...} Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now Stated?

Answer Yes. most positively.

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Shaik Chaund Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the prosecution. is duly sworn in

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in Conformity to the usages of this Cast-

The Charge is read and explained.—

Deputy Judge Advocate. Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes. very well.

Question Do you Know that Mutinous

Meetings were held some time ago at

this Station?—

Answer. Yes, Mutinous Meetings were

held some time ago at this Station in

the Muckawn of a Cannt Packer who

has been executed.

Question How do you Know those Mutinous

Meetings were held?

Answer I attended them for two months —

Question What were the objects of those —

Mutinous Meetings?—

Answer They were for the purpose of form-

=ing a plan to murder the European —

Officers and Artillery men in Travancore

and to Seize this Country.

Question

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Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at these Mutinous Meetings?—

Answer. Yes. I saw the Prisoner four times at these Mutinous Meetings and each time the Murder as stated above and every thing relating to the intended Mutiny were talked over—

Question Do you know the Prisoner willingly assented to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European officers and Artillery men at Quilon?

Answer Yes, the Prisoner willingly agreed to and promised to assist at the Murder of the European officers and Artillery Men at Quilon.—

Question Did you know who the Prisoner was at the time of his joining in these Mutinous Meetings?—

Answer.

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Answer — Yes. I know him to be Kooka Bardar to Lieutenant and Adjutant Edmonds 2d Battalion 11th Regiment at this time — Before this time he was in the Service of Captain King 2d Battalion 14th Regiment. for about two years. and he is Father in Law to Mahomed Mooraud one of the Prisoners for Mutiny in the Main Guard —

Question by the Court. — Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Ser: =vice in this business? —

Answer — The late Jemidar Shaik Hay: =sain promised to make him a = Great man. —

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now = deposed? —

Answer — Yes most positively —

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The Witness Returns

Vencatram Private 2d Battalion 11th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is again called into Court and examined on his former oath —

Deputy Judge Advocate } At the time the Prisoner attended =ed those Mutenous Meetings you have mentioned did you Know who he was? —

Answer He was Hooka Bardar to Lieu: =tenant and Adjutant Edmonds 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment at that time, and I Knew him before a Hooka Bar: =dar to Captain King 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment, and I have often heard he is Father in Law to Mahomid Mooraud a Prisoner for Mutiny in the Main = Guard —

Question Has any Offer been made to you by the Prisoner or by any of his relations to

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to induce you to give false evidence on
this trial?—

Answer Yes, the Prisoner's wife made
offer to myself and to Hussain Cawn
of several Cloaths and brass & Copper
pots to the value as the Woman said
of five or six Pagodas to induce us
not to tell the truth on the trial of her
Husband the Prisoner — Hussain
Cawn Depoy was present at the time —

The Witness Retires

Hussain Cawn Private 2d Battalion
14th Regiment Native Infantry an
Evidence on the prosecution is duly
Sworn in Conformity to the usages of this
Cast —

The Charge is read and explained —

Deputy Judge advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes. very well.

Question State to the Court what you Know
relating

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relating to the Charge—

Answer. About the latter end of. May last my house being uncovered. I went one evening to sleep in the Mucklaun of a Lame Tailor. who has been executed. At eight oClock many people came there.— and after sitting down I overheard them begin to speak of their intentions to murder the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore. and to— Seize this Country—as this. Meeting the Prisoner was present. and I overheard the late Lame Tailor. who was also there ask the Prisoner what he meant to do— in this business. the Prisoner replied "I will bring you the Head of my master Lieutenant and Adjutant Edmonds 2d. Battalion 11th Regiment, and I shall afterwards expect to receive whatever— Reward you may think me deserveing of"

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of." The People in a little time got up and separated. and soon met again in front of a Hindoo Church. where I heard and saw the Prisoner take an Oath of secrecy and of attachment to the Party present, most of whom had been in the Mutkawn. speaking as— I have mentioned — I know the Prisoner to be Father in law to Mahomed Moorad. one of the Prisoners for Mutiny.—

Question Has any Offer been made to you by the Prisoner or by any of his relations to induce you to speak falsely on this trial?—

Answer— Yes. the Prisoner's wife made Offer to myself and Vencatram Sepoy of several Cloaths and brass or Copper pots. to the amount of eight or ten Pagodas / as the Woman said / to induce us to speak falsely

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falsely on the trial of her husband. The Prisoner Vencatram was present. when the Woman last spoke to me about it—

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have stated?—

Answer Yes. what I have said. I heard and saw and every word is positively true—

The Witness retires

The Prosecution is here closed—

Defence—

Prisoner I positively deny all Knowledge of those. Nefarious. Nefarings with which I am charged. and every thing those three people have said against me is false—

The Defence is here closed—

The Court Adjourns till 10 O'Clock tomorrow morning—

Thursday the 17th of December 1812—

Court met pursuant to Adjournment

Members all present—

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The Proceedings are read over and explained -

Sentence The Court having considered with attention the Evidence brought forward in support of the Prosecution and what has been said by the Prisoner or his Defence, is of Opinion the Prisoner Shaik Emaum Camp Follower is Guilty of the Charge exhibited against him, which being in breach of the Articles of War, the Court doth accordingly by virtue of the said Articles, Sentence and Adjudge the said Prisoner Shaik Emaum Camp Follower to suffer Death by being hanged by the Neck, in front of the Troops of the Station at such time and place as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct -

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Capt. 14th N. Regt
adg D.F.A.

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Letchman Serj Subedar
1st Batt. 5th N. Regt. President

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Leith

Judge Advocate General

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Proceed-
-ings on the Trial of Ally Cawn Private 2nd
Battalion 14th Regiment

I am directed by Lieutenant Colonel
Hall to say he has received a letter from the
Adjutant General of the Army under date 23rd
November last desiring this Person's trial to be
brought on, and directing the Deputy Judge
Advocate in forwarding the Proceedings to
Notice by letter. the extent of Mercy which Lieu-
-tenant Colonel Hall considers due to him

In Compliance thereto, and fully
to explain Ally Cawn's Situation. I am desired
to say that on the discovery of the Conspiracy
it was judged necessary to offer a full Pardon
to any of the Conspirators who would make a
Complete disclosure of every Circumstance within
their

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their Knowledge connected with the mutiny
— This man Ally Cawn was the first who accep-
-ted these terms and on doing so was of some
advantage on the trial of Jemadar Shaik Hus-
-sain and Salabat Khawn Private, but Sub-
-sequent to this period his testemony has been
so variable, and in general so opposite to
what he said at first and so Contrary as
is now proved, to what he really knows, his
evidence has never once been taken on any of
the trials, except in the instances above men-
-tioned —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall

therefore begs to recommend to His Excellency —
the Commander in Chief that this man be
transported for life —

I have the honor to be &c &c

Dublon
18th December 1812.

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Acting Deputy Judge
Advocate —

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The Native General Court Martial,—
which assembled at Quilon on the 18th. day of—
August in the year of Our Lord 1812 by Orders
of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Comi:
=manding the Forces in Travancore, under
authority from His Excellency the Commander
in Chief, and Continued by successive adjourn:
=ments is reassembled this day the 17th. Decem:
=ber 1812.—

Present

Subidar Lekhman Sing. 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N. I.

President

Members.

Subidar Seyd Abdullah 2d. Battn. 19th. Regt. N. I.

Subidar Lekhman Sing. 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N. I.

Syrang Casim ..... 2d. Battn. Artillery

Subidar Shaik Ebram. 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N. I.

Subidar Purmaulloo. 2d. Battn. 19th. Regt. N. I.

Subidar Shaik Ismail. 2d. Battn. 19th. Regt. N. I.

Subidar Shaik Ally. 2d. Battn. 19th. Regt. N. I.

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Subidar Hussain Cawn 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Vencatachellum 2d Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Mahomed Hussain 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Shuver 2d Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Verapah 2d Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Ramahsawmy 2d Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Shaik Ally 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart, Acting Deputy Judge Advocate.

The Court having assembled, the Warrants constituting its authority are read and explained.-

Ally Cawn Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regt. Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court, the Names of the President and Members are read to him, and he is asked-

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you object to any of the Members composing this Court by which you are about to be tried?-

Prisoner I do not object to any.

The usual Oaths are administered to the President-

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President and Members. in Conformity—
to the Customs of their respective Casts—
The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate
is also duly sworn.—
Sooboorow is duly sworn in Conformity
to his Cast Interpreter to the Court.—

Charge. Ally Cawn Private. N. 32. 3rd
Battalion Company 2nd Battalion 14th
Regiment. Native Infantry. Confined
by Order of the Officer Commanding the
Forces in Travancore. on the following
Charges—

1st. For joining, aiding and abetting in
Seditious and Mutinous Meetings for
the purpose of destroying the European
Officers and men of the Subsidiary Force
in Travancore—

2d. For Concealing. and suppressing—
his Knowledge of such Mutinous and—
Seditious Meetings and not giving inform:
=ation

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information thereof as directed by the
articles of War—

(Signed) Alexr. Balmain
M. B. to the Troops
in Travancore

Head Quarters
in Travancore
Quilon 25th may 1812

By Order

(Signed) T. H. S. Conway
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

The Charges having been read and
explained to the Prisoner he is asked,

Deputy Judge Advocate — Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you?

Prisoner — Not Guilty

Prosecution.

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly Sworn and states that about the latter end of May last he received information of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by several men of the Force under his

Command

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Command. the intent of which Conspira=
=cy was to destroy the European Officers and
men in Travancore —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall after due enqui=
=ry found the information he had received
to be true and in consequence directed the
Seizure of all who were concerned in this
Conspiracy. —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall further states the
Prisoner Ally Cawn was reported to him
as being one who attended mutinous Meetings
at this Station —

Deputy Judge advocate — Did you receive any information =
from the Prisoner or by his means of the
existence at this Station of Mutinous Meet.
=ings of a Nature set forth in the first Charge? —

Answer. None prior to the discovery of the exis.
=tence of these Mutinous Meetings, and the
information he has since given has been very
variable and unsatisfactory —

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The Witness Returns

Vencatram Private 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution. is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast —

The Charges are read and explained —

Deputy Judge ad. vocate — } Do you Know the Prisonier? —

Answer Yes. very well.

Question Do you Know that. Mutenous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station? —

Answer Yes. Mutenous Meetings were held at this Station some time ago in the Muck=awn of a Lame Tacker who has been executed —

Question How do you Know these Mutinous Meetings were held? —

Answer I attended them for fifteen days —

Question What were the objects of these Mutinous Meetings? —

Answer

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Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to Seize this Country —

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at these Mutinous Meetings? —

Answer Yes. I saw the Prisoner always there when disengaged from duty. and the murder as above Stated, and every thing connected with the intended mutiny. were each time talked over. —

Question Do you Know the Prisoner willingly assented to. and promised to assist at the murder of the European officers and Artillery men at Quilon? —

Answer Yes. he willingly assented to. and promised to assist at the Murder of the European officers and Artillery men at Quilon — The Prisoner and the late — Salabut Khawn Sepoy were to Command

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a Guard intended for the attack on the Residency to murder Colonel Mem: =row and to Suize the Treasure —

Question by the Court — Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this busines? —

Answer. He was promised to be made an Officer —

Deputy Judge advocate — Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed? —

Answer. Yes. most positively.

The Witness retires.

Shaik Emaum Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment. Native Infantry an — Evidence on the part of the Prosecution is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast.

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge advocate. } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes, very well —

Question

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Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings were held at this Station some time ago?

Answer. Yes, Mutinous Meetings were held at this Station some time ago on the Mudkawn of a Lame Tailor who has been executed.

Question How do you Know these Mutinous Meetings were held?

Answer I attended them for two months.

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at these Mutinous Meetings?

Answer Yes, I always saw the Prisoner at these Mutinous Meetings.

Question What were the objects of these Mutinous Meetings?

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to seize this Country.

Question

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Question — Do you Know the Prisoner wilfully assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men in Quilon?

Answer — Yes. the Prisoner willingly assented to, and promised to assist at the Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon, and one Party of men was placed under his Command, but I do not Know to what particular spot the Prisoner was to go —

Question by the Prisoner. — Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business? —

Answer — He was promised to be made an Officer. —

Deputy Judge advocate — Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now Stated —

Answer. — Yes. most positively

The Witness retires

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Hussain Khawn Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an= Evidence on the Prosecution - is duly = Sworn in Conformity to his Cast. -

The Charges are read and explained.

Deputy Judge Advocate . . . . } Do you Know the Prisoner? -

Answers Yes. very well.

Question State to the Court what you Know relating to the Charges? -

Answer. Six or Seven Months ago. that is about the latter end of May last. my = house being uncovered. I went one Evening to Sleep at the Mudkawn of a = Came Tackur. who has been executed - at eight O'Clock many people came there. and having seated themselves I overheard = them speak of their intentions to destroy the European Officers and Artillery men in Travancore and to seize this Country - at this Meeting the Prisoner was present,

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as were many others and amongst them the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment and the late Lance Jacker. both of whom. I over-heard telling the Prisoner "that He was to conduct a Party of men to the Residency, to murder Colonel Munro, after which. He was to attack the Artillery and bring away the Guns. He was afterwards to go to the Cottingherry Rajah and if the Jemadar of his Guard refused to give him up. the Jemadar was to be Killed and the Rajah was to be brought down the Battalion Barracks" the Prisoner agreed to this. and soon afterwards the people separated, but they again met in a little time. before a Hindoo Church. where I heard and saw the Prisoner take an Oath of secrecy and of attachment to the party present

and

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and the greater part of those people had been in the Muckaw speaking in the manner I have mentioned —

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer Yes. what I have said I heard and saw, and every word is positively true —

The Witness returns

The Prosecution is here Closed —

Defence —

Prisoner I positively deny having engaged in any Mutinous Meetings as set forth in the first charge and all those three people have said against me is false.

The Defence is here closed.

The Court adjourns till 10 O'Clock to-morrow Morning —.

Friday the 18th December 1812.

Court met pursuant to adjournment

Members

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Members all present.

The Procedings are read over and explained —

Sentence The Court having Considered with attention the Evidence brought forward in support of the Prosecution and what has been said by the Prisoner on his Defence is of opinion the Prisoner Ally Cawn Private 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment. Native Infantry is Guilty of the 1st. Charge —

The Court is further of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the 2d. Charge — Which being in breach of the 3d. and 4th. Articles of the 2nd. Section of the Articles of War, the Court doth accordingly by virtue of the said Articles. Sentence and Adjudge the said Prisoner Ally Cawn Private 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment. Native Infantry to suffer Death

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Death by being Shot with musketry at such time and at such Station of the Army as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct —

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Capt. 14th N. Regt
Actg. D.J.A. —

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Lekhmun Seng Subidar
1st Bt. 5th N. Regt Presidt. —

The Court adjourns till 9 O'Clock tomorrow Morning —

The Native General Court Martial which assembled at Quilon on the 18th Day of August in the Year of Our Lord 1812 by Orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Commanding the Forces in Travancore, under authority from His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Continued by Successive Adjournments to this day reassembled the 9th October 1812 —

Subidar Lekhmun Seng — 1st Battalion 5th Regt N.I.

President

Members

Subedar

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Subidar Seyd. Abdullah 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subedar Letchman Sing .. 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Syrang Capsen ..... 2d. Battn. Artillery

Subedar Peermaulloo ..... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subedar Hyder Cawn .. 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subedar Vencatachellum .. 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subedar Shaik Sherver .... 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subedar Verapah ..... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemadar Ramahsawmy .... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemadar Shaik Ally ..... 1st. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I

Jemadar Velliduru ..... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemadar Shaik Dawvel .... 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Jemadar Kistnanah ..... 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Jemadar Lelchmanah ..... 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart. Acting Deputy Judge advocate.

The Court having assembled, the Warrants

Constituting its authority are read and exa:

-plained -

Mahomed Hussain. Private 2d. Battalion -

14th Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner

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being brought into Court the Names of the President and Members are read over to him and he is asked,—

Deputy Judge advocate ..... } Do you object to any of the Mem=bers Composing the Court by which you are about to be tried?—

Prisoner I do not object to any.

The usual Oaths are administered to the President and Members agreeable to the usages of their respective Casts—

The acting Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly Sworn.—

Sooboorow is duly sworn agreeable to the usages of his Cast. Interpreter to the Court.

Charge. Mahomed Hussain N. 2. 7. Battalion 1st Company 2d Battalion 14th Regi=ment Native Infantry. Confined by Order of the Officer Commanding the Forces in Travancore on the following Charges.

1st For joining, aiding and abetting—

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in Seditious and Mutinous Meetings for the purpose of destroying the Europ. pean Officers and Men of the Subsidiary Force in Travancore -

2d For concealing and suppressing - his Knowledge of such Mutinous and Seditious Meetings, and not giving information thereof as directed by the Arti. cles of War. -

(Signed) Alexr. Baimain

Head Quarters
in Travancore
Quilon 25th May 1812

M. B to the Troops
in Travancore

By Order,
(Signed) T. H. S. Conway.
Adjt to Gd. of the Army.

