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# PREFACE

THREE years ago, Lieutenant-General Sir George Chesney, K.C.B., at that time Military Member of Council, requested me to examine and systematically arrange, with a view to publication, all the State papers relating to the revolt of the Bengal Native Army in 1857 deposited in the different military offices of the Government of India. A mass of papers were placed in my hands, and, as they belonged to different offices, different modes of arrangement had been adopted. My first step was to arrange the papers in the following main groups—

- 1st.—All papers relating to the first outbreak of disaffection at Barrackpore and Berhampere and the revolt of the Native troops at Meerut: all documents relating to the capture of Delhi by the English troops.
- 2nd.—All papers relating to the mutiny at Lucknow and the defence of the Residency by the garrison: General Havelock's march from Allahabad and the first relief of Lucknow: General Outram's defence of Lucknow: Sir Colin Campbell's relief of Lucknow in November 1857: Outram's defence of the Alambagh: General Windham's defence of Cawnpore: Sir Colin Campbell's storming of Lucknow. All documents relating to the outbreak at Cawnpore and the defence of the intrenchment.

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3rd.—All papers relating to Sir Hugh Rose's Campaign of Central India : General Whitlock' Campaign : Sir Colin Campbell's operation in Oude. All miscellaneous papers relating to the different outbreaks and operations of war in different parts of India.

When the whole mass emerged from confusion, the papers belonging to the first group were arranged in uniform chronological order, and the volume now published comprises all the military records from the first outbreak of disaffection to the siege and storming of Delhi by the English troops. The story of that siege, one of the most illustrious in the annals of England, is told by the letters and despatches of the chief actors, and their plain narrative of facts, reflecting the spirit which produces great deeds, must always be read by Englishmen with interest, pride and sympathy.

As the letters and despatches do not, however, furnish an unbroken narrative of events and are somewhat full of technical details. I have thought it advisable, for the sake of the general reader, to construct from these official materials continuous story and to prefix it as an introduction. For the introduction, besides the original documents, I have consulted The History of the Indian Mutiny, by Sir John Kaye and Colonel Malleson; The History of the Indian Mutiny, by T. R. E. Holmes; The Punjab and Delhi in 1857, by the Reverend Cave-Browne; Letters written during the Siege of Delhi, by H. H. Greathed, Esq. ; A Chaplain's Narrative of the Siege of Delhi, by the Reverend J. A. W. Rotton; The Sepoy War, by Sir Hope Grant and Captain H. Knowlys A Year's Campaign in India, by Captain Medley; Eight Months' Campaign against the Bengal Sepoys during the Mutiny of 1857, by Colonel George Bourchier, c.B.; Mutiny Memoirs, by Colonel A. R. D. Mackenzie, c. B.; and The History of the Siege of Delhi, by an Officer who served there, from which I have derived considerable assistance.

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It is a difficult and dangerous task for a civilian to describe the operations of war, but owing to the generous assistance rendered me by many military men my work has been made less onerous and is offered with less fear. Their technical knowledge I trust has removed and corrected numerous imperfections.

To Lord Roberts, who took part in the conflict and whose name is in the list of the wounded, my best thanks are due for describing to me on the theatre of their enactment the principal operations of the great siege which decided the destinics of India. To His Lordship I am further indebted for having found time amidst his multifarious and responsible duties to read the Introduction and furnish some important suggestions and corrections. I must also record my obligation to him for the comparative table showing the casualties in the different arms of the service in the Crimea and Delhi. I may however mention that the Introduction has no official character or authority.

It affords me much pleasure to acknowledge the great trouble taken in the preparation of the maps and plans by Colonel Wilkins, Assistant Surveyor-General, and Mr. Cusson, Assistant Surveyor.

The letters, reports and returns have been printed exactly as they were written day by day, and no alteration has been made in the orthography of the several writers. It is true "Swami House" is correct and orthodox, but "Sammy House" was what the soldiers who so stoutly defended the temple called it, and to alter it would be an act of repulsive pedantry. The corruption of the name is characteristic of the British soldier, and about "Sammy House" dwells the memory of many a hard fought contest and many a signal deed of valour.

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#### APPENDIX A

From Major-General J. B. HEABBER, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division, to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Military Department,dated Barrackpore, 22nd March 1857.

In compliance with the directions contained in your official despatch of the 14th instant, I have the honor to enclose for submission to Government a letter in duplicate from the Officer Commanding the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, dated the 18th idem, furnishing the required explanation of his conduct as affected by the statements in the petition of the men of the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, which petition is also herewith returned.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. Sr. L. MITCHBLL, Commanding the 19th Regiment of Native Infuntry, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Barrackpore,-dated Berhampore, 18th March 1857.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter to Major-General J. B. Hearsey, C.B., commanding the Presidency Division, from Colonel R. J. H. Birch, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Council Chamber, Fort William, 14th March 1857; and in reply I beg leave to state as follows:--

The first statement in the petition in which I am mentioned is regarding the meeting at the mess-house on the 16th February; on that subject I need say nothing; the Major-General has received my report and approved of my proceedings.

The petition then goes on to state:--"After some time fresh stores arrived from Calcutta"; this statement is not true. The stores arrived on the 11th February, five days before the meeting at the mess-house, and subsequently none have been received.

The petition then states that I spoke angrily on parade, saying, "If you will not take the cartridges, I will take you to Burma, where

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through hardships you will all die." I certainly did not make use of the expression above quoted; I explained to the regiment that the cartridges were made by the men of the 7th Native Infantry, and had been in store for a long time, and therefore they should be served out by the officers commanding companies. It is true, I cautioned the regiment against the serious consequences which would ensue from their persisting to disobey orders in refusing to take the cartridges.

It is stated in the petition that I said—"This is a very bad business; we don't fear to die, and will die here." I don't remember exactly the words I made use of on the occasion above referred to, but they were to the effect that we, the officers, were prepared to do our duty, should the men of the regiment not yield obedience.

It was not until after the men of the regiment had broken into the *kotes*, had armed themselves, and were in a state of mutiny, that I called out the artillery and cavalry.

The Adjutant, who went by my orders to the quarter-guard to sound the call for the native officers, came back with a report that the native officers at the quarter-guard had warned him not to go onwards, as the men were loaded, and would fire. When I arrived with the guns on parade, there was much shouting on the part of the men, and the rattling of ramrods in the barrels of the muskets,—such a noise as is made in loading.

It is further stated in the petition that I sent away the cavalry and guns, but said that they should come to a general parade in the morning. but that, on the native officers having requested me to dispense with the presence of artillery and cavalry, and on the representation of the Adjutant, I did so. I at first thought it advisable to parade all the troops together in the morning, thinking that the presence of the cavalry and artillery would 'hold the 19th Native Infantry, in check in case of any further outbreak; but subsequently, on its being reported to me that three or four companies had given up their arms, and that the rest were doing so, and as I saw a disposition on the part of the men to return to obedience, and in order to restore confidence, I took away the guns and ordered off the cavalry, and all was quiet in the lines.

At first I objected to parade the 19th Native Infantry alone, for the reasons above assigned; but on hearing from the Adjutant that the native officers had told him that the men could not be divested of the idea that the other troops were to be called out to act against

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them, I relinquished my intention of parading all the troops in the morning, and directed that the 19th Native Infantry should be paraded alone, which was done, and the regiment behaved quietly, respectfully, and obediently.

I feel certain that the mutinous proceedings of the 19th Native Iufantry, on the night of the 26th February, did not arise from anything that took place on parade that evening; but that the men were ripe for an outbreak owing to communications which they had been receiving for days and weeks previously from some of their comrades in the regiments at Barrackpore.

I am sure it will be readily admitted by the Major-General that my position was a very trying and a very difficult one, and I cannot help thinking that, if I had adopted measures less prompt and vigorous, lamentable results might have ensued.

# Demi-official from Lieutenant-Colonel W. Sr. L. MITCHELL, Commanding the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Barrackpore,--dated Berhampore, 19th March 1857.

I return the petition with an explanatory letter in duplicate.

The commissariat elephants have not yet arrived, but I hope they may to-day or to-morrow, as I am anxious to march from this on Saturday morning, although we will be rather short of carts. I am sending everything I can by water. Any public letters I will send off to-morrow.

From Colonel R. J. H. BIBCH, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department, to Major-General J. B. HEABER, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division,—dated Fort William, 31st March 1857.

With reference to my letter of this date, I am instructed to transmit to you, for the purpose of being laid before the Court of Enquiry ordered to be assembled to investigate into the conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, Commanding the 19th Native Infantry at Berhampore, the several documents enumerated in the accompanying list.

2. The return of the documents is requested when no longer required for the purpose of the investigation.

List of papers transmitted with letter to Major-General J. B. HEABERT, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division, dated the 31st March 1957.

Letter to Major-General Lloyd, commanding the Dinapore Division, of the 13th February 1857, and his reply, dated the 17th February 1857.

Letter to the Officer Commanding at Berhampore, of the 13th, and his reply, dated the 17th February 1857. Despatch from Major-General Hearsey, C.B., dated 21st February 1857, with three enclosures.

Letter from the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, dated 2nd March 1857, with one from Major-General Hearsey, of the 1st March, enclosing a demi-official from Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, dated 27th February 1857, with two pieces of brown paper.

Letter from Major-General Hearsey, dated 5th, enclosing one from Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, dated 2nd March 1857, with a Persian petition from the 19th Native Infantry, and translation in English.

Letter to Major-General Hearsey, dated 14th March 1857.

Letter from Major-General Hearsey, dated 7th March 1857, with one from Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, dated 3rd of March, also one dated 5th March (and a demi-official also dated 5th March), with the proceedings of a European Court of Enquiry held at Berhampore, on the 27th February 1857.

A demi-official letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, dated 8th March 1857.

Letter from Major-General Hearsey, dated 13th March 1857 with two demi-official letters from Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, dated 6th and 7th March 1857.

Letter from Major-General Hearsey, dated 9th March 1857, with one from Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, enclosing the continued proceedings of the Court of Enquiry, also a demi-official letter dated 11th March 1857.

Letter from Major-General Hearsey, dated 18th March 1857, with the continued proceedings of the Court of Enquiry.

Letter from Major-General Hearsey, dated 22nd March 1857, with one from Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, dated 18th March 1857, and a demi-official letter dated 19th March 1857.

Proceedings of a Special Court of Enquiry, held at Barrackpore, on the 2nd of April 1857, by order of Major-General J. B. HEABER, c.b., Commanding the Presidency Division, to investigate certain matters which will be communicated to the President by the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Division. PRESIDENT:

Brigadier C. GRANT, C.B., Commanding at Barrackpore.

MEMBERS:

Brevet Colonel E. AMSINCE, 3rd Battalion, Madras Artillery.

Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel A. HUTSHR, 5th Battalion, Bengal Artillery.

Major H. W. MATTHEWS, 43rd Regiment, Light Infantry.

Major W. A. COOKE, 2nd Grenadiers.

Captain G. N. GERENE, 701k Begt., Nat. Infy., conducting the Proceedings.

Thursday, 2nd April 1857.

The Court assembled at 11 o'clock, A.M., this day, at the messhouse of the 43rd Regiment, Light Infantry.

President, Members, and Officiating Judge-Advocate, all present.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. St. Leger Mitchell, commanding the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, appears in Court.

Presidency Division Orders and Barrackpore Station Orders, both of the 1st instant, convening and forming the Court, fixing the hour and place of assembly, and nominating Eusign F. E. A. Chamier, 34th Regiment of Native Infantry, to be Interpreter to the Court, are here read.

The Interpreter is present in Court.

Read and attached to the Proceedings (marked Appendix A) letter of instructions of the 1st instant, from the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Division to the address of the President.

Read and attached to the Proceedings (marked Appendix B) letter, dated 31st ultimo, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the address of Major-General J. B. Hearsey, C.B., commanding the Presidency Division. Read successively the whole of the documents transmitted with the foregoing letter, as specified in the "list" annexed thereto, and appended and marked as above.

The Court adjourns at 2 o'clock, P. M., until 11 A. M. to-morrow, to enable the European officers of the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry to be warned to attend for the purpose of giving evidence.

#### Second day, Friday, 3rd April.

The Court having met pursuant to adjournment, and all being present as on yesterday, proceeds to the examination of witnesses.

Intimation being here received from the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Division that Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell and the officers of the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry are required to proceed on duty to Chinsurah, the Court adjourns at quarter past 11 o'clock,  $\triangle$ .M., until further orders.

#### Third day, Monday, 6th April.

The Court re-assembled at 11 A.M., this day, agreeably to Station Orders of yesterday's date. All present as on first day.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. St. L. Mitchell is present in Court.

#### 1st Witness

Lieutenant and Adjutant I. F. MacAndrew, 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and examined by the Officiating Judge-Advocate :---

Question-Did any of the European officers of companies accompany Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell and yourself to the quarter-guard of the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry on the evening of the 26th February ?

Answer---No.

Question—Did the Lieutenant-Colonel direct sny of them to go to their men upon that evening, and use their influence to induce them to accept the percussion caps which they had refused ?

Answer-Not to my knowledge.

Question—What measures did he on that evening adopt for making known to the men of the regiment generally the explanation given to the native officers at the quarterguard?

Answer—There were a number of native officers and havildars and about fifty sepoys present, and they were told to make known the Colonel's explanation to the men generally.

Question-Did the Lieutenant Colonel, before leaving the quarterguard, await a report of the effect of that explanation upon the men generally ?

Answer-No.

Question-How soon after that explanation at the quarter-guard did you receive the Lieutenant-Colonel's orders to warn the Officer Commanding the 11th Irregular Cavalry to have his regiment on the 19th Native Infantry parade-ground, on the following morning; likewise the order given to yourself to have the post guns on the same ground?

Answer-Whilst driving home in a buggy from the lines.

Question-Did you, when at the quarter-guard the evening referred to, hear the Lieutenant-Colonel threaten the men by

saying to them -"If you don't take the cartridges, I will

take you to Burma or China, where you will all die"?

Answer-Yes; I licard something to that effect. Question-Did you hear the Licutenant-Colonel say that he would make the men bite the cartridges, or that, if they Question -(concld.)

refused to do so, they would be imprisoned or transported ?

Answer-I did not.

Question-Did you hear him say that he "would have the Governor-General's orders read out;" and, if so, what did you understand thereby?

Answer-What I understood him to say was that he would have the Articles of War read.

Question-Was the submission of the men, in respect to lodging their arms on the night of the 26th February, prior or subsequent to the withdrawal of the artillery and cavalry ?

Answer-I should say it was simultaneous.

Question-Do you consider that the circumstance of the men arming themselves upon that night was produced by fear of the guns and cavalry being used against them on the following morning?

-No; I don't think so, as it would have been time enough Answerfor them to arm themselves when the other forces actually came. My own opinion is that it was all arranged beforehand, though perhaps the parade for the blank ammunition may have precipitated the affair.