The Charges having been read and explained to the Prisoner he is asked, -

Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you? -

Deputy Judge Advocate —

Not Guilty —

Prisoner —

Prosecution

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Prosecution

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution: being called into Court is duly Sworn and States. That the latter end of. May last he received information of a Conspiracy. having been formed and entered into by several men of the Force. under his Command. the intent of which Conspiracy was to destroy the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore. Lieutenant Colonel Hall. after due enquiry found the information. he had received to be true, and he in consequence directed the seizure of all who were reported to him. to be Concerned in the Conspiracy — Lieut. = nant Colonel Hall further states. the Prisoner Mahomed. Hussain was re. = ported to him to be one who attended the. Clutenous. Meetings held at this

station —

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Station —

Deputy Judge Advocate — } Did you receive any information from the Prisoner or by his means of the existence at this Station of Mutinous Meetings as detailed in the Charges?

Answer — None.

The Witness Veloo Vencatram Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an — Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court is duly sworn in Conformity with the usages of this Cast. —

The Charges are read and explained. —

Deputy Judge Advocate — } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes, very well.

Question Do you Know that Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station? —

Answer Yes. Mutinous Meetings were held some time ago at this Station in the

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the Mutinous of a Lame Tailor who is dead.

Question How do you Know these Mutinous Meetings were held?—

Answer I attended them for fifteen days.

Question What were the particular objects of these Meetings?—

Answer They were for the purpose of forming a plan to murder the European officers and Artillery men in Travancore, and to seize this Country.—

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at these Meetings?—

Answer Yes. I saw the Prisoner four times at these Mutinous Meetings and each time the Murder as above stated was talked of.—

Question Do you Know the Prisoner willingly assented to and promised to assist at the murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon?—

Answer

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Answer — Yes. the Prisoner willingly — assented to. and promised to assist at the. Murder of the European Officers and Artillery men at Quilon.—

Question — Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?—

Answer — He was to be made an Officer —

Question by the Court — Is the Prisoner Considered by you. or do you Know he is considered to be insane?—

Answer — I do not consider the Prisoner insane; but I Know he has been Considered by some people. to have been so, for some time.—

Deputy Judge Advocate ... — Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer — Yes, every word is positively true.

The Witness Returns

Shaik Emaum Private 2d. Battalion 14th.

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14th Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on support of the Prosecution being called into Court is duly sworn in conformity to the usages of this Cast.—

The charges are read and explained.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know the Prisoner?

answer— Yes, very well.

Question Do you Consider the Prisoner to be insane. or do you Know he is gene-rally Considered to be so?—

Answer The Prisoner when with the Battalion used to be sometimes a little insane. so much so. as to neglect his duty for a day or two; some people think him mad and some do not.—

Question Do you Know. Mutinous. Meet-ings were held at this Station. some time ago?—

Answer Yes. Mutinous. Meeting were held some time ago at this Station. in

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the . Murdrous of a Lame Tailor who is dead.—

Question How do you Know these . Mutinous . Meetings were held?

. Answer I attended them for two months.

Question What were the particular objects of these . Meetings?

. Answer They were for the purpose of form=ing a plan to murder the European Officers and Artillery Men in Travancore and to Seize this Country.—

Question Did you ever see the Prisoner at these . Mutinous . Meetings?—

Answer Yes. I saw the Prisoner three times at these . Mutinous . Meetings and each time . the . Murder as above stated was talked of.—

Question Do you Know the Prisoner wilfully assented to and promised to assist at the . Murder of the European Officers and . Artillery men at Quilon?—

. Answer

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Answer — Yes, the Prisoner willingly assist-
ed to. and promised to assist at the
Murder of the European Officers and
Artillery men at Dullon.—

Question by the Court — At the period of the Prisoners
promising to give his assistance at the
Murder as above Stated. did you con-
sider him to be in his proper Senses?

Answer — At that time. he was in his usu-
al way. some time insane for a day. or
two days together, and at other times
quite well.

Question by the Court — Do you know if the Prisoner was
to receive any reward for his Services in
this business?—

Answer — He was to be made an Officer.

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you positively swear to the
truth of what you have now stated?—

Answer — yes. every word is positively true

The Witness Retires—

Hussain

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Hussain Khawn Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence in support of the Prosecution being called into Court, is duly sworn in conformity to the usages of his Cast -

The Charges are read and explained

Deputy Judge Advocate - } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes. very well -

Question How long have you Known him?

Answer - About eight or ten years

Question From your acquaintance with the Prisoner do you consider him to be insane or do you Know him to be generally thought so in the Battalion?

Answer - He was always perfectly well. before the Battalion came to Travancore; since that period. he has been for a day or two at a time slightly insane. but he always appeared to Know very well. -

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what he was saying and what he was doing.—

Question. State to the Court what you know respecting the Charges?—

Answer. About four months ago, or a little more, my House being uncovered I went one Evening to sleep at the Mark=awn of a Lame Tanker, who is dead — at Eights o'Clock many people came there and among the number, I saw the Prisoner, now before the Court — The people sat down and began to speak of their intentions to murder the Euro=pean Officers and Men in Travancore — Shaik Hussain Sepoy one of the party said to the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain "this fellow / meaning the Prisoner / Ma=homed Hussain is a fool, and will — "certainly divulge this business, you ought "to send him away" — the Jemidar replied,

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"This is a good man. he is able to do
"any thing. and if he does tell. nobody
"will belive what he says as he is mad."
The people got up and went away leaving
the Prisoner and the late Packer in
the Muckaun. where the Prisoner
remained until the Packer eat some
rice which was brought to him by the
late Jemidar Shaik Hussain. The
Packer. the Jemidar. and the Pri-
soner went to the Ground of a Hindoo
Church. where I saw and heard
the Prisoner take an Oath of Secrecy
and of attachment to the people pre-
sent. the greater part of whom had
been with him in the Muckaun -

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?

Answer What I have said. I heard
and saw. and every word is positively
true -

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true—

The Witnys returns

The Prosecution is here closed—

Defence—

Prisoner I went to sleep one evening in the Muckawn and I there saw several peo=ple. and they were talking of Murdering the European Officers and Artillery men and of Seizing this Country. when the people saw me I was turned out—I was afraid of the Battalion people and did not tell what I had heard—I never afterwards went to the Muckawn—

The Defence is here Closed—

The Court adjourns 'till 10 O'Clock tomor=row morning—

Saturday the 10th of October 1812.

Court met pursuant to Adjournment—

Members all present—

The Procidings are read over and explained

Saturday

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Saturday the 31st of October 1812.

The Native General Court Martial which assembled at Quilon on the 15th day of August 1812. and Continued by successive Adjournments is reassembled this Day—

Members all present.

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate informs the Court. His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to direct a Revision of their Sentence, and an Extract of the Judge Advocate Generals letter on this subject is here inserted—

To Captain Steward
Acting Judge Advocate
Travancore

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to draw your attention to the Sentence as passed by the Court on Mahomed

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Mahomed Hussain Private— The Court have found the Prisoner Guilty of the Crime of Mutiny and have accordingly adjudged him to suffer Death— By a Separate letter however the Court express their conviction of the Prisoner being occasionally insane: and it conceives from the Evidence on the Trial, that he might have been in that state at the period of his attending the Meetings and joining in the Conspiracy, It therefore Recommends him for Pardon, but Suggests at the same time that he be confined for Life—

It appears to His Excellency the Commander in Chief that the more regular course will be, for the Court to adjudge by their Sentence the Confinement of the Prisoner for Life—

You will observe that by the 3d. and 4th. Articles of War, under which the Prisoner has been Convicted, the Court are not restrained

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restrained in their Judgement of Death,
but may Adjudge some other punishment
according to the Nature of the offence —
I am therefore directed to re-
turn you the Sentence for Revision" —

(Signed) J. Leith
Judge Advte Genl.

True Extract,
(Signed) F. P. Stewart
A. D. J. Judge Advte

Sentence on Revision.

The Court having Reconsidered —
with attention the Evidence on the part
of the Prosecution, and what has been
said by the Prisoner on his Defence,
is of opinion the Prisoner Mahomed —
Hussain Private 2nd Battalion 14th
Regiment Native Infantry is Guilty of
the first Charge.

The Court is further of opinion the
Prisoner is Guilty of the second Charge —

Which

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Which being in breach of the 3d and 4th Articles of the 2d Section of the Articles of War. The Court doth accordingly. by vertue of the said Articles and in reference to the particular circumstances of the case. adjudge and Sentence the said Prisonir Mahomed Hussain to be Kept in Confinement for life in such place and in such way as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct or as from time to time may become convenient—

(Signed) F. P. Steward
Capt. 14th N. Regt
Adg D. S. A.

The mark + of
Lutchman Seng Subedar
1st Bn 5th Regt President

The Court Adjourns Sine Die

I approve and Confirm
Signed. S. Auchmuty
Lieut. General

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
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The Native General Court. Martial.
which assembled at Quilon on the 18th. day of Au.
=gust in the Year of our Lord 1812, by Orders
of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Comman
=ing the Forces in Travancore. under authority
from His Excellency the Commander in Chief
and Continued by Successive Adjournments
is reassembled this day, Thursday the 3rd. of
December 1812. —

Presents.

Subedar Letchman Serj 1st. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

President

Members

Subedar Syed Abdullah 2d. Battn. 19th. Regt. N.I.

Subedar Letchman Serj ... 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N.I.

Syrcarg Capsun ..... 2d. Battn. Artillery

Subedar Shaik Ebrim ... 1st. Battn. 5th. Regt. N.I.

Subedar Purmaulloo ..... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subedar Shaik Ismail 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subedar Shaik Ally ..... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subedar

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Subidar Hussain Cawn 1st Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Vencatachellum 2d. Battr. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Mahomed Hussain 1st. Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Shuver 2d. Battr. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Verapah 2d. Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Ramaksawmy 2d. Battr. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemidar Shaik Ally 1st Battr. 5th Regt. N.I.

Captain Stewart Acting Deputy Judge Advocate—

The Court having assembled, the Warrants Constituting its authority are read and explained.—

Subidar Shaik Sillar 2nd Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner being brought into Court, the names of the President and Members are read over to him, and he is asked,

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you object to any of the Members Composing the Court by which you are about to be tried?—

Prisoner— I object to Subidar Vencatachellum of the 2d. Battalion 11th Regiment;—

for

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for the following reason namely "Be
"cause he went to two Men Servants to
"the Rajah of Cottinghurry Prisoners
"in the Guard. spoke to them and
"Carried them to his house and told
"them they must tell that I went and
"spoke to the Rajah. and if they would
"tell so. he would get them released."

The Court is cleared.

The Court is opened. and the Prisoner is informed the Validity of his objection is admitted, and Subadar Vencatachel: lum 2nd. Battalion 11th Regiment is directed to withdraw.—

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you object to any other Members?—
Prisoner — I do not.

The usual oaths are administered to the President and Members. in Conformity to the usages of their respective Casts.—

The Deputy Judge. Advocate is also duly

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duly Sworn—

Sooboorow is duly sworn Interpreter to the Court. in Conformity to the Customs of his Cast—

Charge Shaik Sillar, Subidar 2d Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infanby placed in arrest by order of the Officer Commanding in Travancore on the following Charges—

1st: For having a Knowledge of a Mutinous and Seditious Conspiracy Formed at Quilon for the purpose of destroying the European Officers and Men in Travancore, and Concealing his Knowledge thereof, and not giving information agreeable to the Articles of War.

2d. For making use of expressions of a dangerous and Seditious tendency and most highly disrespectful to the Government

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Government under which he serves.

(Signed) Alexr. Balmain

M. B. to the Troops

in Travancore

By Order,

(Signed) T. H. S. Conway

Adjutt Gl. of the Army —

Quilon

September 1812

Additional Charge against Subidar Shaik Sillar of the 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment Native Infantry For having again made use of expressions highly improper and disrespectful to the Government under which he serves and of a most mutinous and seditious tendency on or about the 23rd. September 1812.

(Signed) Alexr. Balmain

M. B. to the Troops

in Travancore

Quilon

3d. November 1812

By Order

(Signed) T. H. S. Conway

Adjt. Gl. of the Army. The

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The Charges having been read and explained to the Prisoner. he is asked

Deputy Judge Advocate — . Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charges now preferred against you

Prisoner . Not Guilty

. Prosecution on the 1st. Charge

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court. is duly Sworn. and States that about the latter end of. May last. he received information of a Conspiracy having been formed and entered into by Several Men of the Force under his Command. the intent of which Conspiracy was to murder the European officers and Men in Travancore. and about the latter end of. August last. it was reported to Lieutenant Colonel Hall. that the Prisoner Shaik Sillar Subadar 2nd Battalion 9th. Regiment. Native Infantry had a

Knowledge

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Knowledge of this Conspiracy, in Conse-
quence of which information Lieutenant
Colonel Hall directed the Prisoner to be
placed in Arrest—

Deputy Judge
Advocate— } Did you receive any information
from the Prisoner or by his means of
the existence in Travancore of a Mutinous
and Seditious Conspiracy as detailed in
the first Charge?—

Answer . None.

The Witness retires

Ram Sing Private 2d. Battalion 9th
Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence
on the part of the Prosecution being called
into Court, is duly Sworn in Conformity
to the usages of this Cast—

The first charge is read and explained.

Deputy Judge
Advocate— } Do you Know the Prisoner?—

Answer Yes, very well. I am in the Com-
pany with the Prisoner.—

Question

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Question Was you on Detachment at Tra:
=vandrum from May to August last?

Answer I do not Know the Months. but I
was on Command four Months. and
came here when the Detachment was
relieved by the 2d Battalion 11th Regi:
=ment / that is about the end of August
last /=

Question Was the Prisoner at Travandrum
during the time you was there on De:
=tachment?=

Answer Yes. the Prisoner was there.

Question Have you ever heard. a Mutinous
and Seditious Conspiracy was formed here
by some Men of this Force?=

Answer Yes. I heard so. at Travandrum
four or five days after the Discovery of the
Conspiracy had been made at this Station

Question Did you at the same time hear
what were the intentions of the Men=

who

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who were engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy?—

Answer Yes. I heard. the Men who were engaged in this Conspiracy, intended to murder the European Officers, to Seize this Country; to raise Battalions and to make the Cottenghurry Rajah, Rajah of Travancore —

Question Did you Converse at any time with the Prisoner while on Detachment together at Trivandrum?—

Answer- Yes, always.

Question On any of these occasions. did the Prisoner Say any thing relating to the Mutinous Conspiracy at Quilon?—

Answer- Yes. on the seventh day. after the discovery of the Conspiracy. I met. the Prisoner on the road at Trevandrum, he asked me "Where are you going?" I replied "I am going to the Pettah to buy

Leaves

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Leaves and Bamboos" the Prisoner to this said "I know very well you are tel-
-ling a lie, you are employed by the Gen-
-tlemen to obtain information of any thing
said by the Sepoys, Native Officers or
other people, respecting this Conspiracy
at Dindigul, very well, if you hear any
Sepoys, native officers, or other people speak of
this Mutinous busines, you must not
tell it to the European Officers, if you
do tell it, it is very bad for the black peo-
-ple, as they are all of one mind respecting
this business, if any one discovers this the
whole Battalion people will abuse him—
The Prisoner further said "you do not know
what has been done at Dindigul, I know it
very well, a Jemidar of the 2d Battalion
14th Regiment and some Sepoys, had agreed
to join with the Rajah of Cottenghevy,
to murder the European Officers, to seize

this

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this Country. and to make the Rajah Rajah of Travancore. among them. one Sepoy went and reported the business to Colonel Hall / how he abused the Sepoy as unfaithful / soon as the business was found out. Colonel Hall took very — care. and very quickly blew away a Je. =midar and Sepoy. had that Sepoy / a. =busing him very much / not discovered the intentions of the Conspirators. by this time. all the Europeans would have been murdered. and the Rajah would have been made. and every thing in this Country would have been managed by mussulmans.

Question — During this Conversation. do you recollect if the Prisoner said. any time had been fixed on to Carry these plans. of Murder into execution at — Quilon? —

Answer

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Answer. Yes. The Prisoner said it had been determined by the Conspirators to murder the European Officers on the night of the Review of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment while the Officers were at Dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps.—

Question Do you recollect if the Prisoner gave any reason for the murder not being attempted on that night?—

Answer I did not recollect—

Question Do you perfectly recollect that the Prisoner desired you not to make any of the European Officers acquainted with what he had told you relating to this mutinous Conspiracy?—

Answer The Prisoner said to me "you are a Sepoy of my Company. Therefore I tell you all this. Keep it in your heart. I would not tell it to any other Sepoy," and I perfectly recollect the Prisoner desiring—

me,

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me, not to mention what he had said on this business. to any of the European Officers —

Question Was any one present. when this Conversation passed between you and the Prisoner?-

Answer No one. than the Prisoner and myself.—

Question Do you recollect if the Prisoner said any thing respecting the murder of the European Officers at Travandrum?

Answer. The Prisoner did not say any thing of Murdering the European Officers. but he said "Had the business been done at Quilon, a similar business would have been done here".

Question Did the Prisoner say, "who was to do it"?

He did not.

Answer.

Question by the Court. Did you report this Conversation

to

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to any of the European Officers of your Detachment?—

Answer. Yes. I reported it to Captain. Mac. Leod Commanding the Detachment.—

Question by the Court. } Was it on the day the Conversation took place that you reported it to Captain Macleod?

Answer. I went on the same day to report. and waited a Considerable time, but Captain— Macleod had gone out Shooting. and did not return till late. I went again on the following morning. and reported it—

Deputy Judge Advocate—} Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—.

Answer Yes. most positively

The Witness retires.

The Court adjourns till 9 O'Clock tomorrow morning—

Friday the 4th of December 1812.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Members

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Members all present

The Proceedings of yesterday are read over and explained. —

Jemadar Bauptniah 2nd Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast.

The first Charge is read and explained. —

Deputy Judge advocate. — Do you Know the Prisoner? —

Answer Yes, very well.

Question Was you at Travandrum in — August last a few days before the Detach- =ment 2d Battalion 9th Regiment on Command at that Station, was relieved and marched to Quilon? —

Answer Yes, I was there. —

Question Was the Prisoner also at Travan- =drum at this time? —

Answer. Yes. He was.

Question

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Question Have you ever heard a Mutinous and Seditious Conspiracy was formed some time ago at Quilon by some men of this Force?—

Answer Yes. I have heard so.

Question Have you also heard what were the intentions of the men who were engaged in this Conspiracy?—

Answer Yes. I have heard. The intentions of the men who were engaged in this Mutinous Conspiracy were to murder the European Officers to seize this Country and to make the Rajah of Cot:- -tingchurry Rajah of Travancore.

Question When you was at Trivandrum as above mentioned, was you on terms of intimacy with the Prisoner?—

Answer Yes. I was— I have known the Prisoner for thirteen years and upwards.

Question At this time had you frequent conversation

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Conversations with the Prisoner?—

Answer Yes, always.

Question Did any of those Conversations relate to the Charge you have heard read and explained. if so. State what the Prisoner said?—

Answer About five days before the Detachment marched from Trivandrum. the Prisoner said to me. in Conversation "Bauptniah. that is an unfaithful Sepoy who reported this. Mutinous business at Quilon. to the European Officers. by his means a Jemidar and a Sepoy have been blown from the mouth of a Gun. many native Officers have been seized and have been sent away; had the discovery not been made so soon. all the European Officers would soon have been murdered and a Rajah would have been made — I would have done

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done twice as much at this place as was intended to have been done at Quilon — What can be done Bauptniah, Had these executions not taken place so speedily. and had these Native Officers not been sent away. by this time. I would have Kicked with my toe all their Topas. — The Prisoner further said "Bauptniah you are my particular friend. therefore have I told you this; you must not discover it to any body, Swear to me by your Sawny Mark. and by your religious Book. that you will not tell." — On my arrival at this place from Travandrum I reported the whole of this Conversation to Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Question — Was any one present. when this conversation passed between you and the Prisoner? —

Answer. — No one than the Prisoner and Myself —

Question

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Question — Where did it take place?—

Answer — In front of the Prisoner's House in the Street.—

Question — And no one was present?—

Answer — No one.

Question — When the Prisoner was speak=ing in the manner you have described, did he appear to be very sorry for the failure of this Mutinous Conspiracy?

Answer — Yes he appeared very sorry.

Question — Did the Prisoner at this time from his manner or otherwise appear to you to have heartily joined in this Conspiracy?—

Answer — I considered from his manner. and also from what he said. that he had a perfect Knowledge of the De=sign to Mutiny.—

Question by the Court — At the time the Prisoner mentio=ned the Seizure and Sending away of some

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some Native officers. did he mention any of their names?—

Answer .No.

Question by the Court } Did you report this Conversation which passed between you and the Prisoner to your Commanding officer at Trevandrum?

Answer I did not. in consequence of being about to march to Quilon. where on my arrival I had determined. to report it to Lieutenant Colonel Hall—

Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you know any thing further. of the Prisoner's Conduct in this business?

Answer The Evening before the march of 2. Battalion 9th Regiment for Cannanore. the Prisoner Sent Gopanah. Naigue 2. Battalion 9th Regiment to my House. with his Salaam to me. and desired him to request me "to let him / the Prisoner / know what information I had lodged against him, that he might say the same before the Court

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Court by which means he would certainly be acquitted: and when he was acquitted.— then he would get the person who was the cause of his / the Prisoners / Confinement. pla: ced in Arrest in his turn.— To this mysage I gave the following answer. "The Prisoner and myself eat the Company's Bread.— therefore we ought not to be unfaithful: what the Prisoner knows let him declare before the Court: and what I know declare also." and this is all I know on this Charge—

Deputy Judge Advocate.— Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer Yes, most positively —

The Witness retires

Gopanah Naigue 2d. Battalion 9th Regt. =gement Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution: being called into Court: is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his

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his Cast —

The first Charge is read and explained —

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer — Yes. very well —

Question. Do you Know Jemidar Baupniah of the 2d. Battalion 9th Regiment? —

Answer. Yes, very well.

Question Was you entrusted lately with any Mipsage from the Prisoner to Jemidar Baupniah 2d. Battalion 9th Regiment. if so. State what it was? —

Answer Yes, the evening before the march of the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment. Sir Can. =nanore. I was sent by my Mother to make her Salam — to the Prisoners' Brothers wife in the Prisoners' House — The Prisoner said "Gopanah. you must go to Jemidar Baupniah." tell him from me. I have learnd he has told to Vencatachellum — Subidar 2d. Battalion 11th Regiment. every

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thing. I told him at Trivandrum. let him tell me. what information he has given against me. and I shall say the same in the Court. and I shall certainly be acquitted; when I am. acquitted. I shall get the Person. who has been the cause of my Confinement put in arrest in his turn" — Bauapuah gave answer "The Prisoner and myself eat the Company's Bread. what he Knows. he must tell before the Court, and what I Know. I shall tell before the Court, but nothing unfaithful must be done." — and this is all I Know.

Question — Was any one present at the time you received this Message for Bauapuah from the Prisoner? —

Answer — Yes. Cavalcy Shaik. Madenah. Sepoy Grenadier Company 2nd Battalion 9th Regiment —

Question — Was any one present when you delivered

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delivered it to Bauspriah?=

Answer. It was at night. and I did not observe any one present, but Bauspriah told me two men of the 11th Regiment were present. and that he made them lay down in the tent to hear what I said.-

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?-

Answer. Yes. every word is positively true.-

The Witness Returns

Bauspriah Jemidar 2nd Battalion 9th Regiment an Evidence on the Prosecution, is again called in. and examined on his former oath.-

Deputy Judge Advocate... Was any one present at the time the message you have spoken of. from the Prisoner was delivered to you by Gopaniah?-

Answer- Two Men of the 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment were present and heard the message.- Their names are Bare Sing. Naique and

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and Upyah Sepoy—

The Witness Returns

Shaik Hussain. Naigue 2. Battalion

9th Regiment. Native Infantry. an Evi.

=dence on the part of the Prosecution. being

called into Court is duly sworn in Confor.

=mity to the usages of his Cast.

Deputy Judge Advocate. } Do you Know the Prisoner.? —

Answer. Yes, very well

Question State to the Court what you Know

respecting the charge.? —

Answer. I was on the Residents Guard. and

was ordered to go to Trewandrum. on the—

Morning following the execution of the Se.

=rindar and Sepoy at this place. — after my

arrival at Trewandrum. the Prisoner asked

me. "what news there was." I told him—

one day Shaik Burrian Subidar 2. Batta.

=lion 9th Regiment in undressing himself

in the tent. had said "What have I done.

that

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that they have brought my name into this business. the Tackur has given in my name" I also told the Prisoner" the Durogah of the Resident had come into the tent where the Tackur / who had given the information against the Native officers / was confined. to question him respecting the Mutiny. the Tackur refused to speak unless Shaik Burna Subidar 2d Battalion 9th Regiment was desired to go out of the tent. — The Durogah ordered the Subidar to go out but the Subidar refused to do so. in consequence the Durogah said the Subidar will not go out. and the Tackur will not speak. therefore I will go away" the Durogah went out. and was followed by the Subidar. — The Durogah returned into the tent, and asked the Tackur "why he could not speak respecting the

Mutiny

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Mutiny before the Subidar, the Packer answ:
=owned "How could I speak before the
Subidar when he himself is one of the Con:
=spirators" On hearing this the Devogah
went out of the tent and accused the Su:
=bidar Shaik Buwan, thus "What Subidar
so you are one of Conspirators, the Packer
tells me" the Subidar fell immediately at
the Devogah's feet begged forgiveness.—
and said he was a family man. the De:
=vogah gave the Subidar his hand, rai:
=sed him up. and walked with him to a
distance." When I was done, the Priso
=ner asked me" at this Conversation—
who was present?— I replied, besides my:
=self one Hawildar and one sepoy. but
I do not know, whether they can tell the
same. The Prisoner then said "very well,"
one witness is of no use, do not tell this to
any one, but keep it in your own heart"—

Question

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Question — Was any one present when this Conversation passed?—

Answer — No one. The Prisoner and myself were walking together from the Parade.

Question — Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now stated?—

Answer — Yes. most positively.

The Witness retires

Shaik Emaum Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution.— being called into Court. is duly sworn in conformity to the usages of his Cast

The first charge is read and explained

Deputy Judge advocate ..... } Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer — Yes.

Question — Do you Know that a Mutinous and Seditious Conspiracy was formed at this place. some time ago by several men of this Force?—

Answer

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Answer. Yes.

Question How do you Know?—

Answer. I joined in the Conspiracy —

Question Do you Know what were the inten-
:tions of the men, who were engaged in
this Mutinous Conspiracy?—

Answer. The intentions of the Conspirators
were to murder the European Officers and
Men in Travancore; to seize this Country;
to raise Battalions and to make the —
Rajah of Cottingherry, Rajah of Travan-
:core —

Question Do you Know that the Prisoner
was engaged in or had a Knowledge of
this Conspiracy?—

Answer Yes. The Prisoner Knew it. — I have
often heard Jemadar Shaik Hussain —
2d. Battalion 14th Regiment (who was
executed here) say that the Prisoner was
a very close friend of his and I Know
the

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the Jemidar depended on his assistance in the Murder of the European Officers and the seizure of this Country as the Jemidar often mentioned the Prisoner as one of the Conspirators at the Meetings in the Mudkawn and I saw a letter written to the Prisoner by the lame Jacket who has been executed | by orders of the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment and which letter was to be sent off on the morning after the Murder of the European Officers at this Station, and Contained an account of what had been done here and directions for the Prisoner to do the same at Trivandrum.

Question Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in this business?—

Answer All the native officers who were engaged

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engaged in this Conspiracy, were to be -
made Answrs. -

Deputy Judge Advocate ... Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed? -

Answer Yes. most positively -

The Witness Retires.

Shaik Chaund Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called into Court, is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast.

The first Charge is read and explained. -

Deputy Judge Advocate - Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer. Yes. very well.

Question Do you Know. that a Mutinous and Seditious Conspiracy was formed here some time ago by several men of this Force? -

Answer Yes -

Question How do you know?

Answer I joined in the Conspiracy.

Question

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Question Do you Know, what were the intentions of the men who were engaged in this Conspiracy?—

Answer The intentions of the men, who were engaged in this Conspiracy, were to murder the European Officers and Men, to seize this Country, to raise Battalions and to make the Rajah of Cottingherry Rajah of Travancore, and to send letters to the different Military Stations in Travancore.—

Question Do you Know that the Prisoner was engaged in, or had a Knowledge of this Mutinous Conspiracy?—

Answer. Yes. The Prisoner Knew it.—I have often heard the late Jemidar Shaik Hussain 2d. Battalion 14th Regiment. say the Prisoner was a very close friend of his, and that he had acquainted the Prisoner with the Conspiracy, before he went on Command — and I Know the Conspirators

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depended on the Prisoner's assistance in the Murder of the European Officers and the Seizure of the Country as his name was always mentioned by the late Je: =midar Shaik Hussain; the late Lame Tacker and the late Salabut Khawn Sepoy, as the Mutings in the Mutkawn as one of the Conspirators; and I saw a letter written to the Prisoner by the late Lame Tacker by orders of the late Jemi =dar Shaik Hussain: and which letter was to be sent off, the Morning after the murder of the Europ[illegible]pean Officers at this Station: and Contained an account of what had been done here and directions for the Prisoner to do the same at Tra: =vandrum, that is to murder the Euro: =pean Officers and Men there -

Question by the Court.

Do you Know if the Prisoner was to receive any reward for his Services in

this

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this business?—

Answer I do not Know—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now stated?—

Answer Yes most positively—

The Witness Returns

The Court adjourns till 9 o'Clock tomorrow morning—

Saturday the 5th December 1812.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Members all present.

The Procedings of yesterday are read and explained—

Sheik Emaum Private 2d Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution, is again called into Court and examined on his former Oath.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know that any time was fixed on to Carry into execution the intentions of the men who were engaged in the Mutinous

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Mutinous Conspiracy detailed by you yesterday?—

Answer Yes. on the nights of the Review of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment. it was determined by the Conspirators, to attempt the Murder of the European Officers — while at Dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps.—

The Witness retires.

Shaik Chaund Private 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution, is again called into Court: and examined on his former oath.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know. that any time was fixed on to Carry into execution the intentions of the Men who were engaged in the Mutinous Conspiracy detailed by you yesterday?—

Answer Yes. it was determined to attempt the murder of the European Officers on the

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the night of the review of the 2d. Battalion 18th Regiment while the Officers were at Dinner in the Mess Room of that Corps.

The Witness Returns

Shaik Hussain. Naigue 2d. Battalion 9th Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution. is again called into Court and examined on his former Oath.-

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you recollect if you was asked by any of the Men of your Corps at Trevandrum respecting the business you told to the Prisoner, relating to Subidar Shaik Burrae, the Devogah and the Packer, and which you detailed to the Court yesterday.?

Answer. None.-

The Witness Returns

Ramsing. Naigue 2d. Battalion 11th Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on

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The part of the Prosecution being called into Court. is duly Sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast—

The first Charge is read and explained—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you Know Bauspriah Jemidar 2d Battalion 9th Regiment?

Answer. Yes—

Question Was you with him in a tent at Duilow on the evening before the march of the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment from this place for Cannanore?—

Answer. Yes. Ullyah Sepoy and Myself were with Jemidar Bauspriah.

Question At this time did you hear any Message delivered by any one to Bauspriah from the Prisoner?—

Answer Gopanah Naigue 2d Battalion 9th Regiment came into the tent. and delivered to Bauspriah the following Message which he said the Prisoner had

charged

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Answer Gopanah Naigue 2d Battalion 9th Regiment delivered a Message to Baup:=riah from the Prisoner, namely "Shaik Sillar sends you his Salam, and wishes to speak to you respecting information you have given against him to Subadar Venca:=chellum of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment that you and he may say the same before the Court by which means he will be ac:=quitted and when he is acquitted he will get the Person who has been the cause of his ↑ arrest put in Confinement in his turn" — Subadar Baupmiah sent the following answer "Shaik Sillar / the Prisoner / and myself eat the Company's Bread, what he knows, let him declare before the Court; and what I know, I shall declare before the Court, but nothing unfaithful must be done?—"

Question Do you know any thing further?—

Answer —

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Answer — No —

Question — Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now stated? —

Answer — Yes most positively.

The Witness Retires.

Prosecution on the 2d. Charge —

Lieutenant Colonel Hall. an Evidence —

on the part of the Prosecution is again — called on his former Oath, and States. that at the time he received information of the Prisoners having a Knowledge of the existence of a Conspiracy. as detailed in the first charge. he was also made acquainted. with the Prisoners having used expressions against this Govern. =ment and service. highly disrespectful and of a most dangerous and seditious tendency. —

The Witness Retires

Ramsing Private 2d. Battalion 9th —

Regiment

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Regiment. an Evidence on the Prosecution is again called into Court. and examined on his former Oath –

The Second Charge is read and explained

Deputy Judge Advocate } State to the Court what you know respecting the Second Charge which you have heard read and explained? –

Answer The Prisoner said to me two or three days after the Conversation stated in the first Charge took place at Trivandrum "At Hydrabad the Europeans wished us to wear Topies, at that time the Battalions did not like to wear them; now they have ordered us to wear Trowsers. in a few days we shall be ordered to wear Shoes, then leather Stocks and Topies again. and at length we shall be joined in their Caffre Religion." – This is a bad Service; the Service of Caffres. (and here the Prisoner abused the Government and

Service

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Service very bad / my Brother was before in Tippoo's Service. That is a Muselman Government. and is a good Service. and this is a bad Service. "Before they began at the Head. and now they begin at the feet. and from them to the Head again — This is a Caffre Government. in it there is no Honor for Native Officers; in a Musel. man Government. there is great honor and power for Black officers — They wish us to wear Caps. if we wish to do so it is very well. but if we do not wish it. they cannot make us do it" —

Question Do you recollect any thing more? —

Answer I do not.