EXAMINED BY THE COURT

Question-Was the regiment aware that any grease required might be provided by the pay-havildars?

Answer-It was.

Question-Were you present when four men per company were called out, and the cartridges shown to them; if so, what was said by those men regarding them ?

Answer-I was present; the four men per company were called out; the cartridges were opened before them; some of them were pulled to pieces, and the paper .was burnt ; the men discussed the matter amongst themselves, and some of them said there was not any grease. While the Colonel, the Quartermaster, and I were talking on the subject, a man name I Gunness Doobey called my attention to there being two kinds of paper, one of which was more highly glazed than the other, and that he and the other men objected

Answer---(concld.)

to this kind. The men then requested that the two kinds might be put to the test of water.

Question-Was Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell's manner or language calculated to excite or srouse any religious feeling regarding the issue of the cartridges?

Answer-No.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell declines to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

#### 2nd Wilness

Captain J. MacDougall, 19th Regiment of Native Infuntry, is called into Court, and examined by the Officiating Judge-Advocate.

Question—Did you, on the evening of the 26th February, go to the lines of your company and endeavour to prevail upon your men to accept the percussion caps which they had rejected in the evening?

Answer—No; my reason for not doing so was that the refusal was not reported to me until 8 o'clock, P.M., by the orderly-havildar, who then told me that the Colonel and Adjutant were in the lines. I made an immediate report to the Commanding Officer.

Question—Did the men of the regiment, on the night in question, lodge their arms before or after Lieutenaut-Colonel Mitchell had directed the withdrawal of the guns and cavalry?

Answer—I did not see any of the men lodge their arms. Fifty men of my own company agreed to do so, but before I could get the other fifty together, those who had agreed had seated themselves under the trees with their arms in their hands, saying—"All will be right to-morrow morning."

CROSS-EXAMINED BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MITCHELL

Question—At the time you had collected the fifty men who agreed to lay down their arms, did not the men in general about you show a disposition to return to obedience?

A newer-I think if they had been more regularly drawn up at the kotes, they might have lodged their arms. I mean those men assembled about Nos. 1 and 2 kotes.

Question-Did I not order the European officers to go to their companies and endeavour to get their men to lodge Question-(concld.)

their arms? Why, then, did not you get your company regularly drawn up?

Witness withdraws.\*

## **3rd Witness**

Captain H. D. Manning, 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, having • been called into Court, is examined by the Officiating Judge-Advocate.

Question—Did you, on the evening of the 26th February, go to the lines of your company, and try to persuade them to take the percussion caps, which they had previously refused ?

Answer—No; I did not. I was prepared to do so, but refrained because I heard that the commanding officer and the adjutant had already been to the lines (on the subject of that refusal) and returned therefrom.

Question—Did the lodgment of arms precede or succeed the withdrawal of the guns or cavalry on the night of the 26th February ?

Answer—Up to the time of my quitting my company, the men had not lodged their arms. I saw but very few men of my own company with arms.

EXAMINED BY THE COURT

Question—Were you aware that any grease required might be prepared by the pay-havildars?

Answer-I am aware that my pay-havildars knew such to be the case; beyond that I cannot say; still my idea is that all the men were aware of it.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MITCHELL

Question-Where were you when I gave the order for the guns to be taken away?

Answer-I heard the order given after I had left my company and joined you and the other officers.

Question-Did you hear the conversation that took place between me and the native officers ? If so, state what it was.

Answer-When I joined the Colonel and the other officers at theguns,

I heard the former call for the native officers; they came to the front; the Colonel spoke to them, saying: "This is a most disgraceful proceeding; I will order a general parade for the morning, and see what all this is about." The native officers begged that the regiment might be paraded alone, as it would only

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· No reply recorded in original.

Answer-(concld.)

alarm the men were the whole of the troops ordered out. The Colonel at first declined acceding to their request, but afterwards yielded the point.

Question-Did not the native officers say to me that some of the companies had laid down their arms, and that the rest were in the act of doing so?

Answer—I did not myself hear them say so, but I have been told that they did say so.

Question—Did I not, before taking away the guns, say to the native officers that it was a very dark night and I could not ascertain how the men were behaving, but that I trusted to their honour that all should be quiet during the night, and I would meet them on parade in the morning?

Answer-Yes, you did.

- Question-Did I not show you this paper (paper handed in, marked C, and appended to the Proceedings), and ask you to circulate the contents privately throughout the regiment, as I could not speak them to the men on parade for fear of their taking the subject as an address ordered by the Major-General or the Governor-General?
- Answer-Yes, I recollect you showing me the paper; and although I cannot remember positively that you asked me to circulate it, yet you told me to do my best to try and discover the origin of the meeting, which from that time up to the date of disbandment I have endeavoured to do without avail.

The witness withdraws.

#### 4th Witness

Lieutenant and Brevet-Captain L. R. Newhouse, 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court and examined by the Officiating Judge-Advocate.

- Question—Did you, on the evening of the 26th February, go to the men of your company and try to prevail on them to take the percussion caps which they had on that evening refused?
- Answer-No, I was officer of the day; but on a report to that effect having been made to me, I went in search of the commanding officer.

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Question---Were you present at the quarter-guard on the evening in question when the Lieutenant-Colonel and the Adjutant were there?

Answer-No, I was not.

Question—Were you, at a later hour of the same date, amongst the men of your company after they had armed themselves, and did you enquire of them the reason of their doing so?

Answer—When the Colonel sent the European officers to their companies, I asked the men why they had armed themselves, and they said it was because they thought the cavalry were coming down to cut them up.

Question-Did the men lodge their arms before or after the withdrawal of the guns and cavalry on the night of the 26th February ?

Answer-After.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MITCHELL

Question-Did you hear me give the order for the removal of the guns?

Answer-No.

Question-How then do you know that the guns were ordered to be withdrawn before the arms were lodged?

Answer-My opinion is derived from the time when I saw the torches with the guns moving off the parade-ground.

Question-When was it that you reported to me that the men of your company had all lodged their arms?

Answer—About 3 A.M., on the morning of the 27th February, I reported to you that most of my men had lodged their arms.

The witness withdraws.

The Court deems it unnecessary to call in any more of the officers of the 19th Native Infantry as witnesses.

The Court having called upon Lieutenant-Colonel William St. Leger Mitchell for any statements he may be desirous of making, that officer states as follows :---

Statement of Lieutenant-Colonel MITCHBLL.

Gentlemen,--I wish to bring to your notice that the native commissioned and non-commissioned officers of my regiment never gave me or any of my officers any information of what reports had reached the regiment concerning cartridges or the disturbances at Barrackpore. although, in the evidence before the Court of Enquiry at Berhampore, they state that rumours had reached them one or two months before.

On the 11th of February we received some balled ammunition from Calcutta.

On the 15th idem I received letters from Major-General Hearsey, C.B., and from Colonel Birch, C.B., informing me that messengers had been sent from Barrrackpore to the 19th Native Infantry for the purpose of getting them to create a disturbance.

On the 16th February I had a meeting of the native commissioned officers and the pay and color-havildars of companies at the mess-room at 11 o'clock, at which the second-in-command and the adjutant and the quartermaster were present. All the native officers present positively denied that any kossid had arrived, and told me that if any message should reach them they would report it to me. According to the evidence before the Court, the rumour about the cartridges being greased was confirmed by the guard of the 65th Native Infantry on the 11th February. Pray mark that the meeting at the mess between me and the native officers took place on the 16th February. Again, on the 18th February, a havildar's guard of the 34th Native Infantry arrived with some Government stallions proceeding to Buxar. In the evidence before the Court, you will see it stated that this guard confirmed the statement made by the guard of the 65th Native Infantry, and still no report was made to me. Again, on the 25th February, a havildar's guard of the 34th Native Infantry arrived with European convalescents. and they corroborated the statements made by the two former guards; still my native officers never made any report to me. All this I did not know until the first portion of the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry was sent to me.

As regards my conduct during the whole proceedings, it is fully explained by the written documents before the Court, except, perhaps, that the withdrawal of the guns has been left in doubt by my hastilywritten letter of the 27th February.

I can assure the Court that I never made any compromise with the men, and that before I ordered the guns and cavalry off, the native officers declared to me that some of the companies had lodged their arms, and that the rest were doing so. I then told them that I trusted to their honour that there should be no further disturbance during the night, and that I would meet them on parade at daylight. All went off quietly. I may as well inform the Court that my position on the aight of the 26th February was most critical; that I was uncertain

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whether, if it came to a fight, we were able to coerce the men of the 19th Native Infantry, and that I was in consequence exceedingly desirous of avoiding a collision.

I tender to the Court a copy of my demi-official letter, dated 12th March 1857, to the address of the Assistant Adjutant-General of Division (the original of which is not amongst the documents which were laid before the Court) also a letter, dated 4th instant, from Lieutenant-Colonel Macgregor, the Governor-General's Agent at Moorshedabad, both of which I would wish to be attached to the Proceedings.

The following two documents are marked, respectively, Appendices D and E and appended to these Proceedings.

The Proceedings are here closed :--

(Sd.) C. GRANT, Brigr., President.

(Sd.) E. AMSINCK, Bt.-Col.

(Sd.) ALFRED HUYSHE, Bt.-Lieut.-Col. (Sd.) W. A. COOKE, Maj., 2nd Grenadiers.

(Sd.) H. W. MATTHEWS, Maj.

Members.

(Sd.) G. N. GREENE, Capt., conducting the Proceedings. The Court adjourned at half-past 2 o'clock, sine die.

BARBACKPOBE, (Sd.) J. B. HEARSBY, Maj.-Genl., The 9th April 1857. Comdg. Presy. Divn.

#### A.

## From Major A. H. Ross, Assistant Adjutant-General, to Brigadier C. GBANT,dated Barrackpore, 1st April 1857.

I am directed by Major-General Hearsey, C.B., commanding the Division, to inform you that the Special Court of Enquiry, of which you are President, has been convened in Division Orders of this date, to investigate in the fullest manner possible into the conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, commanding the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, at Berhampore, in connection with the occurrences at that station on the 26th February last and subsequently, which have led to the disbandment of that regiment.

From Colonel R. J. H. BIRCH, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, to Major-General HEARSET, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division-dated Fort William, 31st March 1857.

With reference to my letter of this date, I am instructed to transmit to you, for the purpose of being laid before the Court of Enquiry, ordered to be assembled to investigate into the conduct of Lieutenaut. Colonel Mitchell, Commanding the 19th Native Infantry at Berhampore.

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the several documents enumerated in the accompanying list (vide pages iii and iv).

2. The return of the documents is requested when no longer required for the purpose of the investigation.

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I cannot suppose that what occurred on the night of the 26th February was the united act of the whole regiment. I do not think that more than ten or fifteen men of each company can have been concerned in the forcible seizure of the arms and ammunition at the *kotes*, but the raising a cry of fire, and the drum sounding the alarm, caused the entire regiment to turn out, so that the good and the bad men of the regiment got assembled; and the night being dark, there was no distinguishing between the armed and the unarmed men. I now call upon you, the native commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the regiment, to assist me in finding out the leaders of this mutinous proceeding; also by whom these gross mis-statements concerning the cartridges and the grease about to be served out to regiments to be used with the new Enfield rifles, were first communicated to the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry. This is your duty to find out.

The Articles of War clearly state that any person acting against the religious feelings of any man in a regiment of the army is liable to the severest punishment. Therefore you should not, upon the mere rumour spread abroad by mischievous or designing persons, have distrusted a Government you have sworn faithfully to serve, and who for upwards of 100 years have had your forefathers in their service.

I now entreat you to come forward and state when and from whom you first heard that it was the intention of Government to destroy your caste. If this information is not given immediately, the punishment, whatever Government may please to order, will fall equally upon the good and the bad men of the regiment, and I think it is the duty of all officers and good soldiers to save the character of the regiment, which has hitherto been good.

Demi-official from Lientenant-Colonel W. St. L. MITCHELL, Commanding the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Barrackpore, —dated Berhampore, 12th March 1837.

All quiet and orderly. The Court re-assembles to-day at 11 o'clock A.M. I send two days' proceedings, the first copy of which went yesterday. On the evidence of the subadar-major I have two remarks to

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make. The first is with regard to the Governor-General's orders, should be read—"I said General Orders and Lashkar Aien,"—by which I meant the Standing Orders and Articles of War. Again, the subadar-major says that an order was given to send in a petition. The true history of the petition is this: Four men of the Adjutant's company went to him and said that they wished to tell their own story to the General. He told them that if it was respectful it would be sent, he had no doubt. The men then said that the other companies were preferring similar requests to their own officers. The Adjutant then told them that there was no use in sending in ten petitions, but that one for the whole regiment was enough, and that he had no doubt I would forward it if it was respectful and couched in proper language.

He told them to go and prepare it, and that he would ask me. When he did so, I said of course, if the petition was a proper one; and I had told the same thing to a havildar of the regiment, who asked me if I would forward a petition from the men, before I heard from the Adjutant.

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#### Demi-official from Lieutenant-Colonel G. H. MACGUBGOB, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. Sr. L. MITCHELL, Commanding 19th Regiment of Native Infantry,dated Berhampore, 4th April 1857.

I have just received your letter of the 1st instant, and lose no time in replying to it.

I returned to Berhampore, as you know, on the morning of the 27th of February last, and it was then that I learnt what had occurred the previous night.

I believe, from all that I know of the matter, that you did all in your power, on the evening of the 26th of February last and previously, to satisfy the men of the 19th Regiment that the cartridges which they refused to take were altogether unobjectionable, and that it was only when they had seized their arms to resist your authority that you had recourse to the adoption of strong measures against them.

There can be no doubt, I think, that the measures taken by you for reducing the men of the 19th to obedience were necessary, and, under the emergency, that you displayed good judgment in adopting such measures is, I think, sufficiently shown by the success which attended them.

The men behaved very well afterwards, and scemed to be very sorry for what they had done, and I do believe that if the native officers

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and non-commissioned officers had done their duty, the men would never have been guilty of mutiny. I have been stationed here with the regiment for some months past, and until this business a quieter or a better-behaved regiment I never met with.

With regard to your own conduct in the matter, I fail to perceive in what way you are to blame.

I suppose it is a form generally observed, to assemble a Court of Enquiry on an occasion of the kind, to enquire into the conduct of the commanding officer, and as much for his satisfaction as for that of the Government; but you will, I doubt not, be fully acquitted of all blame in the matter.

Hoping soon to hear of such acquittal, and that Government have entirely approved of your conduct.

# Minute by the Governor-General, concurred in by Members of Council.

A careful perusal of these papers satisfies me that Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, in dealing with the outbreak of the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, on the 26th of February, did not show the temper and firmness which is required of a commanding officer in such circumstances.