Question Did you report the conversation to your Commanding officer at Trivan-drum? —

Answer At the time this Conversation took

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took place Captain. Macleod was absent from Travandrum for a few days, and before his return. I was taken very ill and remained so for a long time. The day of my arrival at Quilon I reported it to Lieutenant Colonel Hall.

Question Why did you not report it to the Officer who succeeded Captain. Macleod in Command at Travandrum?

Answer. I was ordered not to make a report of any thing I might learn respecting this Mutiny to any one. than Captain Macleod –

Question by the Court. } Where did the Conversation take place?

Answer Outside of the Prisoner's House at Travandrum –

Deputy Judge Advocate – } What Carried you to the Prisoner's House? –

Answer The Prisoner's House was on the road. from the Barracks to my own; and

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and in passing I saw the Prisoner lunging his Horse, after he had done. the Prisoner spoke me in the manner I have mentioned.—

Question Was any one present at this time?—

Answer No one, than the Prisoner and myself.—

Question Do you positively Swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer Yes, most positively —

The Witness Returns

Bauspruah Jemidar 2d Battalion 9th Regiment an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution being called again into Court, is examined on his former oath.—

The Second Charge is read and explained.—

Deputy Judge Advocate } State to the Court what you Know respecting the Second charge which you have heard read and explained?—

Answer The Prisoner in Conversation told me "this is a Pariah, Caffre Service, in this Service there is no honor for Native Officers, the Pri-

=soner

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Prisoner further said "I will go on the Invalid or Pension Establishment.—

Question Do you recollect any thing more?—

Answer. I do not.

Question Where did this Conversation take place?—

Answer In the Street at Trewandrum—

Question Was any one present?

Answer No one, than the Prisoner and my=self.—

Question Did you make any report of this Conversation to your Commanding Officer or any European Officer at Trewandrum?—

Answer I did not.— It took place three days before the Corps marched for Quilon and I had determined to report it to Lieut.=nant Colonel Hall, so soon as I arrived, which I did the day following my arri=val here.—

Question Do you positively swear to the truth

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truth of what you have now stated?—

Answer— Yes most positively—

The Witness Retires.

The Prosecution on the Second Charge is now closed—

Prosecution on the Additional Charge.—

Lieutenant Colonel Hall an Evidence on the part of the Prosecution is again called into Court on his former Oath. and States that about one Month after the Prisoner had been placed in arrest. he was informed the Prisoner had again made use of language. while in conversation with Perantalloo Sepoy 1st. Battalion 5th. Regiment of a most Mutinous and Seditious tendency, highly dangerous to good order and so much in contempt of authority, Lieutenant Colonel Hall found himself under the absolute necessity of directing the Prisoner to be placed in confinement

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Confinement in the main Guard –

The Witness Veluvis

Perumtalloo Private 1st. Battalion 5th. Regi:
:ment Native Infantry an Evidence on
the part of the Prosecution being called into
Court. is duly Sworn in Conformity to the
usages of his Cast –

The Additional Charge is read and ex:
:plained –

Deputy Judge
Advocate –

Do you Know the Prisoner? 2

Answer.

Yes, very well; I was Sepoy with the
Prisoner in the 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment
and exchanged into the 1st. Battalion 5th
Regiment –

Question

State to the Court. what you Know
relating to the additional charge which
you have heard read and explained? –

Answer.

When I was passing in the Lines
of my own Corps formerly those of the 2d.
Battalion 9th. Regiment I saw the Prisoner

standing

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standing on the outside of his house, the Prisoner called to me, and asked me to go inside of his house, he put down a mat and desired me to sit down — The Prisoner gave me some Betle and asked me "What — Pirantalloo are you still Sepoy", I answered "that is my misfortune" and I added — "how come you Subidar to be here, when — your Battalion has gone to Cannanore", — the Prisoner replied, "without any fault — I am put in Arrest and my sword and — Sash are taken from me" I observed, — "you have done wrong. I suppose" as with- out a fault you would not have been put in arrest" If I have done any thing wrong (the Prisoner said) they had better blow me away to-day instead of tomorrow" after this the Prisoner went into a Room and brought out a Sword, which he drew and gave into my hand, Saying this sword is worth two

hundred

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hundred Pagodas, whoever has this Sash must get a Salary of two hundred Pagodas per month. my Sword and Sash the Gentlemen have taken, that Sword and Sash are not mine. this is my own Sword, my name is Shaik Sillar Subedar Grenadier Company with this Sword I will cut their Caps and make them fly away; Shaik Bivvar Subedar is very much afraid. I am not afraid like him; I can speak to any body; Venoatachellum Subedar is of another Battalion and knows nothing about me. Baupmiah Jemidar told him some thing about me which has got me put in arrest, never mind; I will shew them what I am, — I have no Family, I am single man — The sword and Sash they have taken from me are like the hairs of my — I have the expression

is

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is very bad, meaning private parts) but with my own Sword I shall be able to live like a great man"—

Question Do you recollect any thing more?—

Answer No.

Question Was this the first time you had spoken to the Prisoner at Quilon?—

Answer Yes. the first time.

Question Did it happen accidentally?—

Answer. Yes. perfectly so; I did not know the Prisoner was in Quilon, till I saw him in front of his House on the day this Conversation passed, and no one was present, than the Prisoner and myself.—

Question When was this?—

Answer. About ten or twenty days after the march of the 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment for Cannanore.—

Question Did you mention this Conversation to any one soon after it happened?—

Answer

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Answer. I mentioned it to Ram Sing Sepoy 2d. Battalion 9th. Regiment—

Question When and Where did you mention it to Ram Sing?—

Answer. The Morning after it happened. I came as one of an Escort of a Prisoner to the Court Martial, I met Ram Sing there, and told him what had passed between the Prisoner and myself, and it was reported to Lieutenant Colonel Hall—

Question Do you positively swear to the truth of what you have now deposed?—

Answer yes most positively.

Question by the Prisoner Did you not come to my house two or three times and give me information of what was doing against me by Baupuiah Gopanah and Ramsing?—

Answer. No.

Deputy Judge Advocate— How often have you been at the Prisoners

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Prisoner's House in Quilon?—

Answer. Only once, and that was when the Conversation passed, which I have related.—

The Witness returns

Ramsing Private 2d Battalion 9th Regt.

sworn an Evidence on the Prosecution; being called again into Court is examined on his former Oath.—

The Additional Charge is read and explained.—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Do you know Perumtalloo Sepoy 1st Battalion 5th Regiment?—

Answer Yes.

Question Did Perumtalloo ever relate to you a Conversation which had passed between him and the Prisoner?—

Answer Yes.

Question Do you recollect what it was?—

Answer Yes, Perumtalloo told me the Prisoner had called him into his House, and after

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after some Conversation about his / Peran:
=tattoo's / being still a sepoy. the Prisoners'
Battalion being gone. Perantattoo asked
him "how he came to be here". the Prisoner
said "without any Faults they have put
me in Arrest. If I have done any Faults
they had better blow me away to day than
tomorrow, very well, they have taken my
sword and Sash, that Sword and Sash
are like the hairs of my — / here the exspres:
=sion is very bad, meaning / private parts /
the Prisoner brought a Sword, which he
shewed to Perumtattoo, and told him
this is my own Sword, worth 200 pagodas /
this Sword will give me the monthly pay
of 100 Pagodas, with this Sword I will
cut off their Caps, and make them fly
away. I can live like a great man with
this Sword, if I lose this Service, it is
just like the loss of a hair from my Pri:
=vate

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private parts. I have no family. I am a Single man, my name is Shaik Sillar Subidar of the Grenadiers. I shall shew them, what I am. Shaik Burra Subidar is very much afraid. I am not afraid— Vencatachelum Subidar is of another Battalion, it is not his fault— Bauperiah Jemidar has told this mutiny business to him, and he reported it to the Colonel and the Colonel put me in arrest," and this is as near as I can recollect what Perumtatloo told me.—

Question — Where and when did he tell you this?—

Answer— Perumtatloo told me this at the Court martial, he had come there as one of an Escort to a Prisoner, and he said the Conversation had taken place the morning before.—

Question — Did you immediately report it to — Lieutenant Colonel Hall?—

Answer. — Yes through Vencatachellum Subidar

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2d Battalion 11th Regiment.—

Question Was any one present when Privatt
=loo told you this?—

Answer. A Sepoy of the 1st Battalion 5th
Regiment. was at a little distana. but whe-
=ther he heard it or not. I do not Know—

Question Do you positively Swear to the truth
of what you have now deposed?—

Answer. Yes every word is positively true.—

The Witness Retires.

The Court is adjourned tile 9 Oclock on
Monday Morning—

Monday the 7th of December 1812.

Court met pursuant to adjournment
Members all present.

The Proceedings of Saturday are read over
and explained—

Lieutenant Anderson Adjutant 1st Batta-
=lion 5th Regiment an Evidence. on the part
of the Prosecution. being called into Court. is

duly

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duly Sworn, and the following questions respecting the Character of Pirumtalloo Sepoy of that Corps, are asked him—

Deputy Judge Advocate—} Do you Know Pirumtalloo Sepoy 1st Battalion 5th Regiment?—

Answer— Yes, I do.

Question How long have you Known him?

Answer— I have particularly noticed him, since the Death of his Brother, who was a Jemadar in the Corps, that is since December 1811 or there abouts—

Question State to the Court what you consider his Character to be?—

Answer— From enquiries I have made respecting him I have every reason to believe him to be a good man, and I do myself consider him as such—

Question From your Knowledge of him and from your general opinion of him, do you think he is a likely man to have come forward

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forward to State an untruth on a most
Serious question?-

Answer I certainly do not.

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Kistnadays Jemidar 1st. Battalion 5th.
Regiment an Evidence in support of the
Prosecution is called into Court. duly
sworn. and is asked the following Ques:
tions respecting the Character of Peun:
=talloo Sepoy 1st. Battalion 5th. Regiment—

Deputy Judge
Advocate— Do you Know Perumtalloo Sepoy
1st. Battalion 5th. Regiment?—

Answer Yes. I have Known him for four
or five years. for which period he has been
in the Company with me.-

Question Do you Consider him to be a man
of good Character?—

Answer Yes. I consider him to be a man of
very good Character—

Question From your Knowledge of him. do
you

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you think he is a likely man to have
Come forward to state an untruth on a
most serious question? —

Answer I certainly do not think he would
tell a lie or any thing false. —

The Witness Returns

An Evidence on the Prosecution. not ha.
-ving yet arrived. the Court adjourns until
further notice —

Friday the 11th. of December 1812.

Court met pursuant to notice —

Members all present —

The Proceedings of Monday last are read
over and explained —

The Prosecution on the additional Charge
is here closed —

The Prosecution on the first Charge is
here Continued —

Captain Macleod 2d. Battalion 9th. Regt.
=ment an Evidence on the part of the
Prosecution

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Prosecution is duly sworn—

The first Charge is read.

Deputy Judge Advocate... } Do you Know the Prisoner?—

Answer Yes perfectly well.

Question Do you Know Ramsing a Private in the Grenadier Company 2d Battalion 9th Regiment?—

Answer Yes, very well.

Question Did you Command a Detachment of the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment Stationed at Trivandrum in May and June last?—

Answer Yes—

Question At this time did Ramsing Communicate to you any thing respecting the Prisoner and relating to the Charge you have heard read?—

Answer Ram Sing mentioned to me certain expressions which Subidar Shaik Dillar had made use of in reference to the Conspiracy

which

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which had been discovered at Dwlon — But the expressions were not of such a nature as to induce me to believe that Subidar Shaik Sillar professed a Knowledge of the Mutiny in the mode set forth in the Charge —

Question — Do you recollect what the expressions were? —

Answer — Ram Sing told me, that he met Subidar Shaik Sillar on the road at Trevandrum, that the Subidar asked him "where he was going and what he was employed about," he answered, "I am ordered to endeavour to ascertain the opinion of the Nairs in the vicinity about the Mutiny which had taken place at Dwlon", on which the Subidar remarked "that is not all, you are also employed to mention any thing you may hear us say on this Subject, but you must not do so." and Ram Sing

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Sing said "I will not" Ramsing also told me, that he and the Prisoner walk=ed on together for some time in Silence, the Subidar all at once remarked "if they had succeeded at Quilon, I suppose, they would have placed a Rajah on the Throne" Ram Sing informed me that the Conversation was here interrupted by the approach of a third person, and that he and Subidar Separated — and Ramsing has never informed me of any thing else which I conceive to have any reference to the Charge, which has been now read to me.—

Question Are you perfectly certain Ramsing told you nothing further respecting the Prisoner and relating to the Charge?

Answer To the best of my recollection. Know=ledge and belief he did not —

Question State what you consider to be the Character

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Character of this Ram Sing Sepoy of your Corps? —

Answer

I viewed Ram Sing as a man of irr: different Character, but about the time of the arrival of the Corps at Allepie on its march to Cannanore, I received information which induces me now to Consider him a man of bad Character —

Question

State what you consider or what you know to be the Characters of Jemidar Baup: =mah, Naigue Shaik Hussain and Gopanah. of your Corps =

Answer

Jemidar Baupmah is considered in the Corps and by myself a man of rather bad Character and of a very litigious disposition; he has been twice in arrest and his promo: =tion has been Considered to be stopped in the Corps for the last two years, but since that period as far as I know. he has con: =ducted himself well — Naigue Shaik = Hussain

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Hussain and Gopanah are, as far as is consistent with my Knowledge, men of good Character—

The Witness Returns

The Prosecution is here closed—

Defence—

Prisoner I have Served the Honorable Company for thirty years most faithfully. I have been in several engagements in all of which I have done my duty, and I have been wounded twice— I positively deny all Know=ledge of the Design to mutiny with which I am charged. I was not even acquainted with the late Shaik Hussain Sennudar— nor with the same Packer who have been executed, nor was I in any way connected with the men engaged in this Mutiny— I also positively deny having made use of the expressions with which I am accused in the Second Charge: and I shall beg leave

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leave to call Mallie a Servant of my own to show, Perumtalloo the Evidence against me on the additional Charge came to my house three times and although he cannot depose to all the Conversations which passed between Perumtalloo and myself, still his Evidence will tend to show, Perumtalloo has not been strictly correct in his deposition against me, and his having deviated in one instance from truth may perhaps render the whole of his Evidence (at the least) doubtful, in the eyes of the Court — I also wish to call the attention of the Court to the Evidence of Captain Macleod, and to the Characters he has given of Semidar Baupsiah and Ramsing Sepoy my accusors —

Mallie a Private Servant of the Prisoners an Evidence on the Defence, is duly sworn

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Sworn in Conformity to the usages of this Cast—

Question by the Prisoner } Do you Know Perumtatloo Sepoy of the 1st. Battalion 5th. Regiment?—

Answer Yes—

Perumtatloo being called into Court the Evi: =dence recognises him—

Question Have you ever seen this man Perum: =tatloo at my House?—

Answer Yes. I have seen him three times at the Prisoner's House.

Question Did you ever hear any Conversation pass between Perumtatloo and myself?—

Answer On the third time, Perumtatloo came to the House, the Prisoner's baggage was put out to the Sun to dry, there were some sticks and a Sword tied together, and Perumtatloo came up and untied the bundle and took up the Sword, and drew it, and was look: =ing at the Sword, when the Prisoner came and was angry for Perumtatloo taking up

the

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the Sword and for coming to his House,
the Prisoner desired Perumtalloo to go away
and not to come to his House again; and I never saw
him afterwards at the House.—

Question by the Court— On the other occasions of Perumtalloo's going to the Prisoners' House, was any one else there?—

Answer No man was there; there was a Woman.
I do not know whether the Prisoner saw him
the first time, the second time. I saw Perum-
=talloo and the Prisoner together in the Horse
Stable. but I do not know if they spoke to—
each other.

Question by the Court— At the time, you say the Prisoner desired Perumtalloo to go away from his House in what Language did he speak?—

Answer The Prisoner spoke in Moors, which
Language I understand a little.—
The Evidence here gives a Specimen of his
Knowledge in the above Language which is
satisfactory

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satisfactory to the Court -

The Witness Returns

The Defence is here closed.

The Court adjourns till 9 O'Clock tomorrow morning -

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Court met pursuant to adjournment -

. Members all present -

The Proceedings are read over and explained

Friday the 1st day of January 1813.

The . Native General Court . Martial which assembled at Quilon . on the 18th day of . August 1812, and Continued by successive adjournments . is reassembled this day pursuant to notice -

. Members all present.

The Acting Deputy Judge . Advocate informs the Court he has received a letter from the Judge . Advocate General conveying to the Court . the Orders of His Excellency the Commander in Chief for

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for a Revision of Sentence on the trial—

An extract of the letter is here inserted.—

To Captain F. Stewart

Deputy Judge Advocate

Quilon

Sir. I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to return to you the accompanying Sentence on the Trial of Subdar Shaik Sillar. for Revision.