I cannot doubt that during the first part of the proceedings, Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell was, as some witnesses have testified, very angry. The inconsiderate threat that if the men did not receive the cartridges he would take them to Burma or China, where they would die, which is not denied by Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, could not have proceeded from an officer speaking advisedly on a matter in which calmness and self-possession were urgently needed.

But it is especially in the time and manner of withdrawing the artillery and cavalry which he had brought upon the ground for the purpose of compelling to obedience the regiment, which had then taken up arms, that Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell's gravest error of a want of firmness consists. The evidence upon this point varies somewhat, but not materially. Lieutenant MacAndrew, Adjutant of the regiment, thinks that the submission of the sepoys in lodging their arms was simultaneous with the withdrawal of the artillery. Captain MacDougall did not see any men lodge their arms; fifty men of his own company agreed to do so, but they did nothing more than sit down with their arms in their hands. Captain Manning did not see the arms lodged by the few men of his company who had them. Captain Newhouse says

that the arms were not lodged until after he saw the torches which accompanied the artillery move off the ground. Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell's statement is that he made no compromise with the men, and that before he ordered the guns and cavalry off, the native officers declared to him that some of the companies had lodged their arms, and that the rest were doing so.

It is no doubt true that there was no arranged bargain between Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell and his men; but whereas it was his duty to listen to no proposals, and to accept no assurances, until he had satisfied himself, through his European officers, that every musket in the ranks was laid down, he did yield to representations made on behalf of a regiment in mutiny with arms in its hands, and he did so in order to obtain from them that which he ought to have exacted as an act of obedience. It is impossible not to view the mode in which Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell withdrew the coercing force as a triumph to the mutinous sepoys.

After what has passed in this matter, I submit that the Government cannot feel that confidence in Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell's judgment and firmness which it ought to be able to repose in every officer commanding a regiment, and I propose that the Commander-in-Chief be requested to appoint some other officer to raise and command the corps which will take the place of the disbanded 19th Regiment, and to find such other employment for Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell as His Excellency may deem suitable.

(Sd.)	CANNING.
(Sđ.)	J. DORIN.
(Sd.)	J. LOW.
(Sd.) (Sd.)	J. P. GRANT. B. PEACOCK.
	(Sd.) (Sd.) (Sd.)

From Colonel R. J. H. BIBCH, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, to the Adjutant-General of the Army,—dated Fort William, 30th May 1857.

I am desired to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that after a careful perusal of the papers, copies of which are herewith transmitted, connected with the outbreak of the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry, on the 26th of February last, the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell did not show the temper and firmness which is required of a commanding officer in such circumstances.

The inconsiderate threat held out by Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell during the first part of the proceedings, "that if the men did not receive the certridges, he would take them to Burma or China, where they would die," and which is not denied by him, could not have proceeded from an officer speaking advisedly on a matter in which calmness and self-possession were urgently needed.

But it is specially in the time and manner of withdrawing the artillery and cavalry which he had brought upon the ground for the compelling to obedience the regiment, which had then taken up arms, that, in the opinion of the Governor-General in Council, Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell's gravest error of a want of firmness consists.

The evidence on this point varies somewhat but not materially.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell states that he made no compromise with the men, and that before he ordered the guns and the cavalry off the ground, the native officers declared to him that some of the companies had lodged their arms, and that the rest were doing so.

It is no doubt true that there was no arranged bargain between Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell and his men; but whereas it was his duty to listen to no proposals, and to accept no assurances, until he had satisfied himself through his European officers that every musket in the ranks was laid down, he did yield to representations made on behalf of a regiment in mutiny with arms in its hands, and he did so in order to obtain from them that which he ought to have exacted as an act of obedience.

In the opinion of the Governor-General in Council it is impossible not to view the mode in which Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell withdrew the coercing force as a triumph to the mutinous sepoys.

After what has passed in this matter, the Government cannot feel that confidence in Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell's judgment and firmness which it ought to be able to repose in every officer commanding a regiment; and I am desired to request that His Excellency may be moved to make known to that officer the sentiments of the Governor-General in Council. Should it be eventually determined to raise another corps to take the place of the disbanded 19th Regiment, it is the desire of the Governor-General in Council that Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell should not be employed to raise and command it, and that some other employment may be found for that officer, such as His Excellency may deem suitable.

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## APPENDIX B

## From Major-General J. B. HEABSEY, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division, to Colonel R. J. H. BIRCH, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, in the Military Department, —dated Barrackpore, 5th April 1857.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government, the euclosed letter, in original, from Brevet-Colonel G. Burney, commanding the Sonthal Field Force, dated the 29th ultimo, with a correspondence attached, relating to the recent misconduct of three companies of the 63rd Native Infautry at Sooree, some of the men of which had declined to avail themselves of indulgence of furlough to their homes, on the ground that none of the regiments at Barrackpore intended to take theirs.

2. Colonel Burney also reports that these companies have since, he was informed, returned to a proper sense of their duty and were willing to take their furlough, but that he did not now consider himself at liberty to accept their offer.

3. A nominal roll of certain men who would seem to have taken the lead in this affair forms a portion of the enclosures; and I would venture to suggest, for the consideration of Government, the expediency of directing the summary discharge from the service of all these fourteen sepoys, in order to mark its displeasure at this act of passive mutiny.

From Colonel G. BURNEY, in temporary command Sonthal Field force, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Barrackpore,—dated Camp Sooree, 29th March 1857.

In obedience to instructions from Government, I have the honor to report, for the information of Major-General J. B. Hearsey, C.B., commanding the Presidency Division of the army, that the 63rd Regiment Native Infantry will probably commence its march from this in progress to Berhampore on the 2nd proximo, leaving two companies at Raneegunge and two companies at Scoree until they can be relieved.

2. As the 63rd Regiment will be attached to the Presidency Division immediately, I do myself the honor to submit; for the consideration of Major-General J. B. Hearsey, C.B., commanding, the enclosed correspondence, showing the state of feeling in the regiment.

3. On the morning of the 27th instant, the Commanding Officer and Adjutant waited on me for instructions how to act under the following circumstances, stating that three companies of the regiment (the Grenadier, No. 2, and Light) had refused to proceed on furlough unless the troops at Barrackpore also went. The commanding officer handed me his confidential letter marked A. In reply, I instructed the commanding officer to tell the men they might please themselves, and that they would not be allowed the indulgence should they again ask for it, but the leave would be granted to others according to priority of claim; this to be explained to the Native officers in the evening, and again to the whole regiment at the ordinary instruction parade the next morning. This verbal communication of mine was afterwards put to paper by the Brigade-Major, and sent to Captain Phillips, commanding the regiment, as demi-official, marked B.

4. This day Captain Phillips, in his letter marked C, reports that the men who objected to take their furlough have come to a sense of their duty. I beg to forward a list, showing the names of the men who first assigned the objectionable reason for not proceeding on furlough: these men have been told that the motives of their refusing to take their furlough unless the troops at Barrackpore did so, have been reported to higher authority.

5. With advertence to Captain Phillips' letter marked C, stating that the men have returned to a sense of their duty, I beg to add that, to all outward appearance, his opinion is correct, but it is impossible to say how long the regiment may continue so, if instigated by men of other regiments. I urge this, as I hear this disaffection in the 63rd Regiment has been occasioned by two sepoys having come on the evening of the 26th instant, incognito, by train from Barrackpore via Paneighen to Scoree, and that these men brought a written communication with them. Previous to that evening the men of the 63rd Regiment had purchased tattoos and made preparatory arrangements for their journey

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home, and it was the pretended necessity of acting in concert with their brethren at Barrackpore which made them plead their inability to go on furlough.

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#### From Captain J. G. PHILLIPS, Commanding 63rd Regiment of Native Infuntry, to Captain H. L. PESTER,-duted Camp Scoree, 27th March 1857.

I deem it my duty to beg you will acquaint the officer commanding the field force that a report was made to me last evening to the effect that the men of the Grenadier, 2nd and Light Companies of the regiment under my command had, after sunset roll-call, requested the orderly-havildars of their companies to report their reluctance to proceed home on furlough.

I immediately sent for the Native officers of those companies, and told them to go to the lines, reason with the men, and endeavour to ascertain their state of feeling.

Captain W. J. P. Barlow, officiating Adjutant, visited the lines by my orders at the 9 o'clock roll-call, and reports having first gone to the place where the Grenadier Company was assembled. He then caused the roll of the men entitled to furlough to be called, and asked the men present, individually, whether they wished to accept it or not. The officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, without exception, expressed their willingness to go, also the three senior sepoys; the other men present replied, if our brethren at Barrackpore go, we will go, but we hear they are not going. His enquiries from the 2nd and Light Companies met with a similar result. He then left them, telling them to think over the matter during the night. This morning the leave men of the Grenadier, No. 2 and Light Companies were had up to the adjutant's quarters, and very respectfully gave in their intention of not proceeding on leave until they heard of the men at Barrackpore having availed themselves of the indulgence, and the three sepoys of the Grenadier Company who expressed their willingness to go now declared their inability to resist the general pressure.

There seems to be a dread of incurring the displeasure of other troops, which apparently was only implanted in their minds at a late hour yesterday, as the purchase of ponies and other preparations for their home journey were in progress throughout the day, and the men appeared to be in high good humour. I am convinced that the receipt

of some intelligence during yesterday afternoon caused the excited state of feeling, but I am unable to trace its origin.

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#### From Captain H. L. PESTEB, to Captain J. G. PHILLIPS,-dated Source, 27th March 1857.

Colonel Burney wishes that you should have the instructions he gave you verbally in writing. The colonel wishes you to tell the men that they may please themselves, and that they will not be allowed . the indulgence should they again ask for it, but that the leave will be granted on the 1st proximo according to priority. This to be explained to the regiment at the ordinary inspection parade to-morrow morning, and this evening to the Native officers.

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#### From Captain J. G. PHILLIP8, to Captain H. L. PESTEB,-dated Camp Sooree, 29th March 1857.

With reference to my letter dated the 27th instant, I have the honor to report, for the information of the officer commanding the field force, that the men who objected to take their furlough have, I am happy to say, come to a sense of their duty. The same was reported to me last evening by the Native officers and pay-havildars of the three companies.

The men, they say, express their sorrow at what has occurred.

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List of Sepoys of the Grenadier, 2nd and Light Companies of the 63rd					
Regiment of Native Infantry who stated their reluctance to					
proceed on furlough on the 26th March 1857.					

	SEPOYS. Grenadier Company. Samput Singh Sewsahae Pattack Cholee Tewaree Runghee Singh Luchmun Gwala		Ditto Was one of	reluctance. ditto. the first to come forward		
	Samput Singh Sewsahae Pattack Cholee Tewaree Runghee Singh	•••• •••• •••	Ditto Was one of	ditto.		
	Sewsahae Pattack Cholee Tewaree Runghee Singh	••••	Ditto Was one of	ditto.		
	Cholee Tewaree Runghee Singh		Was one of	41000		
	Runghee Singh			the first to come forward		
I	5 5			Was one of the first to come forward.		
	Luchmun Gwala					
Luchmun Gwala		•••	Ditto	ditto.		
	Mutthoora Misir		Was very prominent as a spokesman from the first, although not entitled to furlough.			
7	Sooklat Puchowrie	•••	Was one of	the first to come forward.		
	2nd Company.					
	Soondur Singh	•••	Was one of	the first to come forward.		
	Mulkaou Singh	•••	Ditto	ditto.		
	Mooklapersaud Sookool		Ditto	ditto.		
4	Khurugjeet Singh	•••	Ditto	ditto.		
	Light Company.		l			
	Junghir Khan		Wis one of the first to come forward,			
	Ramchurn Pattack	•••	Ditto	ditto.		
8	Prag Misir		Ditto	ditto.		

Nors. — There were thirty-six men entitled to furlough present at the roll-call when the three companies were reported as being relactant to take their furlough, but their names (though recorded) are not given, as they did not take a prominent part in the affair, remaining silent, or speaking in the dark, where they could not be recognized.

CAMP SOOBBE, The 29th March 1857.	(Sd.)	Comdg. 63rd Regt. of Nat. Infy.			
	(Sd.) <i>Of</i>	(Sd.) W. J. P. BABLOW, Capt., Offg. Adjt., 63rd Regt. of Nat. Infy.			

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# Minute by the Governor-General, concurred in by the Members of Council.

I cannot assent to the proposal of Major-General Hearsey for the summary disposal of the fourteen sepoys of the 63rd Regiment of Native Infantry, who are reported in these papers to have refused to take their furlough on the ground that the sepoys of the regiments at Barrackpore intended to do the same.

The offence may deserve the definition given of it by Major-General Hearsey as "passive mutiny," but it is accompanied by extenuating circumstances which call for favorable consideration.

The men returned to a sense of their duty after a few hours, and expressed sorrow for what they had done.

They had up to the time of their refusal shown no sign of contumacy, and were preparing eagerly for their journey home.

It seems certain that they were instigated to the refusal by two sepoys of the 34th Regiment, who came to their lines and brought written communications from Barrackpore.

They belong to a regiment to shake the fidelity of which an attempt had previously been made when the late 19th Regiment left Berhampore; and this attempt was exposed by the men, who placed the letters which had been addressed to them with this view in the hands of their adjutant.

I submit that after the solemn warning which has just been given in the case of the 19th Regiment, it will be sound policy to pass over the offences of these men of the 63rd Regiment without punishment. The example which will be furnished by their escape from punishment in consideration of their resistance, though a tardy one, to the attempt made to lead them astray, will, I fully believe, be quite as effective in present circumstances as that of a dismissal.

I would, however, direct that the commanding officer of the 63rd Regiment should warn them how narrow their escape has been, explaining, if this be necessary, that although the refusal to take a furlough is in itself an innocent act, the doing so in combination with others as a mark of mistrust, fear, or opposition directed at the Government or its officers, is an offence of the gravest character, and one which will not be pardoned a second time.

The 6th April 1857.	(Sd.)	CANNING.
The 7th April 1857.	(8d.)	J. DORIN.
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I quite agree; but I would suggest, if any future similar case were to occur, that any man who may take decidedly a leading part in such

an unsoldierlike proceeding, such, for instance, as was done in this instance by Muttheora Misir, of the Grenadier Company, should be summarily dismissed from the service.

The 7th April 1857.	(Sd.)	J. LOW.
I agree with the Governor-General.		• .
The 7th April 1857.	(Sd.)	J. P. GRANT.
The 7th April 1857.	(Sd.)	B. PEACOCE.

From Colonel G. BURNEY, in temporary command, Sonthal Field Force, to Colonel R. J. H. BIRCH, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India,—dated Camp Sooree, 5th April 1857.

I have the honor to acknowledge your message by electric telegraph, dated the 3rd instant, received by me this day at half-past 4 P.M. I immediately despatched a mounted orderly to the Officer Commanding the 63rd Native Infantry at Synthia (one march from this). with instructions to grant furlough to all the men of the regiment, without exception, and this in obedience to the orders received from you.

From Colonel R. J. H. BIRCH, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India to Colonel C. CHBETER, Adjutant General of the Army,-dated Fort William, 8th April 1857.

With reference to the accompanying copy of a letter of the 5th instant, from Major-General Hearsey, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division, forwarding correspondence relative to the reluctance expressed by certain men of the 63rd Regiment of Native Infantry to take their furlough, on the ground that the sepoys of the regiment at Barrackpore intended to decline their furlough, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Governor-General in Council is not prepared to assent to the proposal of the Major-General for the summary dismissal of the fourteen men named in the roll which accompanied Colonel Burney's letter.

2. The offence may deserve the definition given to it by Major-General Hearsey, as "passive mutiny," but His Lordship in Council observes, that it is accompanied by extenuating eizeumstances which call for favorable consideration.

The men returned to a sense of their duty after a few hours, and expressed sorrow for what they had done.

They had up to the time of their refusal shown no sign of contumacy, and were preparing eagerly for their journey home.

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It seems certain that they were instigated to the refusal by two sepoys, supposed to be of the 34th Native Infantry, who came to their lines and brought written communications from Barrackpore.

They belonged to a regiment to shake the fidelity of which an attempt had previously been made, when the late 19th Native Infantry left Berhampore, and this attempt was exposed by the men, who placed the letters which had been addressed to them with this view in the hands of their adjutant.

After the solemn warning which has just been given in the case of the 19th Regiment, the Governor-General in Council considers that it will be sound policy to pass over the offence of these men of the 63rd Regiment without punishment.

The example which will be furnished by their escape from punishment, in consideration of their resistance, though a tardy one, to the attempt made to lead them astray, will, His Lordship in Council believes, be quite as effective in their present circumstances as that of a dismissal.

The Governor-General in Council, however, requests that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be so good as to direct the Officer Commanding the 63rd Regiment of Native Infantry to warn the men how narrow their escape has been, explaining that, although the refusal to take a furlough is in itself an innocent act, the doing so in combination with others as a mark of mistrust, fear, or opposition directed at the Government or its officers, is an offence of the gravest character, and which will not be pardoned a second time.

Colonel Burney has been instructed by telegraph to allow the men , to proceed on furlough.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to Major-General Hearsey, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division, with reference to his letter of the 5th instant.

By order of the Governor-General of India in Council,

(Sd.) B. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel.

# APPENDIX C

From Colonel K. YOUNG, Judge-Advocate-General, to Colonel R. J. H. BIBCH, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India,—dated Simla, 2nd April 1857.

I HAVE the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Commanderin-Chief, to transmit, for the information of the Governor-General of India in Council, the accompanying proceedings of a general courtmartial on the trial of Boodheelall Tewarry and Boohadoor Sing, Sepoys, 2nd Native Infantry, who, having been convicted of mutiny, have been sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for fourteen years.

The return of the proceedings is requested when no longer required.

Proceedings of a Native General Court-Martial assembled at Fort William on Wednesday, the 18th March 1857, by order of Major-General HEADERY, O.B., Commanding the Presidency Division of the Army, and with the searching of the Governor of the Fort, for the trial of Boodheelall Tewarry and Boohadoor Sing, both sepoys, and Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers), and all such other priseners as may be duly brought before it.

PRESIDENT :

Subadar-Major JEWAHIE TEWABEY, 43rd Regiment, Native Light Infantry. MEMBERS :

Subadar BHOLA OOPADHIA, 17th Regiment, Native Infantry.

Subadar HUBBUCE SING, 40th Regiment, Native Infantry.

Subadar RAM SING, 9th Battalion, Artillery.

Subadar AMANUT KHAN, 37th Regiment, Native Infantry.

Subadar SEWUMBIE PANDIE, 34th Regiment, Native Infantry.

Subadar DOORGA BAM, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry.

Subadar KHOODA BUESH, 2nd Regiment, Native Infantry (Grenadiers).

Subadar MEREWAN SING, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry.

Subadar SOOKLALL MISE, 43rd Regiment, Native Infantry.

Subadar ADJUDHIA TEWABEY, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry.

Subudar SALIM SING, 43rd Regiment, Native Infantry.

Jemadar DEWAN ALIE, 9th Battalion, Artillery.

Jemadar MOHUN SING, 65th Regiment, Native Infantry.

Jomadar LALLA RAM BUKSH, 8th Regiment, Native Infantry.

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IN WAITING :

Jemadar ROMADE SING, 43rd Regiment, Native Infantry. Jemadar SEWEAM MISE, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry.

JUDGE-ADVOCATE:

# Captain G. C. HATCH, Deputy Judge-Advocate-General, Presidency Division.

INTERPRETER :

Lieutenant W. M. GEIBEBON, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry.

The Committee assembled this day at the Main Guard, Fort William, at 10 o'clock A. M., the President, Members, Judge-Advocate, and Interpreter being all present.

Sepoys Boodheelall Tewarry and Boohadoor Sing, 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers), are brought prisoners into Court.

The orders convening and forming the Court and appointing the senior Native officer to be President and Captain G. C. Hatch to be Judge-Advocate, and Lieutenant-Colonel Cavenagh, Town-Major, to be Prosecutor, and garrison orders appointing the hour and place of the Court's assembly, are produced and read.

The names of the President and Members of the Court are read over in the hearing of the prisoners.

# BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question—Sepoy Boodheelall Tewarry, prisoner,—Do you object to being tried by the President, or any of the members appointed to serve on this court-martial?

Answer-I have no objection.

Question—Sepoy Boohadoor Sing, prisoner, do you object to being tried by the President, or by any of the members appointed to sit on this court-martial ?

Answer-I object to none.

The members in waiting withdrew. The Interpreter, President, Members, and Judge-Advocate make the prescribed solemn affirmation. The following charges were read :---

Boodheelall Tewarry, No.—, and Boohadoor Sing, No.—, both sepoys of the 4th Company, 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers), placed in confinement by order of Major-General Hearsey, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division, on the following charges :--

1st—For having, when on duty on the Town-Major's guard at Fort William, at or about 10 o'clock on the night of the 10th of March 1857, quitted their guard without being regularly relieved and without leave, and not returned until brought back as prisoners on the following morning.

2nd—For mutiny, in having, during the absence from the guard, as set forth in the first charge, at about half-past 10 o'clock at night, together gone to the mint guard in Calcutta, and then and there endeavoured to induce Subadar Muddeh Khan then commanding the mint guard, to quit his post, and march on that night with his guard into Fort William for the purpose of joining in an intended mutiny or concealed combination against the State.

By order of the	Major-General	Commanding Presidency Division,
BABRACKPOBE, The 16th March 1857.	}	(Sd.) A. H. ROSS, Major, Asst. AdjtGenl., Presy. Divn.

BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question—Sepoy Boodheelall Tewarry, 4th Company, 2nd Regimnet of Native Infantry (Grenadiers),—How say you, are you guilty or not guilty of the charges ?

Answer-Not guilty.

Question—Sepoy Boohadoor Sing, 4th Company, 2nd Regiment of · Native Infantry (Grenadiers),—How say you, are you guilty or not guilty of the charges ?

Answer-Not guilty.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cavenagh, Town-Major, Fort William, having been appointed Prosecutor, and being present in Court, proceeds to call his witnesses.

Subadar Muddeh Khan (Mussulman), 34th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court and duly affirmed.

EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—What is the strength of the guard which you command and where is it stationed ?

. Answer—Four havildars, three naicks and eighty-six sepoys. I commanded the mint guard in Calcutta,

Question-What are the orders which you have received relative to the discharge of your duties whilst stationed at the mint ?

Answer—To protect the mint, and report any irregularity to the town-major.

Question-State what occurred on the night of the 10th instant.

Answer-At about the time of half-past 10 o'clock at night, I was sitting on my charpoy reading. These two sepoys who are now prisoners before this Court (witness pointing to them both) came up to me. I said to

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them-"Where do you come from, and who are you ?" The sopoy who is on the left (pointing to the prisoner Boodheelall Tewarry) said-"I have come from the fort, and from the men off duty on the reserve guard." I said-" Well ?" The sepoy, the one who was speaking, said-"At 12 o'clock the Calcutta Militia is coming into the fort, and do you also bring the mint guard at that time into the fort; the Governor-General is going up to Barrackpore at 10 o'clock, and after taking possession of the magazine there will be some fighting." I was angry and told him to be silent, saying-" Hold your tongue, you rascal; how can you say such improper things ?" I said-" Get out of this." They went to the door of the guard-room and again stopped. I called out for the naick of the guard, Allahooddeen, and told him to place them in confinement, and place an extra sentry over them. I gave orders that no one should be allowed to come near to them, or speak to them. They remained all night in confinement, and next morning I sent them off with a naick and four sepoys, with the havildar who goes to make the daily report to the town-major. This is what happened. When they were being taken off with the guard, they both joined their hands and begged to be pardoned. I said-"I have no power; I cannot pardon such an act."

Question—How far was Boohadoor Sing from you when the prisoner Boodheelall Tewarry addressed you? Was he sufficiently near to enable him to hear the conversation that took place?

Answer--They were close, side by side.

- Question-Did Boodheelall Tewarry speak in a sufficiently loud tone of voice, so as to render whatever he said perfectly audible to Boohadoor Sing ?
- Answer—They were close together. He spoke as I am doing now; they were close enough to touch each other.

Question-Did the prisoner Boohadoor Sing in any way join in the conversation ?

Answer-No: he did not speak ; he stood there.

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Question—Was any other person present when the prisoner came to your guard, and during the time the conversation took place? Answer—Yes; Allahooddeen, Naick, and Sepoy Sirdar Khan were on a charpoy within a cubit's distance from me. The naick had just come in from posting a sentry, and stood close by while the conversation was going on.

Question-Did Boodheelall Tewarry state that he was acting under the authority of any commissioned or non-commissioned officer ?

Answer-He mentioned the havildar-major of the reserve guards.

Question-Did Boodheelall Tewarry mention from whom the Calcutta Militia had received instructions to move into the fort ?

Answer-He did not; he merely said it would come into the fort.

Question—Did he state that any particular duty had been assigned to the Calcutta Militia in garrison ?

Answer----No; he merely said the Calcutta Militia are coming in, and you also bring your guard, and we will take the fort.

Question—Did he tell you to put your guard at any particular place in the fort?

- Answer—No; he merely said—" Bring your guard into the fort, and join in."
- Question—After you had placed the prisoners in confinement, are you aware of any person having come to the guard to make enquiries regarding them?
- Answer-I went to sleep, and heard nothing of any one coming to enquire after them.
- Question-You have stated that in the morning both the prisoners begged you to pardon and release them; can you mention the exact words that they used on that occasion?
- Answer—They folded their hands and said—"You are an officer, pardon us; don't report us." They both said this.
- Question—Did they give any reason for expressing a hope that you would not report their fault?
- Answer—They merely asked to be pardoned, and not to be reported; which they did repeatedly.
- Question-Did either of the prisoners make any allusion to their fault being known only to yourself; and, if so, can you state the words he used ?

Answer-Yes; he said-"You only know our fault; pardon us."

Question—Did either of the prisoners make use of any such expression as "household words" (ghur kee bat) in his conversation with you; if so, which was the person, and when did he use the expression ?

- Answer—The prisoner on the left (pointing to Boodheelall Tewarry) said—"This is a thing among ourselves; why are you angry?" This was said at half-past 10 at night, when I ordered them to be confined.
- Question-To your knowledge, did any of the men of the guard enter into conversation with the prisoners either before or after you had directed them to be confined ?
- Answer-No; I gave very strict injunctions that no one should talk to them.

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Question-Had you ever seen either of the prisoners before to your knowledge ?

Answer-I never saw them before.

Question-Was there a light in the guard-room ?

Answer-Yes; there is a light in my room, and three in the main room of the guard, the whole night.

Question—How were these two men dressed when they came to you? Answer—They were dressed in native clothes,

Question-About what distance is the mint guard from the fort ?

Answer-About two miles.

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- Question—How could I say that the Lord Sahib could take the magazine? Did I not say that he was going up for a parade? Did I not say anything about a European regiment having gone up?
- Answer-I am answering on my oath what was said. He said nothing about European troops.
- Question---Were we known to each other that I came and asked you to come into the fort, as you say?

Answer-No.

Question-How could I then, who am not even a non-commissioned officer, come to you and say what you say I did ?

Answer-He can best answer that himself.

Question-Did I not say that I had come for a letter?

Answer-No, he said nothing of the kind.

Sepoy Boohadoor Sing declines to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

Allahooddeen (Mussulman) Naick, No. 6 Company, 54th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court and duly affirmed.

# EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

- Question—Have you any acquaintance with the prisoners in Court? Answer—No; but I recognise them.
- Question-What guard do you belong to; who commands it; and from what date has it been stationed on its present duty?
- Answer---The mint guard in Calcutta; Muddeh Khan, Subadar, 34th Native Infantry, commands it; and it has been stationed there since the 3rd of the present month.

Question—Has either of the prisoners been in the habit of visiting any man attached to the guard since it has been posted in the mint?

Answer—No; I never saw them there before the day they were confined.

Question-On what date, and by whose orders were they confined ?

Answer-On the night of the 10th of this month, by order of Muddeh Khan, Subadar.

Question-State, to the best of your power, the exact circumstances under which they were confined ?

Answer—On the night of the 10th instant, at about half-past 10 o'clock, the subadar was sitting on his charpoy before the lamp, reading the order book. These two men, the prisoners in Court, came alongside of him, and when the subadar looked up they saluted him. The subadar asked them who they were, what they wanted, and where they came from. They replied— "The havildar-major has sent us; the Governor-General is going to Barrackpore to take the magazine, and there will be fighting there. The Calcutta Militia are coming into the fort; you bring your guard and join them." The subadar then said—" Who sent you with this order?" and they replied—" The havildarmajor." The subadar said—" What! Am I going to

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obey the havildar-major? Get out of this!" They then went outside into the compound before the door, and began talking. I do not know whether to each other or to men of the guard. When the subadar came out and told me to get a sentry ready and place them in confinement, I did so, and told the sentry that no one should speak to the prisoners. During the night they remained in confinement, and in the morning, when the havildar, who goes to make the daily report, was starting, the subadar took out four sepoys from the guard, which always falls in at gunfire, and told me to go with them, and report the whole of the circumstances to the authorities in the fort.

Question-Wore you in the same room with the subadar when the prisoners entered ?

Answer-Yes, I was.

Question-Did both the prisoners take part in the conversation with the subadar, or did one of them act as spokesman?

Answer-One only spoke [witness points to Boodheelall Tewarry.]

Question-How far was the prisoner Boohadoor Sing from his companion Boohaelall Tewarry when the latter was carrying on his conversation with the subadar?