The Prisoner stands charged with having a Knowledge of a Mutenous & Conspiracy and Concealing his Knowledge thereof. and he is further charged with having made use of certain dangerous and Seditious expressions—

The Court have found him Guilty in the said Charges of a breach of the 3d. and 4th. Articles of the 2nd. Section of the Articles of War— The first of these Articles is expressed as follows.—

"Any

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"Any Officer or Soldier who shall begin, excite, cause, or join in, any Mutiny or Sedition, in the Troop, Company or Regiment to which he belongs or in any other Troop or Company in the Service, or on any Party, Post Detachment, or Guard, on any pretence, whatsoever, shall suffer Death or such other Punishment, as by a Court Martial shall be inflicted —

But the Prisoner stands neither charged, with having begun, excited caused, or joined in the Mutiny, and therefore cannot be said to have been Guilty of a breach of that Article —

The Seditious expressions, of which the Prisoner is accused, appear to have taken place Subsequent to the Mutiny and of course could have had no tendency to produce that event. —

It will accordingly become

Necessary

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nessary so. to shape the Sentence as to keep clear of the Article in question.-

It is certainly not essential to the legal effect of the Judgement. that a Prisoner should be convicted on any Par: ticular Article of War. unless such article shall have been specifically charged in the Crime or accusation itself.— . At the same time, general usage / and perhaps the principles of our Law / make it proper that the Crime should be stated. as being a breach of the . Articles of War. or what amounts to the same to the prejudice of good Order and . Military Discipline, and it should further be expressed that the Punishment is award: =ed by virtue or authority of the Articles of War.- . No inferior Court / such as a . Mili: =tary Tribunal / shall be intended to have Jurisdiction unless it some how appear; and it is on this principle that we always express

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in the Sentence that the Judgement is pronounced by virtue or authority of the Articles of War—

I am further instructed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to express to you his doubts of the necessity of awarding a Capital Sentence against any person who did not take a part in endeavouring to excite the Mutiny—

Adverting to the number of Capital Sentences that have already been pronounced, and most if not all of which will be carried into execution, it seems doubtful at this distance of time from the event itself, how far, it is necessary to extend the same punishment to Persons who have only suppressed their Knowledge of the Conspiracy.—

It may therefore be a fit matter for the deliberation of the Court,

whether

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whether the ends of justice might not be equally consulted, by resorting to some other mode of punishment — and in this respect — the banishment for Life, has been always regarded as the Penalty next in degree to that of a Capital Conviction. — Imprisonment for Life, is liable to obvious objections, in — Keeping afloat the memory of the transac- -tion, and affording perpetual Yield for the intrigues of the party and of his relatives, in order to effect his enlargement — Should this Consideration accord with the reflec- -tions of the Court it will be competent for them, to adjudge the party convicted to be banished for life, or for a term of years, — according to the degree of his Offence, to the Prince of Wales's Island, or to such other foreign Station, as the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct —

In receiving this suggestion,

you

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you will distinctly understand. That it is by no means the wish of His Excellency the Commander in Chief to Controul the opinion of the Court. which in order to be just, must be perfectly free— But it seems proper. That a certain proportion should be preserved in the awarding of punish= =ment. and That the lesser Offence should be liable only to the lesser penalty, and above all that the deprivation of life. the greatest vengeance which human Laws can in= =flict should never be visited on a fellow Creature were it can possibly be avoided

You will take care that this Communication is made to the Court. in the most unexceptionable manner possible, and with every regard for the free exercise of their own Judgement;- immediately renouncing the further Consideration of the point should it be found to carry in

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it any thing unfriendly to their general—
prejudice—

(Signed) J. Leith
Judge A. Genl.

a true Extract

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Acting Judge Advocate

The Court having duly weighed the subject
of this letter proceeds to pass Sentence—

Sentence in revision. } The Court finds the Prisoner Subi-
-dar Shaik Sillar 2d. Battalion 9th. Regi-
-ment native Infantry Guilty of all and
several the Crimes charged, and which
being to the prejudice of good Order and
military discipline it does therefore by vir-
-tue of the Articles of War, adjudge and
Sentence him to be transported and banish-
-ed for Life from the Coast of Coromandel
to the Prince of Wales' Island or to such
other Foreign Station as His Excellency the
Commander

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Commander in Chief may be pleased to
direct —

Signed F. P. Stewart
Capt. 1st N. Regt.
acty Dy Judge advt.

The mark + of
Letchman Sing Subidar
1st Batt. 5th Regt. N. I. President

Head Quarters,
Choultry Plain
February 17th 1813.

I approve and Confirm,
(Signed) S. Auchmuty
Lieutenant General —

The Native General Court Martial
which assembled at Quilon on the 18th day of
August in the year of our Lord 1812. by Orders
of Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Hall Command
=ing the Forces in Travancore under the authority
of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and
continued by successive Adjournments. is reassem=
bled this day the 23rd January 1813 —

Present

Subidar Letchman Sing 1st Batt. 5th Regimt. N. I.

President

Members

Subidar

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Subidar Syd. Abdullah 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Lilchman Sing 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Syrang Capsen 2d Battn. Artillery

Subidar Purmaulloo — 2d Battn 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ismail 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ally.... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Hussain Cawn — 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Venkatachellum.. 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Mahomed Hussain 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I

Subidar Shaik Shewer — 2d. Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Verapah ..... 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I.

Jemadar Ramahsawmy — 2d. Battn. 19th Regt. N.I

Jemadar Shaik Ally — 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Subidar Shaik Ebram 1st Battn. 5th Regt. N.I.

reported Sick —

Captain Stewart Acting Deputy Judge Advocate —

The Court having assembled, the Warrants con-
=stituting its authority are read and explained —

Jemadar Packer Mahomed 2d. Battalion 11th
Regiment Native Infantry a Prisoner being in

Court

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Court, the names of the President and Members are read to him and he is asked

Deputy Judge Advocate. } Do you object to any of the Mem:bers Composing the Court by which you are about to be tried.—

Prisoner I do not object to any—

The usual Oaths are administered to the President and Members in Conformity to the Customs of their respective Casts—

The Acting Deputy Judge Advocate is also duly sworn—

Sooboorow is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast. Interpreter to the Court.

Charge Jemidar Fakeer Mahomed 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment Native Infantry ordered in arrest by me for Unofficer-like and disgraceful Conduct as follows—

In having on the evening of the 13th. Instant, got drunk and demeaned himself

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himself in the presence of a great part of the Detachment. thereby setting a bad example to the Men—

(Signed) L. Poignand
Capt. Comg. Detachmt
2d Battn 11th Regt N.I.

Cochin
19th October 1812

By Order
(Signed) T. H. S. Conway.
Adjt Genl of the Army—

The Charge having been read and explained to the Prisoner. he is asked—

Deputy Judge Advocate— Are you Guilty or not Guilty of the Charge now preferred against you?—

Prisoner Not Guilty

Prosecution

Deputy Judge Advocate— It is necessary for me to remark to the Court that since this charge has been preferred against the Prisoner Captain Poignand has died and consequently I am unable to bring forward the Prosecution

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in the manner which would otherwise have
been the Case.

Vencanah Private 2d Battalion 11th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to his Cast.

The Charge is read and explained —

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner?

Answer Yes

Question State to the Court what you know relating to the Charge you have heard & read and explained?

Answer The Hindoos having obtained permission to endeavour to procure some Dancing Girls for the celebration of the Duseorah Feast — Went to Trepoontorah and got one Dancing Girl to come to Cochin. The Gentlemen came to see the Feast and to see the Girl dance; after the Gentlemen went away the Prisoner who was also at

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the Feast. laid hold of the Dancing Girl and endeavoured to force her away with him; the Girl cried a little and refused to go. be: cause the Prisoner was a Mussulman: — I took the Girl from the Prisoner and gave her in charge to Rungahnagloo Sepoy — The Prisoner at this time appeared to me to be a little drunk and smelt strong of — Toddy — I reported the Prisoner's Conduct to Captain Poignand on the following — morning. who ordered an Enquiry: and the Dancing Girl on her examination — said at the Enquiry and in my presence "that the Prisoner had laid hold of her — and tried to force her away, and that she — refused to go with him from his being a Mussulman and that he had made bold to lay hold of her from being drunk" — The Prisoners Conduct on this occasion was very improper and not as an Officer ought

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to behave—

Question When did this take place?

Answer On the 13th October last at nights and the third night of the feast—

Question. How many men of your Detachment present when the Prisoner behaved as you have stated?—

Answer About ten or eighteen men—

Question by the Court. } Were there other Native Officers than the Prisoner present on this nights at the Feast?—

Answer There was Mahomed Cassim Jemmedar 2d Battalion 11th Regiment. but he went away before the Prisoner behaved in the manner I have stated.—

Deputy Judge Advocate—} Do you Know any thing further of the Prisoners Conduct on this occasion?

Answer I do not.

The Witness retires

Rungahnagloo Private 2d Battalion 11th Regiment

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Regiment. Native Infantry an Evidence on the Prosecution is duly sworn in Conformity to the usages of his Cast.-

The Charge is read and explained.-

Deputy Judge Advocate — Do you Know the Prisoner.?

Answer — yes.

Question — State to the Court what you Know relating to the Charge?-

Answer — The Hindoos of the Detachment at Cochin having obtained permission to celebrate the Dusserah feast, a Dancing Girl was engaged to dance, and on one night (the particular night I do not recollect) the Gentlemen and the Prisoner and Mahomed Cassim Jemidar came to see the feast and the dancing, after the departure of the European Officers and of Mahomed Cassim, the Prisoner being a Native Officer was in compliment asked by Vencanah, if Bettle and betle nut might be distributed, after a little

little time he said "he would take one." meaning he would take the Dancing Girl to Sleep with her - On the Prisoners' getting up to go away, he went near to the Dancing Girl and took her by the hand and asked her if she wished to go with him. the Girl refused. the Prisoner left her hand and went out, and was followed by the Dan: =cing Girl, and I saw the Prisoner near to the Girl again - The people who came with the Girl complained to the men pre: =sent of the Peniadar's treatment to the Girl, and said "Soldiers would not do so." on this Vencanah Sepoy went and gave her into my charge. at this time She was crying, and from fear laid fast hold of me - The Prisoner appeared to me at this time, to be sober, there was a Smell of Spirits among the people present, but I do not Know from whom it proceeded -

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There were about ten or twelve men of the Detachment present when this business was going forward — Captain Poyntand ordered an Enquiry into the Prisoners Conduct next morning, and at this Enquiry I was present and heard the Dancing Girl say "that the Prisoner had laid hold of her hand and that he was drunk" —

Question — What did you think of the Prisoners Conduct on the night you have spoken of? —

Answer — I thought the Prisoners Conduct wrong and not proper for a Native Officer. —

Question — Do you know any thing further of the Prisoners Conduct in this business? —

Answer — I do not —

The Witness Returns

Veeranpoony Private 2d Battalion 11th Regiment Native Infantry an Evidence

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on the Prosecution is sworn in Conformity to his Cast—

The Charge is read and explained—

Deputy Judge Advocate—} Do you Know the Prisoner?—

Answer. Yes.

Question State to the Court what you Know relating to the Charge?

Answer I was at the celebration of the Duporah Feast at Cochin and we had procured a Girl to dance and—on one night of the feast) the particular night I do not recollect) the European Officers Jemedar Mahomed Cassim and the Pri:=soner came to see the feast and the dancing—While they were there, I was outside and when they were gone I went into the Place and saw the Prisoner go near to the Dan:=cing Girl. take her hand and shake it, and let it go. after this I went out for a little time and on my return I saw the

Dancing

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Dancing Girl sitting in the Place. she was quite quiet. and I did not see the Prisoner.— The Prisoner did not appear to me to be in the least drunk on this evening nor did I perceive a Smell of Spirits in the place.— and I did not hear the Girl make any Complaint of the Prisoner's conduct to her. nor did I see any thing in the Prisoner's behaviour on this night. at all improper or unbecoming the Character of an Officer — There were about twenty or thirty men of this Detachment present on this occasion, and I know nothing further of the Prisoner's conduct in this business —

The Witness Retires

The Prosecution is here closed.

Defence

Prisoner

I was invited to the Dussorah Feast and went after the ceremony and Dancing were over, I was going away when this Dancing Girl came to me and said She expected

I would

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I would give her some Liquir to drink—
I told her. I did not drink myself and
had no spirits. but if she came again to
me. I would give her some— Vencanah
Sepoy came up and asked the Girl. if she
wished to go with a Mussalman and
she declined doing so. I consequently desir:
=ed her to go away and I went to my
House. I positively deny being in any
manner intoxicated or in any way beha:
=ving ill on that night. Appronah Sepoy
2d Battalion 11th Regiment. Native Infan:
=try an Evidence on the Defence. is sworn
in conformity to his Cast—

The Charge is read and explained—

Question by the Court— State to the Court what you know of my Conduct at the Dussorah Feast?—

Answer I was present on the night. the Gen:
:tlemen, Mahomed Cassim Jemidar and
the Prisoner were at the Dussorah Feast

at

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at Cochin. There was a Dancing Girl and after the Ceremony of the Feast and the dancing were over, the Gentlemen and Mahomed Cassim Jemidar went away. I saw the Prisoner speaking to the Dan-cing Girl and they went out of the place together. I heard the Girl ask the Prisoner for some Brandy or some Li-quor to drink, the Prisoner answered he had nothing to give her to drink, but if she came again to him she should have some liquor and the Pri-soner shook her by the hands; they were walking together — when Veincanah and another person came up, and the former took the Prisoner by the hand, and ask-ed him why he carried away the Dan-cing Girl. The Prisoner replied he was not carrying her away and Veincanah asked the Girl if she wished to go with

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The Prisoner. She remained silent. and the person who was with Vencanah said "yes from her silence she wishes to go" Vencanah asked the Girl the second time if she wish=ed to go with a Mussulman. She said, no; the Prisoner then said "why did you come with me. go away." The Prisoner did not appear to me to be in the least degree drunk and he had no smell of spirits and the Prisoner's Conduct was not in any manner unbecoming or improper on this night. —

Deputy Judge Advocate — } Do you Know any thing further of the Prisoner's Conduct on this occasion? —

Answer . No.

The Witness retires

. Modun Khawn Private 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment. an Evidence on the Defence is sworn in Conformity to his Cast —

The charge is read and explained —

Question by the Court. } State to the Court what you Know respecting

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respecting my Conduct at the Dussorah Feast?

Answer. One night of the Dussorah Feast, the Gentlemen, Mahomed Cassim Jemidar, and the Prisoner were at the Ceremony — There was a Dancing Girl and after the dancing and Ceremony, the Gentlemen went away — I saw the Prisoner and Dancing Girl speaking together and I heard the Girl ask the Prisoner for some Brandy to drink. taking the Prisoner by the hand. the Prisoner said he had no Brandy but if the Girl came again to him. he would give her some and he shook her by the hand. I saw nothing improper or unbecoming in the Conduct of the Prisoner on that night and he did not appear to me in any way drunk. nor did he smell of Liquor —

Deputy

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Deputy Judge Advocate } Do you know any thing further of the Prisoner's Conduct on this occasion?—

Answer No.

The Witness Retires

The Defence is here closed.

The Proceedings are read over and explained

Sentence The Court finds the Prisoner Jemidar Fakeer Mahomed not Guilty of the Crime charged and does accordingly acquit him thereof—

(Signed) F. P. Stewart
Capt. Actg DA.
Judge Advte

The Mark + of
Letchman Sing Subidar
1st Bn 5th N. Regt Presidency

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
17th February 1813

I approve and Confirm.
(Signed) S. Auchmuty.
Lieut. Genl.

The Court Adjourns sine Die

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22d May 1813.

Sign'd J. Leith
Judge Adv. Genl.

Ordered

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Order thereon -

Ordered that the Bill for Pago-
=das 26..374..39.. be passed for payment.-

Read the following letter from
the Senior Chaplain at the Presidency —
To William Thackeray, Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

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From the Senior Chap=
=lain at the Presidency
Submits an address
to the Governor in Coun=
=cil from the Revd
Mr Thomas who so=
=licits that the Fur=
=lough granted him
to proceed to Europe
may be cancelled and
that he may be appoin=
=ted to Bangalore.—

1st June 1813.

I have the honor to forward the
accompanying Letter from the Reverend Mr. Tho:
=mas to the Honorable the Governor in Council
which I beg you will be pleased to submit to his
Consideration at your Earliest Convenient
leisure.-

I have the honor to be
Yrs &c
(Signed) Edward Vaughan
Senior Chaplain

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The Revd. Edward Vaughn

Senior Chaplain

Fort St. George

Sir,

Enclosed is a letter to the Hono-
=rable the Governor in Council which you will
have the goodness to present as soon as may be
Convenient -

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

(Signed) W.. Thomas

Chaplain

The Honorable I.. Abercromby.

Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir.

I have the honor to request that
the furlough which was granted me by the late
Governor in Council Sir George Hilaro Barlow
may be cancelled, and that as Mr. Dunsterville
the

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The late Chaplain at Bangalore is now appoint
=ed to Cannanore to submit how grateful I should
be to the nominated chaplain to the former plac
where I have discharged the duties of my office
for the last six months—

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

(Signed) W. Thomas

Chaplain

Ordered that the following Reply
be dispatched—

To The Revd. E. Vaughan

Senior Chaplain at The Presidency

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable
the Governor in Council to acknowledge the re
=ceipt of your letter of the 1st Instant.