Answer-Close together.

Question-Did Boodheelall Tewarry speak in an audible tone, so as to be heard by every one in the room?

Answer-He spoke so that others might have heard ; I myself heard.

Question-Who were present at the time the prisoner Boodheelall Tewarry addressed the subadar ?

Answer-I and a sepoy, Sirdar Khan.

Question-Where were the rest of the guard ?

Answer—There are two rooms in the guard, one a small room and the other a large room. In the small room the subadar and two or three of us stop. It is a large guard of eighty-six men. They were all in the large room, with the exception of those who were on duty.

Question—To enter the large room is it necessary to pass through the room allotted to the subadar, or has each room a separate entrance?

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Answer-There are doors in the large room, besides the one leading into the subadar's room. Question-Is it usual for persons to enter the little room unless they should wish to speak to the subadar? - Answer-It is not usual, unless to speak to the subadar. Question-Did the prisoner Boohadoor Sing at any time address the subadar, or take any part in the conversation ? Answer-Only in the morning, when he begged the subadar to release him. Question-When the subadar went out of his room, and ordered you to confine the prisoners, were any of the men of the guard standing near them, or conversing .with them ? Answer-I did not see any. Question-Did the prisoner Boodheelall Tewarry mention who was the havildar-major from whom he had received instructions to wait upon the subadar ? Answer-He gave no name ; but meant, I suppose, the havildarmajor of the place whence he came. He used the words "havildar-major." Question-Did he state by whom the order had been given for the Calcutta Militia to march into the fort ? Answer-No. Question-Did he state the reason for the corps marching at such unusual hours, and what was the nature of the duty to be performed in the fort? Answer-No; he merely stated that the regiment was to go into the fort at 12 o'clock at night, and the subadar was to bring his guard and fall in with them. Question-Did he, Boodheelall Tewarry, tell the subadar to report his arrival to the Town-Major, or to any of the authorities in garrison, or did he mention the particular spot to which the mint guard was to be taken ? Answer-No; he did not. He only said -- "Bring your guard, and fall in with the Calcutta Militia." Question-From what the prisoner stated to the subadar, were you led to suppose that the guard was summoned into

the fort for any other particular object?

Answer—If we had got the order from European officers, I would have thought it was all right; but as the order came

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- from them, I suppose they wanted us to come in to fight against the *huzoor log* (the State).
- Question—Did either of the prisoners, at any time on that night, speak to you, or to any other man of the guard ?
- Answer—They did not speak to me, nor to any one else. The order was given that they were not to be allowed to speak to any one.
- Question—After the prisoners had been confined, are you aware of any one having come to the guard to make inquiries regarding them ?
- Answer-No one came. I went to sleep.
- Question—Did you accompany the escort in charge of the prisoners into the fort; and if so, to whom did you make the latter over?
- Answer-I did accompany them into the fort, and after reporting the circumstances to the authorities according to orders received, I took them to the main guard.
- Question-Do you know whether either of the prisoners is very well acquainted with, or is a particular friend of any man now doing duty with the mint guard?
- Answer----No; I don't suppose so, as I never saw them there before, and we have been there eighteen daya.

The prisoner Boodheelall Tewarry declines to cross-examine.

The prisoner Boohadoor Sing declines to cross-examine.

# BY THE COURT

Question—At what distance is the sentry from the subadar's room ? Answer—I have never measured it. I should say it was ten or twelve paces.

Question-Who was the sentry?

Answer----I don't know his name, but he is here. I have seen him outside the Court.

The witness withdraws.

Sirdar Khan (Mussulman). Sepoy, No.-of the 34th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and duly affirmed.

- Question—Are you acquainted with the prisoners now before the Court ?
- Answer—I saw them on that day, the day on which they were confined in the mint guard.

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Question-State what occurred on the night they were confined ?

Answer-I was sitting on my charpoy, which was about a couple of feet distant from that of the subadar. We were both reading. I saw these men come up to the subadar. They held up their hands to me not to speak. The subadar then turned round to them, and said-" Who are you ?" One of them said-" I am a sepoy of the 2nd Regiment, Grenadiers." The subadar asked them what they wanted. He replied the havildar-major had sent a salaam to them. The subadar became angry, and said-"Why?" The sepoy said-"The Governor-General is going up to the cantonments at 10 o'clock to take the magazine; there will be a fight there. At 12 o'clock, the Calcutta Militia will come into the fort; you also bring your guard into the fort at the same hour." The subadar was very angry, and said-" What! Am I to receive orders from the havildar ? Get out of this, you rascal !" The sepoys went out. The subadar followed them, and called to the naick to place them in confinement. While the naick went for a sentry, the subadar placed them under the sentry at the guard-room door. The naick came and posted the sentry over them.

Question-Was there a light in the room in which you and the subadar were sitting?

Answer-Yes, there was.

Question-Did only one of the prisoners speak to the subadar, or did they both address him ?

Answer-Only one spoke.

Question—Which one ?

Answer-I cannot say which.

Question-Was the one who remained silent close to his companion?

Answer-I only saw one sepoy in the room. I saw them both after they were confined.

Question-You have stated in your evidence that you saw these men (and you looked towards the prisoners in Court) come up to the subadar. How do you explain this with your last answer ?

Answer-I saw only one.

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BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE Question-How long did the conversation last between the subadar and the sepoy ? Answer-About five minutes. Question-Who were present in the room at the time of this conversation ? Answer-I saw one of the sepoys of the Grenadiers now in confinement, and the subadar only. Question-Was Allahoodeen, Naick, in the room when the conversation took place between the subadar and the sepoy ? Answer-He remained in that room, but it was so dark over his bed that I could not see whether he was there. Question-If it was dark, how could you see the sign made to you not to speak ? Answer-The sepoy came near me, and the light was beside me. Question-What was the size of the room? Answer-It was about the size of the half of this room (about 11 paces by 8). Question-How do you know that the subadar ordered two sepoys to be put in confinement? Answer-He spoke loudly to Allahoodeen, Naick, who was within the subadar's room, to bring a sentry to place over these men. Question-Where were you when the subadar told Naick Allahooddeen to put the sepoys in confinement? Answer-I was in the subadar's room. Question-Then you and Allahoodeen were in the same room together? Answer-Yes; but we have our beds on different sides of the room. The Court is closed. The Court is opened. The witness is cautioned by the President to speak the truth. BY THE PROSECUTOR Question-Did the sepoy who spoke to the subadar mention whether it was the havildar-major of the reserve guards or any other havildar-major who had sent him ? Answer-He used the words "havildar-major," and said he had come from the fort. Question-Did he state under whose instructions the Calcutta Militia were to come into the fort, and why the corps was to march at such an unusual hour?

Answer-No; the subadar hearing what was said got angry.

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Question-Did he tell the subadar that he was to report himself to any authority in the fort, or to take any duty in garrison ?

Answer-No, he did not.

Question—From what the prisoner stated to the subadar, were you led to suppose that the guard was called into the fort for any particular purpose ?

Answer-I never troubled my head about it.

Question-Did either of the prisoners speak to you or to any other sepoys of the guard ?

Answer—They said nothing to me, and I did not see them speaking to any one else.

Question—After the prisoners had been placed in confinement, did they make any petition to the subadar?

It now striking 4 o'clock, the Court adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

# SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

#### Fort William, 19th March 1857.

The Court re-assembled this day at 11 o'clock A. M., at their former place of meeting, the President, Members, Judge-Advocate, Interpreter, Prosecutor, and the prisoners being all present.

Sepoy Sirdar Khan, the witness last under examination, not being in attendance, a report having been made of his being ill, the Prosecutor calls another witness.

Purmode Pandy (Hindu), Sepoy, 8th Company, 34th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—Were you a sentry at the mint guard at Calcutta at any time on the night of the 10th instant?

Answer-I was posted as sentry at 10 o'clock.

Question—State what occurred during the time that you were on sentry duty on that occasion?

Answer—About half-past 10 o'clock, two men came to me. I asked them—"Why do you come here?" They replied by asking me whether it was a subadar's or jemadar's guard. I told them it was a subadar's guard. I again asked them why they came, and where they came from. They replied they had come from the fort, and

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passed on to the subadar, Muddeh Khan. I don't know what passed there. When they came out, the subadar placed them in confinement, and put a sentry over them. I was relieved at 12 o'clock, and know nothing more.

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Question-Were you posted sentry at the guard-room door or at the further gate?

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Answer-I was at the door of the guard-room by the sentry box.

Question-How far is the sentry box from the door of the guardroom ?

Answer-About a pace from the door, and twelve or thirteen paces from the place where the subadar was.

BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Do you recognise the prisoners in Court as being the men, or either of them as being one of the men, who addressed you ?

Answer—I recognise that man (witness points to prisoner Boodheelall Tewarry) as the man who spoke to me,

BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question-Was it a moonlight night?

Answer-Yes.

BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—Was the other prisoner in Court present on that occasion? Answer—Yes, they were both together.

Question-How far distant from one another were the two prisoners when they spoke to you ?

Answer-As they are standing now; they were close together.

Question—After they passed you, did they proceed direct into the room in which the subadar was sitting, or did they enter any other part of the guard-house?

Answer-They went straight into the subadar's room.

Question-When they made their exit from the guard-house, and the subadar ordered them to be confined, did they make any petition to the Native officer?

Answer-At the time they said nothing.

Question-Was the night of the 10th instant the first occasion on which you had seen the prisoners at the mint guard?

Answer-I never saw the prisoners at the mint guard before.

Question—Have you heard of either of them having a particular friend amongst the men at the above guard?

Answer-I have not heard that they had any particular friend at the mint guard.

By the Judge-Advocate

- Question—From the place at which you were posted could you see into the subadar's room ?
- Answer-I could not see into the subadar's room from the place where I was posted.
- Question-Did you hear what the subadar said to the men ?
- Answer---I did not hear anything the subadar said to them. I heard the subadar give the order to put them in confinement, and not to allow ony one to talk to them, or go near them.

Question—How long were the two men inside the subadar's room ? Answer—A short time; about five minutes.

Question-Who were inside the subadar's room when the men went in? Do you know?

- Answer—There are five people who live in that room, but I do not know who were in it then.
- Question-How were the two men dressed who came to you ?

Answer-They were dressed in native clothes.

- Question-Where was the subadar when he gave the order for the men to be confined ?
- Answer-He came out of the room into the compound.

The prisoner Boodheelall Tewarry declines to cross-examine.

The prisoner Boohadoor Sing cross-examines.

Question-Did not the man who addressed you say he had come for a letter?

Answer-Nothing was said about coming for a letter.

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Question-Did you see both the prisoners go into the subadar's room ? Answer-They both went in.

Question-Why did you let them go in?

Answer—They told me they had come from the fort. There is no order to prevent the sepoys going in.

### BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question-Did the men say anything when they were ordered into confinement ?

Answer-Yes; they said-" Why do you confine us ?" The subadar replied-" Because you are scoundrels."

Question-Which of the two said this to the subadar?

Answer-Boodheelali Tewarry.

Question-Did the other man complain about being confined ?

Answer-No; he remained silent.

The witness withdraws.

Jyepall Sing (Hindu), Naick, 2nd Company, 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers), is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

## EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Where were you doing duty on the night of the 10th instant?

Answer-----I was on the Town-Major's guard.

Question-Where is the Town-Major's guard stationed ?

Answer—Near the barrack occupied by the men off duty of the reserve guard.

Question-Did the prisoners belong to that guard ?

Answer-Yes, they did belong to that guard.

Question-Were they present with the guard during the whole night of the 10th instant ?

Answer--No, they were not present during the whole night. I relieved them both from sentry duty at 9 o'clock on that evening. At a quarter to 10 o'clock I took the roll-call. These two men were absent, and I reported them to the subadar-major and havildar-major. They were absent from their guard all night. I also told the Town-Major's sirdar bearer of their absence,

Question-Did you give them permission to leave the guard ?

Answer-No; I gave them no leave.

Question-Were they relieved from their duty with your guard ?

Answer-They were relieved from sentry duty, not from guard.

Question-Did you give them any orders to quit the fort or guard on the night of the 10th instant?

Answer-No, I gave no such ordera.

- Question—At what time did you report their absence to the havildar-major?
- Answer-I reported it immediately I discovered their absence, at a quarter to 10 o'clock.
- Question-Was any one present when you made the report ?

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Answer—The havildar-major and subadar-major only were present. There were no sepoys there.

Question—At what time did you make your report at the Town-Major's quarters?

Answer—It was passed 1 A.M.; near 2 o'clock on that night I awoke the sirdar bearer.

Question-When did you next see the prisoners?

Answer----I saw them when they were brought back about 7 o'clock next morning, prisoners, under a guard of the 34th Regiment.

By THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question-What was the reason for your delay in reporting at the Town-Major's quarters the absence of these two men?

Answer—I went to sleep, having told the sentry to awake me when these men returned. When I awoke, I asked the sentry on duty what o'clock it was. He replied, near 2 o'clock. I then ran off, and reported their absence at the Town-Major's quarters.

Both prisoners declined to cross-examine.

BY THE COURT

Question—At what time did you post the prisoners on sentry on the 10th March ?

Answer-At 6 o'clock in the evening.

Question-How is it you kept them on sentry duty for three hours ?

Answer—There are sixteen sepoys on the guard at night, and they supply four sentries.

BY THE PRISONER BOODHEELALL, BY PERMISSION

Question-Do you know if I received news of a letter having come for me at the mint guard 3

Answer-No.

Question-Did I ask leave to go for a letter ?

Answer—No.

The witness withdraws.

Rambuksh Sing (Hindu), Havildar, Officiating Havildar-Major, 10th Company, 2nd Regiment of Nutive Infuntry (Grenadiers), is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-What guard did the prisoners belong to on the night of the 10th instant?

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Answer-The town-major's guard.

- Question-Do you know whether they absented themselves from their guard on that night?
- Answer—The Naick, Jyepall Sing, reported the circumstance of their absence without leave to the subadar-major in my presence; thus much I know.

Judge-Advocate,—By this answer it should be understood that the witness speaks only to a report having been made, and not to the absence of the men, of which this report is not evidence.

Question—Was any one else present at the time the naick of the guard, Jyepall Sing, made the report of the prisoner's absence ?

Answer-No one else was present.

Question-At what hour did Jyepall Sing, naick, make the report as stated above ?

Answer-At about a quarter to 10 o'clock.

Question-Did you give him any orders on hearing the report ?

Answer-No, I did not; I do not belong to the guard.

Question-Where is the town-major's guard stationed ?

Answer-It is situated in one of the new barracks in the ravelin, in front of the town-major's quarters.

- Question-Did you send the prisoners with any message to the subadar of the mint guard on the night of the 10th instant?
- Answer-No, I did not; they were on duty on another guard, and I neither saw them nor had anything to say to them.
- Question-Did they obtain permission from you to leave their guard either with or without being regularly relieved ?
- Answer-The guard is not mine; I have no authority in it. I gave no leave.
- Question—In the event of any change taking place in any of the guards in the fort, is not a report made to you?

Answer-Yes.

- Question-Did you see the prisoners on the morning of the 11th instant?
- Answer—I saw them at the main guard under charge of a guard of the 34th Regiment, just after they arrived, being made prisoners.
- Question--Did you give any orders to Dabee Rai, naick, to leave the fort on the night of the 10th instant?

Answer-I gave him no order.

Sepoy Boohaelall Tewarry, prisoner, declines to cross-examine. Sepoy Boohadoor Sing, prisoner, declines to cross-examine. The witness withdraws.

Subadar-Major Shaikh Gholam Mahomed, 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers), is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

# EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Was any report made to you on the night of the 10th instant, regarding the absence of sepoys from the

town-major's guard ?

Answer—About a quarter to 10 o'clock at night on the 10th instant Jyepall Sing, naick, of the town major's guard, came and reported to me that two sepoys of his guard were absent. I asked him who they were, and he said, Boodheelall Tewarry and Boohadoor Sing, sepoys of the 4th Company.

Question-Was any one present when the report was made ?

Answer—There were sepoys sleeping round about when report was made to me. I heard him report to the havildarmajor, who was about five paces off.

The prisoners both declined to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

Sungut (Hindu) is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Whose servant are you ?

Answer-The town-major's.

Question-Did any one come to you on the night of the 10th instant?

Answer—Before 2 o'clock, on the night of the 10th instant, a naick came to me and awoke me, and told me two sepoys were absent, and had been so since about a quarter to 10 o'clock. He told me to report it to my master. I replied, he was asleep. He went away.

Both prisoners declined to cross-examine. The witness withdraws.

Dabee Rui (Hindu), Lance-Naick, 8th Company, 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers), is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation,

EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR Question-To what guard did you belong on the night of the 10th instant? Answer-I was on the town-major's guard. Question-Did the prisoners also belong to that guard ? Answer-They did. Question-Do you know if they were present with the guard the whole of that night? Answer---- I was asleep and don't know. Question-Were you absent from the fort or guard at any time during the night? Answer-No. I was absent from neither the guard nor the fort. Question-Did you receive any order from any one to leave the fort on the night of the 10th instant? Answer-No. Question-Were the prisoners present with the guard on the following morning? Answer-Three or four days ago they were absent. I don't know the date. Boodheelall Tewarry, prisoner, declines to cross-examine. CROSS-EXAMINED BY BOOHADOOR SING Question-Did you not come to the mint guard at 1 o'clock at night and see me there ? Answer-I did not go. I did not leave the fort. BY THE COURT Question-At what time did you relieve the sentries that night? Answer-I was awake at 12 o'clock, and I heard that these two men were absent. Question-How do you reconcile this statement with your answer. that you did not know whether they were present the whole night? Answer----I did not clearly understand the first question. The witness is warned by the Court that prevarication is liable to severe punishment. The witness withdraws. The prosecution is closed. The prisoners are called on for their defence. Sepoy Boodheelall Tewarry, prisoner, says :---

I was reading my accounts at about half-past 5 o'clock in the evening, when Boohadoor Sing, sepoy, came from the city and said to

me that Guness Gwala, who is of the same caste with myself, and with whom I am on intimate terms, and who is of this regiment, and was on the mint guard, had got a letter for me from my home. I said,--" It is now within half an hour of my tour for sentry duty; I shall not be able to get there in that time." I performed my tour of sentry. Boohadoor Sing was on duty at the same time in the guard-room. He had taken off his uniform, and I began to take off mine. He called me over and said-" Let us go and get the letter "; and I said-" Very good ; let us go." The witness, the lance-naick, who says he was asleep, was sitting on his charpoy. Boohadoor and I went together to the mint guard. I asked the sentry if this is a subadar's or a jemadar's guard ; so I went and made a salaam to the subadar and said -" There is a report that we shall have to go to a parade at Barrackpore." The subadar became angry and abused us, and I said-" Why do you abuse us? We have come for a letter, or would not have come at night." He then abused us and put us in confinement, and placed a sentry over us. I joined hands and begged to be let off; that I was on duty and I should lose my livelihood. About half-past 11 o'clock the Lance-Naick Dabee Rai came to the mint guard, and spoke to the other naick, Allahooddeen, to waken the subadar, and to get us let off as we were on duty. The subadar sent out word that they would come into the fort in the morning. Allahoodeen asked the Lance Naick Dabee Rai, on his arrival, why he came running there at that time of night, and his reply was that he had come to seek two sepoys who were absent, and asked for us to be let off, as we were on duty. This is all. I don't tell falsehoods. Kill me, but I will not tell lies. I have no witness: God is my witness.

It being suggested to the prisoner that he might call Guness Gwala,

Guness Gwala (Hindu), 10th Company, 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers), is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

EXAMINED BY THE PRISONEB BOODHEELALL TEWARRY Question—Did you receive a letter for me about the 10th instant? Answer—On the 9th instant I got a letter for him.

Question-Were you on guard then at the mint guard ?

Answer-Yes.

By THE COURT

Question-Did you receive the letter by dak or from the hands of any private person?

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Answer---Some relative of his gave it to me, and told me to forward it to Boodheelall Tewarry.

Question-Do you know the man who gave you the letter?

Answer-I don't know him.

Question-Then how did you know he was a relative ?

- Answer-I merely supposed that receiving the letter from him he was so.
- Question-Did you give the letter to the prisoner before or after he was confined ?
- Answer-Before.

Question-When and where did you give it?

Answer—At about half-past 9 at night, on the 9th instant, I went out from the guard to make water in the lane near the guard, and I met the two prizoners in the lane. They asked me for the letter. I went into the guardroom and brought it out and gave it to them outside. I then went into the guard-room and they went away.

Question-Do you know on what day the prisoners were confined ?

Answer—No, I don't recollect the date. I gave the letter before they were confined. I don't know when they were confined.

### BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Where were you when the man gave the letter to you?

Answer—I was returning, from bathing, to the guard-room, when a man met me, and asked me if Boodheelall Tewarry was in the regiment. I said he was in the 4th Company. He gave me the letter, and asked me to forward it. This was on the 9th instant.

Question-Were you in uniform or in your Hindustani dress?

- Answer—In my Hindustani clothes.
- Question—If you were in Hindustani clothes, how was it that a man should ask you about a sepoy of the 2nd Regiment?
- Answer-He asked me in what regiment I was; I told him I was in the 2nd Regiment.
- Question-Why did you not tell the man to take the letter to Boodheelall Tewarry ?
- Answer—I took it because it was a sepoy's letter; otherwise I should not have taken it.

Question-Why did you not take the letter to Boodheelall Tewarry ?

Answer—After eating, I went into the bazar, when I met Boohadoor Sing, and told him to tell Boodheelall Tewarry to come and get this letter.

Question-At what o'clock, and at what place, did you meet Boohadoor Sing, sepoy ?

Answer-At 4 o'clock on the 9th instant, near the mint, in the bazar.

Question—At what o'clock did you come off sentry duty on that day?

Answer-From 10 to 12 o'clock.

It now striking 4 o'clock, the Court adjourned until to-morrow the 20th March, at 11 o'clock A.M.

### THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

### Fort William, Friday, 20th March 1857.

The Court re-assembled this day, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at their former place of meeting. The President, Members, Judge-Advocate, Interpreter, Prosecutor, and prisoners are all present.

The cross-examination of the last witness, Sepoy Guness Gwala, is resumed.

## BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-How many letters did you receive for Boodheelall Tewarry ?

Answer-One only.

Question-Was Boohadoor Sing in uniform ?

A nswer-He was dressed in native clothes.

Question-Can you read and write?

Answer-I can write a little, but I can't read a book.

Question—Did the address in the letter mention by whom it had been forwarded?

Answer-I don't know what was written on it ; I did not read it.

Question-Could you recognise the letter if it was shown you ?

Answer-Yes ; of course I would.

Question-What was the size of the letter ?

Answer-About four or five inches in length.

Question-Was the writing on both sides of the envelope? Answer-Yes,

Question—Did the prisoner Boodheelall Tewarry read the letter in your presence ?

Answer-He did not read it in my presence.

Question-Did he take it away with him?

Answer-He took it away with him.

Question—Have you seen the letter since you delivered it to Boodheelall Tewarry ?

Answer—No.

Question-How long have you been acquainted with the prisoners ?

Answer-I have not been on intimate terms with them; I merely know them to speak to.

Question-Why did you tell Boohadoor Sing to mention to Boodheelall Tewarry the circumstances of your having a letter for him ?

Answer-Because they are both sepoys in the 4th Company.

- Question—If you knew that the prisoners were in the same company, why did you not make the letter over to Boohadoor Sing, instead of requiring Boodheelall Tewarry to leave his guard and walk about two miles to obtain it?
- Answer—I did not give it to him because I thought that the person for whom the letter was ought to take it himself.

The witness withdraws.

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The prisoner Boohadoor Sing says :---

On the day of the night on which the Holee is burnt, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, I met Guness near the mint. He told me to tell Boodheelall Tewarry that he had a letter for him, and that he was to come and take it away. I got back to the fort at half-past 5 o'clock, and saw Boodheelall Tewarry seated on his charpoy at the guard, looking over his accounts. I told him that there was a letter for him with Guness at the mint, and to go and get it. He said it was too late to get it then, as it was half-past 5 o'clock, and he was for sentry duty at 6 o'clock. I replied -" You may go now or to-morrow, just as you like, to get your own." . We were both on duty together. and we were relieved at 9 o'clock. Boodheelall Tewarry said-"So a letter has come for me." I said-"Yes ; and if you like you may go and get it." Boodheelall replied -- "If you will come with me I will go." We went together to the mint guard, and Boodheelall asked the sentry if it was a subadar's or jemadar's guard. The sentry replied it was a subadar's. We then went into the compound, and went towards the door of the guard-room in which the subadar was. I stood at the

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door, and Boodheelall Tewarry went in. He went up to the subadar and said-" What is this report which is going about, about a parade? I fancy we shall have to go to Barrackpore for it." The subadar then said-" Who are you ?" Boodheelall replied-"I am a sepoy of the 2nd Regiment, Grenadiers." On this the subadar became angry. Boodheelall Tewarry said-" Why are you angry with me, subadar sahib? I came for a letter, and am now going away." The subadar was angry, and said—" Put both these men in confinement ; they are a pair of scoundrels." They put us in confinement, and placed another sentry over us. About half-past 11 o'clock, Lance-Naick Dabee Rai came there. The sentry asked him who he was. He replied-"I am a sepoy, and have come to look for these men." He then asked us why we were sitting there. Boodheelall replied-"The subadar has placed us in confinement." He then told the sentry to tell the subadar that these sepoys are being absent without leave, and to tell him to let them go. Then the sentry called Naick Allahooddeen, and told him that the sepoy, pointing to the lance-naick, was come to look for these men, who were absent without leave. Allahooddeen replied-"The subadar is sleeping; I will not awake him." Dabee Rai said to Allahooddeen-"You are an officer ; when there is anything to be done, will you not wake an officer?" On this he awoke him, and told him that a sepoy had come to look for these men, who were absent without leave. The subadar said-" Tell him they won't come to-night; they will come to-morrow morning." Dabee Rai went away, and we were reported absent without leave. In the morning, when we were being sent off, I joined my hands and said-" Subadar Sahib, why are you confining me? I never saw you before to speak to and have never spoken to you. How -can you know me to be a badmash (scoundrel)?" He said-"Hold your tongue." This is all I have to say. I have no witness to call,

The defence is closed.

Naick Jyepall Sing, 2nd Regiment (Grenadiers), is recalled and examined on his former solemn affirmation.

# BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Did the prisoners belong to your guard on the 9th instant?

Answer-They did.

Question—Were they absent at any time after gun-fire that night ? A never—At no time were they absent. The prisoners both decline to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

Naick Allahooddeen, 34th Regiment of Native Infantry, is recalled, and examined on his former solemn affirmation.

# BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Was Guness Sepoy present at the guard when the prisoners were confined?

- Answer-I dou't know whether he was on duty or in the guardroom.
- Question—Did the prisoners, at any time subsequent to, or previous to, their confinement, mention to you, or to any one in your presence, that they had come to receive a letter from Guness?
- Answer-I never heard them say anything of the kind to me or to any one in my presence.

Both sepoys decline to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

Purmode Pandy, Sepoy, the fourth witness for the prosecution, is recalled and reminded of his former solemn affirmation.

Question—On the 10th instant, did the prisoner, at any time subsequent to, or previous to, their confinement, mention to you, or to any one in your presence, that they had come to receive a letter from Guness ?

Answer-I never heard them say anything of the kind.

Both prisoners declined to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

The Court rose for a quarter of an hour at ten minutes past 1 o'clock to enable the Prosecutor to prepare a reply, and at half-past 1 o'clock resumed their seats, all parties being present.

The following reply is read by the Prosecutor:-In closing this case, I consider it right to point out the enormity of the crime with which the prisoners have been charged, and of which I have every reason to believe that they will be found guilty. It has been distinctly stated by Subadar Muddeh Khan, and that officer's statement has been fully corroborated by other witnesses, that the prisoners endeavoured to induce him to leave the important post with which he had been entrusted, and to march his guard into the fort for the purpose of taking possession of

it. As to the object of this move there could be no doubt; it could only have been with the view of taking up arms against their officers, and subverting the authority of that State which they have solemnly sworn to defend; and although it is equally without doubt that this attempt would have signally failed, yet it would have cast upon the reputation of the Bengal Army a stigma that it would have required years to efface.

I am sure I need not remark upon the utter worthlessness of their defence, for no officer of any standing could for a moment suppose that there could have been a particle of truth in the assertion of the witness Guness, that a perfect stranger had made over to his charge a letter for a sepoy with whom he acknowledges that he had but a slight acquaintance; and even in the event of his improbable story being so far true, that he really had been addressed by this stranger, of whom he knew not the name or residence, he would certainly have directed the person so addressing him to take the letter to Boodheelall Tewarry, and not put that sepoy to the inconvenience of walking a distance of about two miles to receive a letter that might have been put into his hands by the man who had actually brought it from his home, and would therefore have been able to have given him information regarding his relatives and friends. Again, if Guness' evidence is to be believed, the letter was really given to Boodheelall on the night of the 9th instant, in a iane near the mint; hence there could have been no necessity for the prisoner's entering the guard-room, and their statement as to their having gone for the letter can only be a more pretence.

I repeat the whole story is evidently unworthy of belief, and I consequently feel convinced that at the hands of the President and Members of this Court, composed as it is of officers who have served the .Government for so many years with fidelity and devotion, the prisoners will be awarded a punishment commensurate with the offence of which they have been guilty.