As the Reverend Mr. Thomas
has renewed his application for the appointment
of Military Chaplain at Bangalore; the Gover
nor

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To the Senior Chaplain at the Presidency. Ex
=plains the reason why the Revd. Mr.
Thomas's former ap
=plication for the ap
=pointment of Military
Chaplain at Banga
=lore, was returned—
his Furlough cancelled;
as requested: he will
hereafter be informed
of the manner in
which it is intended
to employ his services—

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Governor in Council apprehends that the rea-
=son for which that Gentleman's former letter
was returned to him has not been sufficiently
understood - I am therefore directed to explain
that the services of the Reverend Mr. Thomas
as a Military Chaplain being at the general
disposal of the Government, his public applica-
=tion for any particular appointment is unusual
and irregular -

The Furlough granted to
the Reverend Mr. Thomas has been cancelled
in Compliance with his Request, and he will
hereafter be informed of the manner in which
the Governor in Council may be pleased to employ
his Services -

I have the honor to be Sir Your
(Signed) Geo. Strachey
Secretary to Govern.

Fort St. George
8th. June 1813

Read the following letter from
the Solicitor for the Honorable Company -

To

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To the Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

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From the Solicitor of the Honble Company. Submits Copies of Letters from Mr. C. Harris relative to the public demands against the Estate of the late Colonel Froome, and requests instructions thereon.

On the receipt of Mr. Secretary Stracheys letter to me of the 11th December last, enclosing the Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at Fort William, I wrote to Mr. Charles Harris the Executor under the Will of the late Lieutenant Colonel Froome, giving him notice of the Resolution of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to institute an Action at Law against him for the recovery of the Balance due to Government from the Estate of Lieutenant Colonel Froome, and requesting Mr. Harris, should he determine to resist this demand, to give the name of some Solicitor in Madras to whom I could send the usual Process of the Supreme Court.

In answer to my Letter Mr. Harris wrote me one of which I enclose a Copy N. 1. He afterwards wrote me another Letter dated

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the 23d. January last, of which I also enclose a Copy. No. 2 and having Considered it reasonable to allow time to make the enquiries he mentioned. I waited until the Receipt of another Letter Stating the Results of those enquiries, a Copy of which I also send enclosed, No. 3.—

In answer to the application made by Mr. Harris to be allowed to examine the Evidence sent Round from Bengal, I acquainted him that on the 21st December last, I furnished him with Copies of all the Letters and Accounts sent to this Government from Bengal and reminded him of the letter from the Secretary to Government at Fort William under date the 20th February 1810 wherein it is stated that the Advocate General had suggested that the best course for Mr. Harris would be to appoint an Agent in Calcutta to enquire into the validity of the claim; and at the same time I requested Mr. Harris to inform me whether he would appoint an agent

in

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in Calcutta, and the enclosure. N° 4 will shew that it is Mr. Harris's wish that the Documents and vouchers should be sent to Madras.—

You will therefore please to submit Mr. Harris's Request to the Honorable the Govt: or in Council. and if it be Complied with, I shall of course delay the Commencement of the Action at Law against him.—

Fort St. George
27th May 1813

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) Robert Orme
Solicitor for the
Honorable Company—

Robert Orme, Esqre
Solicitor for the Honorable Company—
Madras.

Sir.

I have received your Letter of the 21st Instant, enclosing papers concerning the estate of the late Colonel Froome and informing me of the directions

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directions which you have received from Government on that Subject —

I shall immediately make a Communication which is absolutely necessary to the widow of Colonel Frome of the Contents of the papers which you have forwarded to me. I can have no doubt that the affair will be settled to the satisfaction of Government, but it will I fear be impossible for me to transmit to you final information before the 23d. of January, on which day I shall be at Bellary and where I can perhaps alone receive her answer, as I am preparing to proceed from this Station on circuit — should it be in my power to avoid the delay I shall make a point of doing so —

I am &c &c

Chittoor

26th December 1812

Signed Charles. Harris

To Robert Orme, Esqre.

Solicitor for the Honble Company. Madras

Sir.

As I mentioned in my Letters to you

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you of the 1st. Instant written at Chittore. I shall now reply to your's of the 21st. Ultimo –

Mrs. Frome is perfectly disposed to acknowledge the Justice of the demands against the property left for the support of her self and Children by her Husband Colonel Frome as soon as the Correctness of the Accounts forwarded by you becomes apparent to her. To obtain information on the subject she wishes time to examine Colonel Frome's Papers which are at Bombay, whither she is going. and also to Consult the 22 Regiment. a Gentleman in Bengal who settled all Colonel Frome's accounts for her and Messrs. Mackintosh and Co. who were his Agents. Mrs. Frome thinks it possible that some Receipts and other papers may be discovered which did not come under the observation of the Committee on whose report the demand is founded; at all events she wishes to be satisfied that she has received into her possession the portion of public money claimed, before

she

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she acknowledges herself bound to make a re-
surrender of it.—

I do not suppose that the terms
taken up in her enquiries will be materially long—

I am Sir &c.

(Signed) Charles Harris

ary

January 1813

To Robert Orme, Esqre.

Solicitor to the Honorable Company—

Madras

Sir.

Mrs. Frome has completed the—
enquiry mentioned in my letter to you of the 23.
of last January. Her endeavours to discover any
Receipts or other documents sufficient to invalidate
the demand on Colonel Harris's estate has been
unsuccessful; Both she and I would ... readily—
acknowledge the alleged debt were it apparent to us.
We have every Confidence in the good intentions of
the Committee in whose Report the demand has origi
=nated. Yet from the papers forwarded to me in—

Your

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your letter of the 21st of last December neither of us can gather any matter tending to convince us that Colo: =nel Frome, as Paymaster received and did not dis: =burse the sum claimed. With the utmost respect for the resolution of the Supreme Government we think it very possible that the Grounds on which this balance of the Regiment is laid to the charge of Colonel Frome are erroneous. We see no legal proof of the imputed facts; under all these circumstances we are convinced the Right Honorable the Governor General will be aware of the propriety of my being allowed to exa: =mine the evidence sent Round from Bengal.- I am at present at the Presidency but must leave it on the 15th Instant, therefore request to be allow= =ed on any day next week to attend your Office and to see the receipts or other Vouchers signed by Colt. Frome that have been produced in support of the claim against his estate.-

Madras
20th May, 1813

I am Yr Yr
(Signed) Charles Harris

To

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To Robert Orme, Esqre

Solicitor for the Honorable Company

Madras

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 21st Instant — I Myself possess no information whatever on the Subject of the demand of Government on Colonel Frome's estate, except what is Contained in the letters and enclosures which you have transmitted to me, and except a Statement of Mrs Frome in which she expresses a Strong persuasion that the claim is erroneously made against her Husband — I have no Agent sufficiently Known to me in Bengal, Situated as I thus am, you will perceive I am under the necessity of Requesting that the documents and Vouchers which have appeared in support of the demand be sent down to Madras. On their arrival I beg to be informed of it in a letter directed to me

at

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at Chittore. and stating also whether they can be sent to me there or whether it will be required that I proceed to Madras to examine them.—

Madras
26th May 1813

I am Sir
Your &c &c
(Signed) Charles Harris

(True Copies,
(Signed) Robt. Orme
Solicitor for the

Resolution thereon

Honorable Company—
Resolved that the following reply
be dispatched.—

To Mr. Robert Orme
Solicitor for the Honorable Company,
at Fort St. George.

N. 65.
To the Solicitor for the Honorable Company. Directs him to ascertain the advocate General's opinion whether it will be proper to defer the commencement of a suit against the Executor to Lieut. Colonel Frome's Estate for the purpose of complying with

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ultimo; and to express His desire to be informed whether in the opinion of the

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with that Gentleman's
quest —

the Advocate General it will be proper to defer
the Commencement of the proposed Action at
Law against the Executor to the estate of the late
Lieutenant Colonel Frome for the purpose of
Complying with the Request which you have sub-
=mitted on the part of that Gentleman —

I am Sir

Fort St. George

8th June 1813

Your Obt
Servt
(Signed) Geo: Strachey
Secy. to Govt.

Read the following letter from
the Secretary to the Government at Bombay —

To George Strachey, Esqre.
Secretary to Government at
Fort St. George

Sir.

No 66.
From the Secretary
to the Government
at Bombay, stating that
Subidar Shaik Imam
who volunteered from
the Body Guard at
Madras to serve at
Bombay on the Form-
ation of the Bombay
Troop of Native
Cavalry.

I am directed by the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council to acquaint you
for the information of the Honorable the Governor
in Council at Fort St. George, that Subidar Shaik
Imaum

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Cavalry in 1802/3 has been pensioned on two-thirds of his full pay, and will be permitted to reside at Madras with the concurrence of the Governor in Council.

Imaum who Volunteered from the Body Guard at Madras to serve under this Presidency on the formation of the Bombay Troop of native Cavalry in the Year 1802/3 having become unfit for further Service has been pensioned on 2/3rds of his full Pay Amounting to Rupees 60. 2. 66 2/3 Sixty; two Quarters; Sixty six Reas and two thirds — and will be permitted to reside at Madras with the Concurrence of the Honorable the Governor in Council —

Bombay Castle
12th May 1813

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) F. Farish
Secty to Govt

No 67.
Order thereon

Ordered that directions be given to the Town Major of Fort St. George for the future payment of Subidar Shaik Imaum's pension at this Presidency in Compliance with the request Contained in the foregoing Letter. —

Read

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Read the following Letters from

the British Envoy at Goa.-

To George Strachey, Esqre.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to report the

March from hence this Morning of the Company

of the 1st. Battalion 19th. Regiment Madras Na

tive Infantry to join its Corps now on the Route

to Fort St. George with the exception of a Native

Officer's guard Consisting of 31 Privates with a

proportion of non Commissioned Officers, which I

have thought advisable to detain as a Protection

to the Military Stores and Supplies in the Com

missariat Department. I have also the Honor

to state that the Forts of Gaspardias has this

day been delivered over to this Government as

well as the Boats belonging to the Royal Arsenal

which have hitherto been in our employ as one of

the

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From the British Envoy at Goa – the Company of the 1st. Battn 19th Regt. which has marched to join its Corps on the route to Madras with the exception of a Native officer's Guard detained for the protection of the Military Stores and Commissariat dept. – Also, the Forts of Gaspardias and the boats belonging to the Royal Arsenal with every thing else the property of the Portuguese Government has been duly delivered up. The Company's boats will shortly be hauled up, and their crews dismissed except 18 or 20 persons that will be employed to look after them during the monsoon, the Commander to know whether their pay is to be debited to Madras or Bombay – arrangements made for paying the Military

details

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details remaining at Goa.

The Boats of this Government was Condemned by a Committee as unreparable and totally unservicea-ble I considered it proper that a Boat belonging to the Honorable Company should be substituted in its place, and I accordingly gave those instructions to the master attendant, in doing so I have been actuated by motives of delicacy to this Government and also that it should not be said that we returned the Boats after being solong in our service in a worse state than when they were received by us; every thing that has hitherto been in Charge of the British authorities here belong-ing to this Government has now been duly and regularly delivered over.-

The Honorable Compianie's boats will I trust in a few days be hawled up and their Crews dismissed with the exception of some few of them which it is necessary should be Kept up for the purpose of looking after them during the approach-ing Monsoon to whom I shall Continue the usual

Pay:

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Pay and request to be informed if this Expence is
to be carried to the account of the Government of
Fort St. George or Bombay.

I take this opportunity of acknow:
-ledging your address of the 30th Ultimo and its en:
:closure Relative to making the Requisite arrange:
=ments for the Payment of the Military Details which
will now Remain at Goa, and to state that I propose
receiving from the Sub assistant Commissary General
here such surplus Cash as may remain in his
hands after the final adjustments of his accounts
and to grant him Receipts for the same. Out of this
Money which will Amount perhaps to nearly two
Thousand Star Pagodas and which I apprehend will
be fully sufficient for the purposes Required. I intend
paying the Native Detail left here and shall a:
=greeably to the arrangement proposed in the 7th
Paragraph of the Military Auditor General's letter to the
Honorable the Governor in Council transmit the
Abstracts to the Military Paymaster in Malabar

and

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and Canara whose Bills in return for the amounts on the Accountant General I shall forward to the Commissary General Fort St. George in part Payment for the money received from the Commissariat Office here —

Goa
15th May 1813

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
(Signed) C. Schuyler
Envoy.

To George Strachey, Esqr
Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George

Sir.

No 69
From the British Envoy at Goa —
Submits Copy of a Report from the Master attendant regarding the State of the Boat establishment. Recommends that as his services are no longer required he may be permitted to proceed to Bombay, and states the number of people retained in pay to work of the boats and stores. —

I have the honor to transmit Copy of a Report which I deemed advisable to require from the Master attendant respecting the Boat establishment at Goa —

In Consequence of Captain Snookes services being now no longer required here, I have Conceded to his application to proceed to Bombay —

and

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and directed him to deliver over charge of the Boats and Stores to Lieutenant Stone. who I have Request-ed to look after them —

I do not Conceive it necessary to Keep up the Establishment of People to look after the Boats. and Stores as suggested in the Master atten-dants Report. I have therefore reduced the num-ber to the overseer. and one Boats Crew, namely one Tindal. and Eight Boatmen. and to whom the Customary Pay will be issued. —

I have the honor to be

Goa

Yrs Yrs

19th May 1813

Signed C. Schuyler

Envoy.

To Courtl. Schuyler Esqre

British Envoy

at Goa.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you.

that the Boat sheds and Godowns have undergone

Their

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their Necessary Repairs and the Stores according to the accompanying List are lodged therein —

N.4. N.5
N.6. N.7

On the 6th. Instant I sent to the arsenal under Charge of the Native Overseer a part of the Boats belonging to the Portuguese Arsenal — numbered as per margin —

N.8. N.9. —
N.10. N.13. the Latter in lieu of — N.12 Condemned by a Committee. —

On the 14th. Instant the Native — overseer took the remainder of the Boats belonging to the Portuguese Government to their Arsenal number= =ed as per margin.

The Boat N.3. I shall send to Malwan by the Honorable Company's Pattamar (Musquitto) accordingly to the Orders of the Bombay Government.

N.1. N.2. N.11. N.14. N.15 —
2 Pontoons
1 Prange
1 Pony stationed at St. Tower with 2 Extra men.

There now remains Five Boats and Four Marine Conveyances numbered as per Margin; the other Sorts were condemned as — unseparable —

Those Marine Conveyances hauled up at the Bunder require people to look after them as well

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well as to inspect the Stores. sails &c and have them out at times to dry.-

One overseer, a Muccadum to each Boat and Fourteen men making in all Twenty one persons will be all that is required -

The whole of the Establishment are paid up until the Evening of this day and all Stores &c have been settled for.-

As my Services cannot be requir-red any longer. I have to request your permission to proceed for Bombay -

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) S. Snook

Master attendant at Goa.

Cabo near Goa the 17th. of May 1813

A true Copy.

(Signed) C. Schuyler Envoy

N 70

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Envoy be informed that the Governor in Council entirely approves the manner

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manner in which he has disposed of the Boat-
establishment at Goa; and that the inconsiderable
expence which remains to be incurred in the pay-
=ment of the few followers retained in that Depart-
=ment may continue to be debited to the Presidency
of Fort St. George until the Complete transfer of the
boats to the Presidency of Bombay, when the question
of account may be determined in Communication
with that Government.

Resolved that the Envoy be fur-
=ther informed that the Governor in Council has
been apprized through the Channel of the Marine
Board of the intention of the late Master attendant
at Goa to return immediately to Bombay, and con-
=cludes that the departure of Mr. Snook will have
received his previous Sanction.—

The mode in which the Envoy
has provided himself with funds for the payment
of the Troops and followers who remain at Goa
by appropriating to that purpose the balance of

money

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Money transferred to him from the Commissar:
riat is considered to be unobjectionable: Ordered
that the Commissary General and Accountant
General be severally apprized of his arrangements. —

To George Strachey, Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir.

It has been reported to me by
the Senior Officer here that through some mis-
take one Naigue and Six Sepoys belonging to the
Company of the 1st Battalion 19th Regiment
which is now on its March to join the Head Quar:
-ters of its Corps as reported in my letter to you of
the 15th Instant has been left behind at Goa. as
this party could not now overtake the Detach:
-ment, I have therefore directed that they Join
the native officers Guard now in Charge of the
Military Stores and Provisions — This Circumstance
has been Communicated to the Adjutant General

of.

No 71
From the British Envoy at Goa — Reports that a Naigue and Six Sepoys of the 1st Battalion 19th Regt N. I. having through mistake been left behind at Goa, he has ordered them to join the native officers Guard in charge of the Military Stores and Provisions —

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of the Army for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief—

I have the honor to be

Goa Goa

25th May, 1813. (Signed) C: Schn[illegible]yler

Envoy.

N 72
Resolution thereon

The detail of Native Troops stated in the Envoy's letter of the 15th Ultimo to be detained at Goa for the protection of the public Stores being a sufficient Guard for that purpose— Resolved to request that the small party of the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry mentioned in the foregoing dispatch to have been left behind by mistake, may be ordered to rejoin their Corps without delay——

Resolved that the same opportunity be taken to express to the Envoy the acknowledgements of the Governor in Council for the ready assistance which he has afforded to the Public authorities of this Government in

completing

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Completing the requisite arrangements for the evacuation of Goa by the British Troops —

Resolved that the following letters be dispatched —

To The Black Town Esplanade Committee

Gentlemen,

It being the intention of the Honorable the Governor in Council that Barracks for the Native Corps Composing the Garrison of Fort St. George shall be erected beyond the limits of the Esplanade of the Black Town. The superintending Engineer has been instructed to lay before you plans of the Ground which it is proposed to occupy for this purpose, and which is partly situated between the Pantheon and the Poonamallee River, and Partly in the immediate vicinity of the naval Hospital. His Excellency in Council desires that you will immediately proceed to inspect both pieces of ground, and that you will ascertain the lowest price at which they

N° 73
To the Black Town Esplanade Committee Informs them of the Sites fixed on for the new Barracks for the native Troops of the Garrison; directs them to inspect the Ground and to ascertain the lowest price at which it may be procured.

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they may be appropriated to the public Serv.
=vice=

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) Geo: Strachey
Secretary to Govt.

To the Right Honorable
Gilbert Lord Minto
Governor General in Council
at Fort William

My Lord.

No 74.
To Fort William.
Requests a reply to the reference dated the 1st September last, soli=
=citing instructions re=
=garding the execution of certain Orders of the Court of Directors respecting the allow=
=ances payable to Offi=
=cers when prisoners of war, and the pay=
=ment of staff allow=
=ances to Officers when absent from their Stations &c.

Para 1 In your dispatch from this Department under date the 1st of September last we had the honor to request the instructions of your Lordship in Council regarding the execution of certain Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors conveyed to us in Extracts from their Letters to the Supreme Government and to the Government of Bombay dated the 16th of February & 18th of January 1810 respectively.

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2 The Honorable Court having recently repeated their directions on some of those points of reference particularly with respect to the allowances payable to Officers when Prisoners of War, and regarding the payment of Staff = allowances to Officers when absent from their = stations, we are anxious to report to them by the next General Dispatch that conclusive ar: =rangements, as far as they depend on the Autho: =rity of this Government have been adopted in pursuance of their Orders. We beg leave therefore to bring our former Letter to the notice of Your Lordship in Council and respectfully request that We may be honored with a reply to it by an early opportunity.—

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We have the honor to be
Your Your Your
Signed John. Abercromby
Your Council

Ordered

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Ordered that the following Gene-
=ral Order be published.-

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the 8th June, 1813.

G: O: By Government.

The Honorable the Governor in
Council Judges it expedient to direct in Conformity
with the renewed orders of the Honorable the Court
of Directors that all persons who may be permitted
to resign or may be dismissed from the Service of
His Majesty or of the Honorable Company shall
proceed to Europe by the most earliest opportunity,
and the Town Major of Fort Saint George is au-
=thorized and enjoined to require all such persons
to repair to the Presidency without delay: and to
report to him on their arrival their places of abode.-
The same Officer is further Charged with the duty of
warning such persons finally to embark for Europe.

The Commander in Chief is Re-
=quested to give directions that the names of all persons

who

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G: O: By Government.

Persons dismissed from the Service to proceed to Europe by the earliest oppor-
=tunity - The Town Major will summon such persons to the Presidency; direct-
=them to report to him their arrival and place of abode, and warn them finally to embark for Europe - The Commander in Chief to direct the names of all per-
=sons who may re-
=sign or be dismis-
=sed from the Ser-
=vice to be repor-
=ted to the Town
=major of Fort St.
George -

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who may resign or be dismissed from His Majestys or the Honorable Company's service shall be reported to the Town Major of Fort St. George —

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council —

(Signed) Geo: Strachey
Sec.y to Govt

C No 6

Board's resolution on the General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors. —

The Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders on the undermentioned Letters from the Honorable the Court of Directors in this Department, Dated respectively the 9th of September, 24th of October, 4th of November and 18th Dec.r 1812.

Separate Letter from the Honorable Court —
Dated the 19th September, 1812
Received by the Ship Inglis. —

Para 1. Date of last Dispatch. 2d & 3d No particular Remarks. — Need no Remark.

4. Report from this Presidency on the Subject of Axle-trees of Gun Carriages — considered conclusive. Ordered that the Military Board be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph —

Need

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5. No Remark . . . . . Needs no Remark.

6 Determination of Mr. Cadet Buck's Rank, approved . . . . . The Board observe that this paragraph has been already published in General Orders —

7 & 8. No particular Remark . . . . . Need no Remark

9 & 10. Respecting Compensations for the Loss of private property by Storms or other accidents The Board observe that these paragraphs have been already published in General Orders.—

11 Lady Clarke's claim to Passage money not admitted. 12. 13. 14. the same subject . . . The Board are unable to collect from the expressions of these Paragraphs whether it is the intention of the Honorable the Court of Directors that measures should be taken for recovering at this period the sum of 625 Pagodas advanced as passage money to Lady Clarke in

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in the year 1808, and in that case they apprehend that the restitution of the money must be voluntary. as it was orginally paid under no security that it should be refunded in the event of the indulgence being disapproved by the Honorable Court, a precaution invariably observed since the re: ceipt of their Orders for that purpose under Date the 9th. of August 1809. Resolved however that their disapprobation of the grant of passage money to Lady Clarke be communicated to Major Prundergast who was authorized to draw it on Her Lady-ships' behalf, and that he be desired either to refund it on her account or to re: port her place of residence in En: gland when it will rest with the

Honorable

Honorable Court to pursue such steps for the recovery of the money as in their judgements may be ultimately proper.-

15 & 19 Oath of office to be taken by the Military Auditor General &c.

The Board observe that the requisite orders on this subject have been already issued.-

20 measure approved

Needs no Remark.

21 Captain Heavy's allowance as a Prisoner of War approved & refer to orders to Bengal on this subject.

22 Referring to orders to Bengal respecting the Commencement of Indian allowances.

Certain considerations connected with these subjects having been submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council in the Dispatch from this Department Dated the 1st of September last, it is Resolved to request a reply to that reference in order that the measures proper to be adopted by this Government under the directions of the Honorable

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Honorable Court may be finally
determined. —

23. Do not advert-
-ring the difficulty
stated by the mili-
-tary Auditor Gl.
to the adoption of
the Bengal Regu-
-lations in the Pay
Department. Post-
-pone a decision on
the subject until
acquainted with
the result of the
further reference
to Bengal. —

It does not appear that the
expected Reply from the Supreme
Government to which the Honora-
-ble Court have alluded in this para-
-graph was ever received. Consider-
-ing the long period which has since
elapsed and the material charges which
have taken place in the Conduct of
the Pay Department the Board are
disposed to think that it will not
be necessary to renew the reference to
Bengal, unless the Honorable Court
when fully acquainted with the pre-
-sent State of the Department should
deem it proper to issue their direc-
-tions

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directions for that purpose—

Resolved however that the observations which have been received from the Honorable Court respecting the imperfections of the pay Department under this Presidency as it existed in the Year 1808 be brought to the notice of the Accountant General and of the Military Auditor General; and that those Officers be desired to lay before the Board a joint Report on the general state of the Department as now established, submitting at the same time such arrangements for the further improvement of its efficiency in every branch as from the observations of the Honorable Court and from their own experience they may deem it advisable to suggest—

Ordered

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24. 25. Notice the loss sustained in the case of Captain Kelly owing to neglect in the Office of Military Paymaster General.

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be furnished to the Military Auditor General and to the Accountant General in the Military Pay Department.

26. 27. No particular Remarks.

Need no Remark.

28. Continuance of Vakeels to Native Corps, approved.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be furnished to the Commander in Chief.

29. 30. No particular Remarks.

Need no Remark.

31. Payment of Invidiar Allowances to the Grenadier Company of the Royal Regiment from the date of the arrival of the Regiment approved, under the particular Circumstances of the Case.

Ordered that the Commander in Chief and Military Auditor General be furnished with Copies of this paragraph.

Ordered

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32. 33. 34. Increased establishment to the paymaster at Hyderabad, noticed. General observations on the same subject with reference to the practice in Bengal.

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be furnished to the Accountant General and to the Military Auditor General under the Resolution already passed relative to the arrangements of the Pay Department.

35. Expences of Brigadier General Malcolm's Escort.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be desired to report on the Subject of these Accounts.

36. at 42. No particular Remarks.

Need no Remark.

43. Payment of passage money to Captn Chadwick appd with a general reference to the Courts order for rejecting all claims not preferred within three months.

In the hope that the Honorable Court subsequently to the dispatch of these orders will have approved

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approved the Resolution which
was passed on the late Military
Auditor Generals recommendation
for extending to six Months the
prescribed period for the Submis-
sion of public claims, the Board
will Consider themselves justified
in permitting the printed Regula-
tion on this point to remain for
the present as it now stands.—
Resolved at the same time to ex-
plain to the Honorable Court.—
that it has been deemed proper
in numerous cases to attend to
Claims which existed before the
publication of that Order, although
submitted for Consideration after
the lapse of many years —

44 at 47. No particular Remark } Need no Remark.

Resolved

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46. Reserve their opinion relative to certain charges of the Paymaster in Mysoor on account of Difference of Exchange until the mint Committee have reported on the subject.—

Resolved to inform the Honble Court that the Mint Committee did not reply to the reference made to them on the subject of those charges, but that the amount was admitted in the Accounts of the Committee in consequence of a further Report received from the Military Auditor General and recorded on the Proceedings of the Military Department bearing Date the 1st of November, 1809.—

49. at 54. No particular Remarks. } Need no Remark.

55. Relative to the payment of Staff Allowances during the absence of Staff Officers from their Stations.—

Resolved that a Reply be requested from the Supreme Government to the reference made to them

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them on the 1st of September last

on the subject of these instructions.—

56. at 71. No particular Remark } Need no Remark—

72. Advances to Cadets and King's officers on their first arrival, approved— } Ordered that Copies of this paragraph be furnished to the Commander in Chief and to the Military Auditor General.—

73 at 77. No particular Remarks. } Need no Remark

78. The Commander in Chief's reply to the application for Invalid Guards to be stationed over the Revenue Treasuries not to be found on the Proceedings— } The Board observe that the Commander in Chief's reply to the reference mentioned in this paragraph was laid before them in a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, dated the 31st of August 1808, and recorded in the Military Proceedings of the 6th Septem-

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September 1808.

79. The Commander in Chiefs opinion respecting the rank of Ensign Macintosh of the Engineers not to be found on the Proceedings.

Resolved that the further proceedings on the subject of this Claim, which was finally decided in favor of Ensign Macintosh be reported to the Honorable Court.—

80 & 82. No particular Remarks.

Need no Remark.—

83. Date of Lieut. Dobson's Casualty.

Resolved that this paragraph be published in General Orders, and the Commander in Chief is requested to Submit any correction of rank which may become necessary in consequence of the information therein Contained.—

84. & 86. No particular remarks.

Need no Remark.

Ordered

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87 Reply to Lieut. Sobe's Memorial.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be furnished to the Commander in Chief for the information of Lieutenant Sober.

88 & 91. No particular remarks

Need no remark.

92 & 95. Relative to the proposed increase of the Horse Artillery. The Military Board to be desired to take the suggestions of the Court into Consideration.

The Board observe that the means of improving the efficiency both of the Horse and Foot Artillery on this Establishment were recently very fully discussed in the Separate Minutes recorded by the late President and Commander in Chief in the Secret Department on the 11th of September last, and that their several suggestions on the subject are now under reference to the Supreme Government

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Government and have also been communicated to the Honorable Court — Resolved however that the Military Board be furnished with Copies of those paragraphs, and that they be desired to submit in the manner which has been directed their detailed opinions with respect to the number of Horse and Foot Artillery proper to be maintained under the Presidency of Fort St. George —

96. No particular remark ..... } Need no Remark.

97. A proceeding of the Office of Audit, approved ..... } Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph. —

98. & 101. No particular remark ..... } Need no Remark.

Ordered

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102. Hoping that it was not found necessary to publish the names of Defaulters to the Fencible Contribution . . . . . } Ordered that the Accountant General be desired to report the Genial excess of the disbursements on account of the Native Fencibles above the amount of the Funds levied for the express purpose of defraying the expences of that Corps—

103. Measure approved . . . . . } Needs no Remark.

104. The additional Pension of Mrs Hughes approved . . . . . } Ordered that Copies of this paragraph be furnished to the Military Auditor General and to His Excellency the Commander in Chief for the information of Mrs Hughes.—

105. 106. Suggest that Pensions now granted in India nominally } On reference to the Orders of the

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Nominally on Lord Clive's Fund be charged to another Head and refer to former Orders on this Subject. . . . . =

=the Honorable Court's contained in the 112th. and following Paragraphs of their Military Letter dated the 7th. of September 1808 the Board apprehend that a wrong construction has been given to them in the New Code of Regulations for the Pay Department publish=ed to the Army on the 1st. of January 1812. The Board observe that it was submitted for the determination of the Honorable Court whether Widows of Brit=ish Officers or Soldiers. being either Native Women or Europeans Re=sident in India were entitled to be pensioned on Lord Clive's Bounty Fund to which Question the Honorable Court have re=plied that they should have been disposed

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disposed to have decided it in favor of Native Widows. if in the engagement concluded with His Lordship it were not expressly stipulated that all encumbents on the Fund should reside in Great Britain or Ireland, a provision which is stated to supersede the necessity of considering the Claims of Natives to the benefit of the Institution. It appears then from this reply that in the judgement of the Honorable Court no person resident in India can be properly admitted on the Fund, but by the X^th. Section of the New Code of Regulations while the authority of the Honorable C^t is cited as positively withholding the pension

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pension in all cases for widows not born of European parents. European Widows Residents in India continue to be admitted on the fund, without reference to the principle on which alone Native women are excluded from it.—

The Board are of opinion that it will be proper to revise the existing Regulations on this subject, and it is accordingly Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to record his sentiments thereon with reference to the present and former orders of the Honorable Court, when the Military Auditor General may be desired to submit the Draft of a General Order for rectifying the X^th Section of the New Code.—

Ordered

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107. Payment of Major Lutlo allowances while in England on public duty, approved — Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph —

108. 110. No particular remarks — Need no Remark.

111. Reply to a Memorial from the officers of Artillery, approved. . . . . Ordered that the Commander in Chief be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph.

112. Conductors of Ordnance allowed Furlough to Europe on Pay. — . . . . . Ordered that an application be made to the Secretary at Fort William for a Copy of the Orders addressed to that Government respecting the grant of Furloughs to Conductors of Ordnance with a view to the public adoption of them under this Presidency. —

113. No particular remark . . . . . Needs no Remark.

Ordered

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114. at 117. Decision on the Complaints preferred against the Commanders of the Honorable Company's Ships Exeter and Canton ..... Ordered that Copies of those paragraphs be furnished to the Commander in Chief and to the Public Department.

118. No Remark ..... Needs no Remark.

119. Determination not to promote a Cadet of Cavalry to be an acting Cornet, approved ..... The Commander in Chief is requested to state whether the present practice of the Service in regard to the promotion of Cadets is in conformity with the Resolution here approved.

120. 121. No particular remarks. } ..... Need no Remark.

122. Lieutenant Utterson. Final determination respecting him not reported ..... The Board observe that Lieutenant Utterson having been transferred to the Non Effective Establishment

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Establishment was permitted to
return to Europe on Furlough in
the year 1809 - Resolved that this
proceeding be reported. The Honora-
ble Court being referred at the
same time to the Correspondence
regarding Lieutenant Utterson
recorded in the Military Depart-
ment Subsequently to the date of
the General Dispatch, to which
their present Letter is in reply -

123. No particular Remarks. - - - - - } Needs no Remark. -

124. 125. 126. Objections to printing and publishing Colonel Bell's Treatise on Laboratory Composition. - } The Commander in Chief is requested to communicate Honorable Court's determination to the Commandant of the Artillery. -

127 & 128. Compensation in lieu of Off Reckonings allowed to certain Officers of the Invalids. - - - - - } Ordered that these paragraphs be published in General Orders and that

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That the Military Auditor Gene=
=ral be desired to submit the requi=
=site arrangements for carrying the
directions of the Honorable Court
into immediate effect.—

129 at 134. Mr. Superintending Surgeon Kennedys claims determined.—

Ordered that a Copy of these and of the subsequent instructions of the Honorable Court relative to the Claims of Mr. Kennedy late Superintending Surgeon on this Es=tablishment be furnished to the Medical Board for their informa=tion and guidance.—

135. 136. No particular Remark.....

Need no Remark.—

137. 138. Arrangement of the Lunatic Hospital, Approved—

Ordered that the Medical Board be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph.

139. at 161. No particulars Remarks.—

Need no Remark.

Resolved

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142. at 146. Suggesting an increase of Hospital Stoppages — } Resolved that the Subject of these paragraphs be referred to the Commander in Chief for consideration and report.