The Court is closed for their finding.

#### . FINDING

The Court are of opinion that the prisoners Boodheelall Tewarry and Boohadoor Sing, both sepoys of the 4th Company, 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers), are guilty of both charges preferred against them.

The Court is re-opened, and the prisoners are again brought before it. Ensign W. D. Shaw, 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers) is called into Court and duly sworn.

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# EXAMINED BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question-Have the prisoners been duly warned that evidence of previous conviction and general character would be given against them ?

Answer-They have been warned. There are no previous convictions.

Question-What is their general character?

Answer-That of Boodheelall Tewarry is bad; that of Boohadoor Sing is good.

Question-What is their age and length of service ?

Answer-I am not able to speak on these points.

Question-Is there any officer here in garrison of the regiment who can speak on these points?

Answer-I do not know.

The prioners both decline to cross-examine.

The Court is closed.

# SENTENCE

The Court sentence the prisoners Boodheelall Tewarry and Boohadoor Sing, both sepoys of the 4th Company of the 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry (Grenadiers), to imprisonment with hard labour for the term of fourteen years,

	(Sd.)	JOWAHIR TEWARRY, Subadar-Maj. 43rd Regiment, Native Infantry, President.		
	(8d.)	W. M. GRIERSON, Lieut., Interpreter to the Court.		
FORT WILLIAM, The 20th March 1857.	(Sd.)	G. C. HATCH, Capt., Dy. Judge-Advocate-General.		
Approved and confi	rmed.			
SIMLA, The 1st April 1857.	(Sd.)	G. ANSON, Genl., Comdrin-Chief, East Indies.		

The Court adjourned at half-past 3 o'clock P. M. until 11 A. M. tomorrow, 21st March,

> G. C. HATCH, Capt., (8d.) Dy. Judge-Advocate-General.

List of Witnesses on the Trial of Boodheelall Tewarry and Boohadoor Sing, both sepoys of the 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry, (Grenadiers).

# PROSECUTION

1. Muddeh Khan, Subadar.

2. Allahooddeen, Naick.

3. Sardar Khan, Sepoy.

4. Purmode Pandy, Sepoy.

5. Jyepall Sing, Naick.

6. Rambuksh Sing, Havildar.

7. Shaikh Golam Mahomed, Subadar-Major.

8. Sungut, Sirdar-Bearer.

9. Dabee Rai, Lance-Naick.

### DEFENCE

1. Guness Gwala, Sepoy.

# MINUTE BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Death would be the appropriate punishment for the crime of which the prisoners have been convicted.

There is none of which a soldier can be guilty which more imperatively calls for the severest sentence which can be awarded by a courtmartial, but fourteen years of disgraceful labour may be to some worse than death, and the Commander-in-Chief will not therefore call for arevision of the sentence.

He is disposed to believe that many of the Native officers who composed the Court would agree with him in this view, and he therefore has unhesitatingly approved and confirmed their award. The miserable fate which the prisoners have brought upon themselves will excite no pity in the breast of any true soldier.

The Commander-in-Chief has noticed with satisfaction the conduct of Subadar Muddeh Khan, who, when the prisoners first dared to speak to him of mutiny, at once ordered them into confinement and reported the circumstance without delay. It is in this prompt manner that the least approach to mutiny should invariably be met; and General Anson will have much pleasure in bringing the subadar's behaviour on the occasion in question to the favorable notice of Government,

The 1st April 1857.

#### (Sd.) GEORGE ANSON.

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From Colonel R. J. H. BRICH, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, to the Judge-Advocate-General,—(Dated Fort William, 20th April 1857).

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 2nd April 1857, forwarding proceedings of a general court-martial on the trial of two sepoys of the 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that it has been laid before Government.

2. The enclosure of your letter is herewith returned as requested.

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# APPENDIX D

From Major-General J. B. HELEBET, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division, to the Secretary to the Government of India,—dated Barrackpore, 5th May 1857.

For the information of Government,  $\mathbf{I}$  have the honor to report that in obedience to His Excellency's orders communicated to me by telegram on the 2nd instant, the charges, finding, and sentence in the case of Jemadar Salickram Sing, 70th Native Infantry, namely, dismissai from the service, were duly read and interpreted to all the Native troops at Barrackpore, at a parade, which was specially ordered for the purpose.

From Lieutenant-Colonel K. YOUBG, Judge-Advocate-General, to the Secretary to the Government of India,—dated Simla, 4th May 1857.

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Commanderin-Chief, to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor-General of India in Council, the accompanying proceedings of a general court-martial on the trial of Salickram Sing, Jemadar, 70th Native Infantry, who has been convicted of mutiny, the return of which is requested when no longer required.

LIST OF WITNESSES UPON THE TRIAL OF JEMADAR SALICERAM SING, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry.

### PROSECUTION

- 1. Colonel J. D. Kennedy.
- 2. Major J. Bontein, 37th Regiment of Native Infantry.
- 3. First-Lieutenant M. E. Currie, Commissary of Orduance,
- 4. Lieutenant H. Michell (Unattached).
- .5. Colonel A. Abbott, C.B., Inspector-General.

PROSECUTION-(concld.)

6. Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing.

7. Havildar Issuree Sing.

8. Subadar Homail Sing.

9. Subadar-Major Duriou Sing.

10. Drill-Havildar Sew Churn Missr.

11. Lieutenant P. H. F. Harris,

12. Havildar Davee Sing.

13. Havildar Poorun Roy.

14. Sepoy Issuree Ram.

15. Sepoy Gunness Tewarry.

16. Naick Latchmun Doobey.

17. Havildar Madho Sing.

18. Lance-Naick Rampersaud Ditchit.

19. Havildar Bhowany Bux Sing.

20. Sepoy Gunness Pandy.

21. Sepoy Issuree Sing.

22. Sepoy Buldeo Sing.

23. Sepoy Adhar Sing.

# DEFENCE

1. Havildar Poorum Roy.

2. Boodhram Sing, Sepoy.

3. Subadar Gourie Sunkur.

4. Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing.

5. Mucdoom Bux, Abdar.

6. Rujjub Khidmatgar.

7. Lieutenant Harris.

8. Havildar Hyat Bux Khan.

9. Naick Mumrez Khan.

10. Sepoy Soobdhan Doobey.

# (Sd.) G. C. HATCH, Colonel, Deputy Judge-Advocate-General.

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Proceedings of a Native general court-martial assembled at Fort William, on Saturday, the 21st March 1857, by order of Major-General J. B. HEABERT, O.B., Commanding the Presidency Division, and with the sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Governor of the Fort, for the trial of Jemadar Salickram Sing, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, who appears as privaner in Court.

### PRESIDENT:

### Subadar-Major JEWAHIB TEWAEBY, 43rd Regiment, Native Light Infantry.

### MEMBERS:

Subadar BHOLA OPADIA, 17th Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar HUBBUCK SING, 40th Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar RAM SING, 9th Battalion, Artillery. Subadar AMANUT KHAN, 37th Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar SEWUMBER PANDY, 84th Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar DUBGA RAM, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar MHODA BUKEN, 9nd Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar MEBEWAN SING, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar MEBEWAN SING, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar AGONHIALL MISSH, 43rd Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar AGONHIAL MISSH, 43rd Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar AGONHIAL MISSH, 43rd Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar AGONHIAL MISSH, 43rd Regiment, Native Infantry. Subadar JAIIM SING, 43rd Regiment, Native Infantry. Jemadar DEWAN ALIB, 9th Battalion, Artillery. Jemadar MANUM SING, 65th Regiment, Native Infantry.

### IN WAITING.

Jemadar RAMODE SING, 43rd Regiment, Native Light Infantry. Jemadar SEWBAM MISSE, 70th Regiment, Native Infantry.

### JUDGE-ADVOCATE.

Captain G. C. HATCH, Deputy Judge-Advocate-General, Presidency Division.

#### INTERPRETER.

# Lieutenant W. M. GRIEBSON, Officiating Interpreter and Quartermaster, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. D. Kennedy, Commanding 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, having been appointed Prosecutor on this trial, takes his seat in Court.

The names of the President and Members of the Court are read out in the hearing of the prisoner by the Judge-Advocate.

# BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question—Jemadar Salickram Sing, do you object to being tried by the President, or any of the Members appointed to sit on this court-martial, whose names you have heard read? 
> I object to Durga Ram, Subadar, Meerwan Sing, Subadar, Ajoodhia Tewarry, Subadar, all of the 70th Regiment of Native Infantry.

# BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

# Question-Will you state your reasons for your objections to these Members?

Answer-I don't think they will do me justice.

Subadar Durga Ram, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, to Court —I have no enmity against the jemadar; I will do my duty to the Government.

Subadar Meerwan Sing-I have no spite against the jemadar. Perhaps he may have against me.

Subadar Ajoodhia Tewarry to the Court-I have no spite against the jemadar.

The Court is closed,-the members objected to withdrawing.

The Court is opened.

President to Saliekram Sing, Jemadar—The Court have decided that your objection should not be allowed; you have assigned no reason for it.

Jemadar Salickram Sing to the Court—There is an ill-feeling against me in the regiment. My heart does not fancy them. It rests with the Court.

### BY THE COURT

If you can state any reason why you conceive there is ill-feeling against you, or show that either of these sirdars has expressed an unfavorable opinion of you, the Court will hear the objection.

Jemadar Salickram Sing to Court-I don't think they have enmity against me, but I don't fancy their sitting. I withdraw the objection.

# BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question-Do you object to any one else?

Answer—No.

The Interpreter, President, Members, and Judge-Advocate make the prescribed solemn affirmation.

# The following charges are read out :---

# CHARGES

Jomadar Salickram Sing, of the 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, placed in arrest by order of Major-General J. B. Hearsey, C.B., Commanding the Presidency Division, on the following charges :---

# FIRST CHARGE

For having begun a mutiny, and incited others to join in a mutiny in the regiment to which he belongs, in the following instances :---

- Ist—In having at Barrackpore, on the evening of the 5th March 1857, in presence of Issuree Sing, Havildar of the Light Company, addressed Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing, of the Light Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, in words to the following effect:—" My only hope is in you; what do you say? The sepoys may bite the new cartridges if they like, but I will not bite them;" thereby endeavouring to persuade the said jemadar and havildar to combine with him in resistance to lawful authority.
- 2nd—In having at Barrackpore, on the evening of the same day endeavoured to persuade the men of his company to disobey the order they had received to thatch their huts without delay; informing them that they need be in no hurry in thatching their huts, as there would shortly be a disturbance, thereby inciting the men to resist authority.
- 3rd—In having at Barrackpore, on the evening of the 8th March 1857, had a meeting of non-commissioned officers and sepoys of his regiment at his hut in the lines of the 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry in breach of the standing orders of the army and of the regiment.

# SECOND CHARGE

For conduct unbecoming an officer, in having made no report to his commanding officer of any intended disturbance, although he informed the men that a disturbance was intended, as set forth in the second instance of the first charge.

By order of the Major General Commanding the Presidency Division.

BARBACKPOBE, The 16th March 1857. (S.I.) A. H. ROSS, Major, Asst. Adjt. Genl., Frery. Division. BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question—Jemadar Salickram Sing, of the 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry—How say you, are you guilty, or not guilty, of these charges ?

Answer-Not guilty.

### JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Colonel Kennedy proposes to produce his evidence separately on each instance of the charge, and to close the evidence on each instance before proceeding to the next, which will be the most convenient way of recording the evidence.

### 1st Witness

Brevet-Colonel J. D. Kennedy, the Prosecutor, is sworn.

EXAMINED BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question-You command the 70th Regiment of Native Infantry? Answer-I do

Question—Was the prisoner with the regiment in the present month at Barrackpore ?

- Answer-Since the 4th of the month, when he returned from garrison duty. I believe he returned on the night of the 3rd instant.
- Question—Has there not been a great deal of excitement amongst the sepoys of the regiments at Barrackpore, arising from, or connected with, a new kind of cartridge issued by Government?

Answer-Yes; more or less in all the regiments.

- Question-Will you state to the Court, what measures you know to have been taken by the authorities at Barrackpore in consequence of the excitement, and what measures you yourself took ?
- Answer—The Brigadier and General ordered a parade of the whole force. The General addressed the men, and explained to them how groundless their suspicions were regarding the preparation of these cartridges; that it was far from the intention of Government to interfere in any way with their religion and caste; and not to suppose that there was anything prejudicial to their caste in the paper of which the cartridges were made. The address appeared to have the desired effect upon the men. The men went to their lines, appearing to be perfectly satisfied with this explanation given

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by the General. I myself went on two different occasions into my own lines, taking with me some cartridges and paper of which they were made, which I had received from the Brigadier Commanding. I showed them to the men in the lines, whom I had called out and collected near the bells-of-arms. The cartridges and the paper I distributed myself amongst the men, told them to examine them carefully, and to hand them round that all might see them. This I saw done in my presence, as I was standing surrounded by them. I then explained to them that those were the kind of cartridges which would be issued for the new rifle and that would be the paper of which they would be made; and to tell me what they thought, if there was anything prejudicial to their caste or religion in either the one or the other. They carefully examined the papers, and said that there was nothing; that they could see nothing that could injure their caste. I assured them there was no grease whatever in the paper. Had there been, it would have been very perceptible; indeed, the paper could not be made with grease in it, to the best of my belief: That Government would not, on any account now, as they had ever done before, interfere with their religion or caste; and I appealed to one or two old Native officers, who were standing near, to know if what I said was not the case. They all appeared quite satisfied with my explanation; and said they felt sure that my statement was perfectly true. I then collected from them the paper and cartridges, and returned with them to my quarters, and have kept them ever since.

- Question-When did you make this explanation to the men of your regiment?
- Answer-On the 3rd February, the day on which I received them from the Brigadier.
- Question—From that time to the 5th of this month, did you have any dissatisfaction amongst your men on the subject of the cartridges ?

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Answer—No; I am not aware that my men were at any time dissatisfied.

- Question-Will you show the Court the cartridges which you received from the Brigadier, and made over to your men to examine ?
- Answer—These are the cartridges and this is the paper. They are placed before the Court.
- Question-Is there anything in the composition of this paper which can possibly be objectionable to the religion of any man, whether a Mussulman or Hindu?

Answer-Certainly not, to the best of my belief.

Question-Have the new cartridges, which you have produced, been generally issued out to the men ?

Answer-No; they have not been issued at all.

Question—When was the second occasion of your speaking to the men on the subject of these cartridges ?

Answer—It was about the end of February, when I proceeded into the lines as I had done before, showing the men the paper and the cartridges; and explained to them almost in the same words as on the previous occasion. Thinking I had not shown them the thick paper of which the cartridges are made, I went again and procured some of the thick paper from the depot at Dum-Dum. On showing them this paper, they said I had shown it to them already on a previous occasion. They, however, re-examined it, and the cartridges on that evening; and, to my mind, appeared just as satisfied as they were on the former occasion.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY JEMADAR SALICKRAM SING Question—When you spoke to the sirdars at your bungalow on the subject of the cartridges, did I object to use them?