147. at 158. No particular Remarks .... } Need no Remark. —

159. Advert to the delay in sending to M. Law de Clapernon to Europe.
160 Discharge of Native Prisoners of War, approved — } These paragraphs do not appear to require particular observation at the present period. —

161 Pensions confirmed —
162. Caution against the undue continuance of pensions. — ..... } Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be furnished to the Military Auditor General, and that he be desired in communication with the Town Major of Fort St. George to submit his Sentiments relative to the efficiency of the checks now established for the purpose of preventing the undue continuance of Pensions, and

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and further to suggest such additio-
-nal precautions in that respect as
in his opinion and in that of the
Town Major, it may be advisable
to observe.—

163. Measure approved . . . . } Needs no Remark.

164. Suggests that a Regulation be enacted for sending Native Witnesses to the other Presidencies. } Ordered that the Company's Solicitor be instructed to refer this suggestion to the Advocate General for consideration and report; laying before him at the same time the former papers recorded on the same subject.—

165. Arrear of Pay due to Captain De Bergeon discharged.
166. States how an advance at Bombay to Captain Mansell of the 25th Dragoons should have been adjusted.— . . . . } Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be furnished to the Accountant and General and to the Military Auditor

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To the Auditor General for his information and guidance —

167. 168. No particular Remarks ... } To need no remark

169. Sum paid on account of the late Mr. S. Johnson's Estate to what Head to be charged ... } Ordered that Copies of this paragraph be furnished to the Military Board, to the Accountant General and to the Military Auditor General. —

170. No Remark.

171. Prize Medals only intended for the British Troops — 172 & 181. No particular Remarks, or measures approved — } These paragraphs do not appear to require any particular Remarks. —

182. Construction of a Riding House at Arcot, censured. 183 & 185. Notice the construction of Buildings at Arcot by order of the Quarter Master General without due authority observations regarding. } Ordered that these paragraphs be brought to the particular notice of the Military Board; and that they be desired to submit the explanations before required respecting the unauthorized

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regarding the duty of the Military Board. 186. Arnee Barracks. Dilapidation of them unexplained. — ... unauthorized construction of certain buildings at Arcot and the extraordinary dilapidation of the European Barrack at Arnee.—

187. Cleaning of the Ditch at Vellore, noticed — 188 at 191. suggesting a change in regard to the Command of the Corps of Pioneers. ... Ordered that the Military Board be furnished with Copies of these paragraphs, and that they be desired to submit their opinion regarding the expediency of employing the Corps of Pioneers in the manner suggested by the Honorable Court when the Commander in Chief will also be requested to record his sentiments on the Subject for the further Consideration of the Board.—

192. at 193. Orders approved— 194 Their opinion of the inexpediency of Mr. Goldingham's appointment to be Civil Engineer, confirmed —

These paragraphs do not appear to require particular Remark.—

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195 Caution in consequence of the failure of certain works at Dindigul. — Ordered that the Military Board be furnished with a copy of this paragraph.

196. at 201. No particular remarks. — Need no remark.

202. Investigation of Lieutenant Colo. Norris's conduct, &c dropped ..... — Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be furnished to the Military Board.

203 at 207. No particular remark .. — Need no remark.

208. Approbation of the Late Quarter-Master General and of Majr. Dent and Mainwaring in consequence of a reduction in the Rate of Bullock hire. — Ordered that Copies of this paragraph be furnished to the Paymaster at Vellore and to the late Quarter Master General of the Army through the Channel of the Military Board.

209. @ 213. No particular Remark ..... — Need no Remark.

Ordered

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214 & 216. Relative to the supply of Camels from Cuttack and Bengal: the latter preferred.

217. Measure approved.

218. Notice the suggestion of the late Agent for public Cattle in favor of their employment with the subsidiary Force of Hydrabad —

219 & 221. Approve the measure of employing the Public Cattle in conveying Grain for the Cavalry. Suggest the employment of Camels for that Service —

Ordered that Copies of those paragraphs be furnished to the Commissary General, and that on Considering the several observations of the Honorable Court respecting the Department of Public Cattle, he be desired to attend particularly to their Suggestion for the employment of Camels in the Conveyance of Cavalry Supplies with reference to the Orders lately passed for using Carriage of that discription for the Camp equipage of Corps of Cavalry —

222. Measure approved ..... Needs no Remark —

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223 at 225. Every possible reduction of the number of posts suggested with a view to the concentration of the troops.

The Board believe that the wishes of the Honorable Court on these points of Military Discipline and Economy have already been carried into effect under the Presidency of Fort St. George to the greatest possible extent. Resolved however that His Excellency the Commander in Chief be requested to submit a detailed report on the subject for the further satisfaction of the Honorable Court.

226. The adjustment of an account in the Provision Department, approved.

227. Adjustment of the late Mr. Richardsons accounts, approved.

228 at 229. Adjustment of certain Balances

Ordered that the Military Board be furnished with Copies

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Balasas in Garrison Storekeepers Department at the Presidency approved. 230 Measure approved.

Copies of these paragraphs

231. A gratuity to discharged Bullock Owners, approved

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be furnished to the Commissary General.

232. Refusal of Pensions to the nearest heirs of Tent and Store Lascars, dying on Foreign Service, approved -

The Honorable Court will have observed that at the Commencement of the Expedition against Java, it was deemed expedient on the recommendation of the late Commander in Chief to extend to the nearest heirs of Tent and Store Lascars and of all public Followers the same provision as had been established for the Families of deceased Soldiers under similar

Circumstances

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Circumstances, and to give effect to that arrangement retrospectively in their favor from the date on which the indulgence was originally granted for the encouragement of the Native Troops. —

233. Adjustment of Vencata Runga Pillay's Accounts, approved —

234 at 239. matters approved and no particular Remarks —

Need no particular Remark. —

240 Suggest that every application for the admission of Spirits at a Military Station should be signed by a Commissioned officer. —

241. Relative to the sale of Spirits on the Isle of Seringapatam —.

These subjects will hereafter be considered.

242 at 246. No particular Remarks .....

Need no Remark.

Ordered

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247. Notice that no further reports has been received on Mr. Roebuck's Guns. } Ordered that the attention of the Military Board be directed to this Remark.

248 & 249. No particular Remark. } Need no Remark.

250 & 251. Regarding the supply of Military Stores.

252. No particular remark.....

253 & 256. Results of the Dooly Corps to be reported. Colonel Bell's Conduct in the discussion of that measure, disapproved. Lieutenant Colonel Munro's Commended. } The charge of the Dooly Corps being now vested in the Commissary General under the Orders of the Commander in Chief, His Excellency is requested to lay before the Board the information required by the Honorable Court relative to the advantages which have resulted from the establish-ment

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establishment in question.—

257. 258. Relative to the Abolition of the Tent Contract. the Result to be reported.

The Board observe that the Military Auditor General has abady been instructed to prepare a Statement of the saving of expense, which may have been effected by the abolition of the Tent Contract with a view to the transmission of that document for the information of the Government of Bombay: Resolved however in order that the enquiries of the Honorable Court may receive a full reply that the Military Board be desired to submit their Sentiments regarding the Comparative advantages of the present and former System of providing cover for the Native Troops.

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Troops. and that the Commander in Chief be finally requested to record in a Separate Minute his opinion on the general question.—

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259. No particular remarks. } Need no Remark.

281. Mr. Smart appointed a Cadet. } The Board observe that this paragraph has been already published in General Orders.—

282, 283. No particular Remarks. } Need no Remark.

284. Notice the refusal of the Surgions to support Ensign. Mortimers Medical Certificate on Oath. } Ordered that the Commander in Chief be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph. The Board take this occasion to remark that under the Government of Bombay, Officers are not required to produce Sworn Certificates for the purpose of obtaining leave to proceed

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proceed to England for the reco-
=very of their health, and it is
resolved to submit for the Consi
=deration of the Honorable Court
whether it is necessary that grea
=ter strictness should be observed
in this respect at one Presidency
than at another. It will at the
same time be proper to explain
that the reference originates in
a late refusal of the Govern
=ment of Bombay to permit
officers of this Establishment to
return to England for the reco-
=very of their health, unless their
sickness shall be certified on
Oath in conformity with the Re-
=gulations of the Presidency of
Fort St. George —

Ordered

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285. Demand against the estate of the late Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle, &c. omitted —

Ordered that Copies of this paragraph be furnished to Colonel Bell and for the information and guidance of the Sub Treasurer through the Channel of the Accountant General.

286. No remark. Needs no remark. —

Letter from The Honorable Court

Dated the 21st October, 1812

Received by Country Ship Maitland via Bengal.

Para 1. Date of last Dispatch — 2 Introductory. 3 No particular remark ..... } Need no remark.

4. Arrangement for the distribution of European Recruits, approved — } Ordered that the Commander in Chief be furnished with a copy of this paragraph. —

5. Exchange of Officers, Prisoners of War, &c. reported ..... } Ordered that this information be published in General Orders. —

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6. at 12. No particular remarks and Proceedings approved — Need no Remark.

13 The Commencement of Mr. Cadet Macleod's allowance, paid — Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be furnished to the Military Auditor General —

14 & 15 Superior Batta to be allowed to an Officer in charge of a Corps not to the commanding Officer when absent — Resolved that these paragraphs be published in General Orders — and that the new Regulations there in prescribed be directed to have effect from the 30th Instant —

16 at 23. Proceedings approved or no particular Remark — Need no Remark

24. 25. Proposed Charge in the Color of Cavalry clothing to be reconsidered. — The Board observe that the Honorable Court were recently informed of the Resolution which has been passed for Changing the Color of the

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The Clothing of the Cavalry from Red to Blue on the 1st. of January 1814

26. & 28. No particular Remarks — Need no Remark.

29 & 30. Payment of Lieutenant Balmain's salary as assistant Secretary to the Military Board when absent from that office disapproved. Reference to former orders on this subject. — Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph —

31 & 36. No particular Remarks ..... Need no Remark.

37. Payment of Indian allowances to two officers from the date of their arrival in Bengal, approved under particular circumstances — Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph.

38 Instructions to Bengal regarding the retirement of Officers, quoted ..... Ordered that this paragraph be published in General Orders —

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39 at 46. No particular Remarks or measures approved — Read no Remark

47 at 49. Military Auditor. Generals allowances increased — Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be furnished for the Military Auditor Generals information and guidance —

50 Proceeding approved — Reads no Remark.

51:52 Mr. Surgeon Ingledew's Treatises favorably mentioned. Presume that Copies were sent to Bengal and Bombay — Ordered that the Medical Board be desired to make Known to Mr. Surgeon Ingledew the Commendation bestowed on him on these paragraphs, and to prepare for transmission to the other Presidencies in India, Copies of the two Treatises in question if on consideration of the suggestion of the Honorable Court on that Subject

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Subject they shall be of opinion that a more extensive Circulation of those Works will be attended with advan-tage to the subjects of the Honorable Company —

53. at 54. Eventual abolition of Lock Hos-pitals, suggested —

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested in communication with the Medical Board to submit his opinion on this subject —

55 at 63 Proceed-ings approved. or no particular Remarks.

Need no Remark.

64. at 67. Relative to the supply of Boats from Europe for the Native Cavalry —

Resolved that the Subject of these paragraphs be referred to the Commander in Chief for consideration and report.

68 Pensions approved.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with

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with a Copy of this paragraph—

69. No particular remarks ——— } Needs no Remark.

70 as 71. A G. O. to be published — placing dismissed and retired Officers under the charge of the Town Major. — } Resolved that a General Order be published in conformity with the tenor of these directions; and that when the Commander in Chief shall be desirous that any person who may have served under his authority shall be relieved from the immediate operation of the Order of the Honorable Court, His Excellency be requested to take the earliest opportunity of submitting his recommendation to that effect and the reasons on which it may be grounded, when if the

Governor

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Governor in Council shall deter-
=mine on granting the indulgence
the requisite authority will be
given to the Town Major of Fort
St. George for suspending the exe-
=cution of the standing Order.—

12 & 80. No
particular Remarks } Read no Remarks.

31. Defer their
opinion on the
Works included
in the periodical
Statements of the mi
=litary Board until
severally reported.—

Ordered that a Copy of this
paragraph be furnished to the
Military Board and that they
be desired on returning to the State
=ment therein mentioned to re-
=port specially on such of the
many Military works which
it enumerates, as appear to require
the particular notice of the Hono
=rable Court. Resolved also that
they be desired to submit similar
Reports

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Reports Half yearly from the Date of that Statement. with a view to their transmission on to England with the General Dispatches from this Department.—

82 at 83. Embankment at Chintadrapettah should have been reported from the Public Department.

Needs no particular remarks.

84 Captain Bagshaw's Claim to Commission on work executed at Vellore, rejected.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be furnished to the Military Board. The Board further observe that the final decision passed on the claims of Captain Bagshaw and reported to the Honorable Court in the Dispatch from this Department under date the 29th

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29th. of February 1812. was in
conformity with the tenor of those
instructions —

85 & 86. No parti-
=cular Remarks —

Need no Remark.

87 Statement of the
relative cost of Gun
=powder here and
in Bengal, required.

Ordered that it be ascertained whether
the Statement mentioned in this
Paragraph has been submitted by the
Military Board. —

88 & 91. No partic-
=ular remarks. —

Needs no Remark. —

92. Refusal of a
pension to a Mari-
=ner Carpenter at
Vizagapatam appro
=ved. General direct-
=ons on the subject. —

The Board observe that
the Circumstances under which
it is deemed proper at any time
to pension persons of this descrip
=tion are invariably brought to
the notice of the Honorable Court
the grant of such pensions being
declared subject to their confir-
=mation in all cases. —

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93 to 96 Proceedings approved or no particular remarks.....

Need no remark

97 Stating that further proceedings relative to the reduction of the allowances of Garrison Surgeons have not been reported

The new Arrangement of the Medical Department which took place in the year 1810 having been fully reported to the Honorable Court, it is unnecessary for the Board to reply particularly to this Paragraph.

98. No particular remark.....

Needs no remark

99. Mr. Surgeon Sherwood's commencement of Service, &c. &c. &c.....

Ordered that this paragraph be published in General Orders.

100. No remark.

101. to 112. Relative to Mr. Jones of the Military Audit Office.

Mr. Jones having proceeded to Europe by the last Fleet the Board observe that the Honorable

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Honorable Court will have an early opportunity of fulfilling their gracious intentions towards him —

103. Procedings on Lieutenant Ferny[illegible]oughs Trial not received —

The Board remark that a Duplicate Copy of the Proceedings of the General Court Martial assembled for the trial of Lieutenant Ferny[illegible]ough was forwarded to the Honorable Court on the 17th of October 1812 by the Earl St. Vincent.

104 to 108. No particular remarks.

Need no remark —

109. Disapproves the mutual animadversions of the Military Auditor General and Military Paymaster General in discussing the Subject of Military Balances. . . . .

Ordered that the Military Auditor General and the Accountant General in the Military Pay Department be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph —

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110 to 113. No particular remarks } Need no remark.

114 Lieutenant Mac Donalds employment on Survey Duty reported ..... } Ordered that Copies of this paragraph be furnished to the Commander in Chief and to the Accountant General and Military Auditor General - Ordered also that a Copy be transmitted to the Secretary at Fort William for the eventual information of the Supreme Government.-

115. An Officer & a Surgeon permitted to return to their ~~Corps~~ stations ..... } Ordered that this paragraph be published in General Orders.—

Letter from the Honorable Court

Dated the 4th. November, 1812.

Received via Bengal by the Maitland Country Ship:-

Para 1 Date of last Letter ..... } Needs no remark.

Ordered

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2 & 8 observations on the Indent of January 1812 for Military Stores. The Steel required to be taken from the quantity exported for Sale.

9. Musket Stocks. Specimens of the Wood employed in their construction here to be sent Home.

10 Bass Drums. Two modes of packing them, adopted. The results to be reported.

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be furnished for the information and guidance of the Military Board and a Copy of the Seventh paragraph for the information and guidance of the Board of Trade.

11 & 12. Mr. Kennedy's Claims to be finally adjusted by the Medical Board.

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be furnished under the Resolution already passed, for the information and guidance of the Medical Board.

Letter from the Honble Court, Dated the 18th December 1812.

Received via Bombay by the Ship General Harris

Para 1. Date of last Dispatch . . . . . Needs no Remark.

Ordered

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2. An Officer permitted to return to his rank. 3 officers permitted to remain in England. — Ordered that these paragraphs be published in General Orders —

4. A Bill to be drawn on the Court of Directors for the amount deposited in the General Treasury on account of the estate of Lieutenant Stewart of the 13th Regiment Native Infantry — Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be furnished to the Accountant General for his information —

5 Ensign Roper resigned the service — Ordered that this paragraph be published in General Orders —

Ordered that the Accountant General be desired to take the necessary measures for recovering from the Military Fund the sum of £1,500 advanced to its Agents in England, as advised in the intended Paragraph for the next General Letter from the Honorable Court to the

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The Copy of which now received —
bears date the 19th of December 1812,
and is certified by the Signature of
Mr. Assistant Secretary Cobb —

" John Monteath

" J. W. Hasenjager

C. W. Arnold.

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