Answer—I cannot exactly say whether he was one of the Native officers present when they were at my quarters; but none of them made any objection; so, of course, if he were there he would be included.

BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question-When was this occurrence at your bungalow?

Answer—I have had them to my house two or three times; it may have been in January, because I remember having the Native officers up there about a bad feeling which Answer-(concld.)

appeared to exist amongst the troops at the station generally before I received the cartridges and paper from the Brigadier, which was on the 3rd February.

The witness resumes his seat as Prosecutor.

## 2nd Witness

Major J. Bontein, 37th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and sworn.

### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—You command, I believe, the School of Musketry at Dum-Dum?

Answer-Yes.

Question-Will you be so good as to give the Court such information as you can as to the preparation of the cartridges used in the School of Musketry?

Answer—There are two kinds of paper used, specimens of which I havo with me. The finer kind is the same which was formerly employed in making cartridges, to the best of my belief. The other is of a thicker quality, and forms the inner case or cylinder. The thick paper is known as what is generally called "cartridge paper". It is employed in making the present cartridges in consequence of its greater strength. I have tested it in a variety of ways by burning it and writing on it; and I can detect nothing beyond the ordinary cartridge paper.

Question-Is grease of any kind used with it?

- Answer—The cartridge is made up; and the ball end of it should be dipped into grease. I mention this as the process of making the regular cartridge; but in the exercise of cartridge-making at the Dum-Dum School, we have not as yet employed grease of any kind, the object being simply to teach the men the process.
- Question—Have greased cartridges ever been issued by Government to the depot at Dum-Dum ?

Answer-Never.

Question-Will you produce the specimens you have brought of cartridges ? Who are these cartridges made by ?

Answer-Made by Mahomedans and Hindus, Native officers and men at Dum-Dum,

Question-Why has this process of making cartridges been taught to the Native officers and sepoys at the Dum-Dum Depot?

Answer—Because it is so ordered in the book of instructions, the object being simply that the men should understand the process as a part of their profession, and not with the smallest expectation that they would be called upon to practise it. The system of instruction includes a certain course of drills, of which cartridgemaking is one.

Question-Is not this cartridge for a new kind of musket which is not in general use ?

A nover—Yes.

Question—What are your instructions regarding the use of grease for these new cartridges by the men at the Musketry School?

Answer—In consequence of some objection raised at the School of Musketry to the grease employed in the magazine, I reported the circumstance officially to Major-General Hearsey, and in due course I received orders to parade my men and explain to them that the Commander-in-Chief readily attended to their objection, and that instead of the grease then employed in the magazine for the purpose in question, they would be allowed to procure the materials in the bazar; provided, of course, that it in no way lessened the efficiency of the cartridge. The depot was accordingly paraded, and after I had myself explained to the men the decision of Government, they unanimously expressed themselves perfectly satisfied and ready to obey any orders that I might wish to give them.

Jemadar Salickram Sing declines to cross-examine. The witness withdraws.

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1st-Lieutenant M. E. Currie, Artillery, is called into Court and duly sworn.

#### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-You are, I believe, Commissary of Ordnance, and is charge of the arsenal of Fort William ?

Answer-I am.

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Question-Will you give the Court such information as you possess regarding the preparation and manufacture of the new cartridge ?

- Answer—The cartridge is prepared with a particular sort of paper sent out from England. The directions are to prepare it with care, to keep the grease to fit the bore exactly, for which purpose paper of a uniform thickness is required. After the cartridge is finished, as you see it here (the witness takes up a cartridge already in Court), about two-thirds of the bullet is dipped in grease. The cartridge is then ready for use.
- Question-Have greased cartridges ever been issued to the troops from your magazine ?
- Answer---No cartridges have ever been issued from the arsenal here; but some have been sent from the arsenal to Delhi, and to the depots of instruction up-country. None have been issued from the arsenal to any regiment; but they have been sent to the Delhi magazine for the 60th Rifles, a European regiment.
- Question-Do you issue any cartridges for the use of the Dum-Dum School of Musketry ?
- Answer----The depot under my orders at Dum-Dum makes up the cartridges required for that place.
- Question-Were the cartridges made there and issued from your magazine prepared with grease ?
- A newer-I really cannot answer that without referring to the records in the office.
- Question-Did you receive any orders from Government on the subject of grease for these cartridges ?

Answer-I got an order to supply cartridges for the use of the Dum-Dum depot free from any grease.

Question-When did you get that order?

Answer-On the 27th of January last.

- Question-Then since that date no greased cartridges have been made ?
- Answer-No greased cartridges have been made at Dum-Dum since that date.
- Question-In the paper used for the new cartridges is there any grease, to the best of your knowledge ?

Answer-To the best of my knowledge there is none.

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The witness withdraws,

### 4th Witness

Lieutenant H. Michell, Assistant Commissary of Ordnance, is called into Court and sworn.

### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Are you employed in the arsenal of Fort William ? Answer-I am.

Question-Will you look at the cartridge paper of which these cartridges are made, and say if there is any or the slightest appearance of grease in this paper (the cartridges in Court shown)?

- Answer-I should know from their outward appearance; I know there is nothing of the kind in them.
- Question—Have you seen the manufacture of paper, and have you ever seen or known grease to be a material employed in the composition of paper ?
- Answer—I have witnessed the whole process of making cartridgepaper at the Serampore Mills; I saw no grease used of any kind. I believe that grease would be dangerous; I could give many reasons for it; owing to the fear of spontaneous combustion, I should say that grease would be entirely discarded in the manufacture of paper; the use of it would also cause the paper to rot.

Jemadar Salickram Sing, the prisoner, declines to cross-examine. The witness withdraws.

It being ten minutes to 4 o'clock, the Court adjourns until Monday, the 23rd March, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

### SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

### Fort William, 23rd March 1857.

The Court reassembled this day, at 12 o'clock, A. M., the President, Members, Judge-Advocate, Interpreter, Prosecutor, and prisoner being all present.

#### 3rd Witness

Lieutenant Currie, Commissary of Ordnance, recalled and examined on his former oath.

## BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—You stated in your evidence on Saturday, that before the 27th January, cartridges were issued to the Delhi

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magazine from the arsenal, already greased; what `are the orders you have received on the composition of grease for the use of cartridges?

Answer—The grease was to be made of six parts of tallow and one part of bees-wax.

Question-Of what ought that tallow to consist ?

Answer-No inquiry is made as to the fat of what animal is used,

Question-You do not yourself know what fat is used ?

Answer-No, I don't know.

Question—Is not the intention of Government that the tallow to be used in the preparation of grease should be mutton or goat's fat?

Answer-It is not the intention of Government that all grease used in any preparation in the magazine is to be made of goat's and sheep's fat only.

The witness withdraws,

#### 5th Witness

Colonel A. Abbott, C.B., is called into Court and sworn.

### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-You are, I believe, Inspector-General of Ordnance ? Answer-Yes,

Question-Will you be so good as to state to the Court what the tallow used with the cartridge for the new musket was to be composed of ?

Answer-The tallow is that which the contractor supplied; but I can't say positively what it consists of.

Question-Did you receive any information that an objectionable material was used in the grease supplied from the arsenal for the new cartridges in the first instance ?

Answer---I heard on the morning of the 27th of January, I believe, I am not positive, that the sepoys objected to use

the new cartridges because they were greased. I inquired at the arsenal what composition had been used, and was told that the composition was that which the Regulations prescribed, and that the tallow might or might not have contained the fat of cows or other animals.

Question-What did you do on receiving this report?

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Answer-I went to my office immediately, and then I saw Major Bontein, who stated what had occurred at Dum-Dum. I told him to take any cartridges he liked from the depot, and to do anything he pleased to satisfy the men, and that the warrant officer there would comply with all his requisitions. I afterwards received the original correspondence, showing that the case had been submitted to Government, who had sanctioned the issue of cartridges free from any kind of grease.

Question-Did you accordingly give any instructions for the discontinuance of the issue of greased cartridges ?

Answer-Decidedly; immediately, not only here but to all the magazines in the Upper Provinces.

Question-And what are the orders now for the use of grease for the new musket cartridges ?

Answer—The orders are at present that they are to be made without any grease whatever.

Question-When did you give the order for the discontinuance of grease in the new cartridges?

Answer-I gave orders to stop the making of cartridges with grease on them immediately after I heard of the objection.

Question—Are you not aware that directly Government heard of the objection raised by the men that they immediately sanctioned the issue of cartridges free from grease of any kind ?

Answer-Yes, I am aware.

The prisoner Salickram Sing declines to cross-examine.

The witness withdrawa

#### 6th Witness

Sewbuccus Sing (Hindu), Jemadar, Light Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

- Question—On the evening of the 5th instant, did Salickram Sing, Jemadar, 1st Company, the prisoner in Court, go to you at your hut in the lines and converse with you on any particular subject, and what did he say ?
- Answer-About 10 o'clock on the day of the 5th March, I and Issuree Sing, Havildar, Light Company, were talking together in my hut regarding furlough. After

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the usual salutations, I asked him to sit down; he then said-" Now tell me; I want only your opinion now, and I place great hope (tawakku\*) in you." He said-"Tell us what is the state of your mind about it." I said-" About what ?" He said-" About biting the cartridges." I replied-"I will bite cartridges if I get the order, and will obey whatever I get; I don't care if any one should say that I have lost my caste by biting them. I will still obey the Government, from whom I get my livelihood." He said-- "I will not bite them ; I will cut them with my sword." Subadar Ram Kissen was passing my door at the time, so Salickram got up and joined him. Issures Sing and I were left alone. I reported the circumstance shortly afterwards to Homail Sing, Subadar, Light Company, in the presence of the Subadar-Major, Duriou Sing.

Question-What did you understand by the expression, "I place great hope in you?"

.. Answer---I understood that he wished me to side in his opinion regarding the cartridges, by doing which I should have been a guilty man.

Question-Did he say that he had spoken to any others on the subject, and whether they had agreed with him or not ?

Answer-He said-"All the rest have taken cartridges in their hands; you only remain."

Question-Had you been on garrison duty with the prisoner Salickram Sing, and when did you both return ?

Answer—He was on duty in the fort; I was on duty on the Governor-General's guard at Government House. We returned to Barrackpore on the 3rd of this month. This man came to me on the 5th of the month.

Question-During the time you were down here, did you see much of Jemadar Salickram Sing ?

Answer—We met twice. He came to my guard once; and I came into the fort on business once, and met him and all the rest of the Native officers.

Question-Did Jemadar Salickram Sing say anything to you on these two occasions about the cartridge question ?

Answer-He said nothing to me, or to any one else before me.

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Question-What cartridges did you understand the prisoner to say he would not bite? Answer-I understood him to mean those that had gone to Dum-Dum. Question-Why did you understand this? Answer-Because there had been a great deal of talk about these cartridges in the station, and the colonel had told us there was nothing wrong in them; that no one wished to take our caste from us; and that if there was anything said about it, no matter to what regiment the · men belonged, we were to report it to him. Question-Were you on intimate terms with the prisoner at the time he came to you? -We have known each other a long time, and we were on A nswer– the usual terms of friendship. Question-How long did he remain with you on the occasion in your hut? Answer-About half an hour. Question-What was the conversation about all this time ? Answer-We smoked and talked on general subjects, with the exception that I have above related. Question-State to the best of your recollection what were the exact words spoken by the jemadar regarding the cartridges ? -He said-" What do you say on the subject of the Answer cartridges ? Will you bite them or not ?" I replied-"I will." He replied-" I will not cut them with my ۰. teeth; I will cut them with my sword." Question-Did he use no other words whatever on the subject? Answer-No, I told him not to talk about the cartridges, as it is forbidden ; saying, what will people say if they hear that we have had a conversation on the subject in my hut, - Question-Was Havildar Issuree Sing, Light Company, in your hut during the whole time Jemadar Salickram Sing was there ? Answer----He was there the whole time. Question-Did the Jemadar assign any reason for his not biting the cartridges ? Answer-He said there is some grease in them, and therefore I cannot bite them.

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Question-Did you send for the subadar-major, or did he come himself to the subadar's hut ? Answer-No, the subadar came of his own accord; and when I saw the two officers together, I went and reported. Question-Why did you not report such a serious circumstance to the commanding officer direct, instead of reporting to Native officers? Answer-The subadar, my senior officer, was present in the lines. and it is my duty to report to him. Had he not been there, or had he not reported what I told him, I would have done so myself. Question-Why did you not report a circumstance that occurred at 10 o'clock in the day time until 4 o'clock in the afternoon ? Answer-I waited until I could see two officers together: there would have been no witness if I had gone and reported the circumstance to him while he was alone. BY THE COURT Question-Had any cartridges been distributed to any men of the regiment, that this jemadar should speak about them ? Answer-No, none had been distributed to the regiment ; but the colonel had taken some down, as well as the paper of which they were made, and showed it to the men. The Native officers took them in their hands and showed them to the men. I heard of this. Question-Had any ever been distributed for use ? Answer-No. Question-On the 5th, or about that day, had there been any new cartridges distributed to the men ? -No. Answer-The witness withdraws. 7th Witness Issuree Sing (Hindu), Havildar, Light Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

#### BY THE PROSECUTOR.

Question-Were you at the hut of Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing, of the Light Company, at Barrackpore on the 5th instant ? If so, state what occurred there ?

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Answer-Yes, I went there. I was going to bathe, when Sewbuccus called me in, and told me he was going to bathe too, and asked me to wait for him, when Jemadar Salickram Sing came from the 1st Company and said--- "Brother, I have no one but you to hope in; if they will tell me, I will cut the cartridges with a sword, but will not bite them; the sepoys may do as they please." Question---What did Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing reply?

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Answer---He said--- You ought not to say such a thing; whatever is necessary to be done for Government that I will do."

Question-DidJemadarSalickramSingsaywhyhewould not bite them?

- Answer—He said nothing more. The jemadar did not ask him for a reason.
- Question—Did the jemadar say anything about there being grease on the cartridges, and assign that as a reason for not biting them ?

Answer-I did not hear him say so.

Question-To whom were these words addressed ?

Answer-To Sewbuccus Sing, in my presence.

Question---When Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing replied "he would do whatever was necessary for Government," what did Jemadar Salickram Sing say ? Did he say anything ?

Answer-No, he went away.

- Question—What did you understand from what Jemadar Salickram Sing said about the cartridges ?
- Answer-I understood he alluded to the excitement amongst the troops. I only heard these words-" My only hope is in you and in no one else. If the Government shall order it, I will cut the cartridges with a sword, but not bite them with my teeth. The sepoys may do as they choose."

Question—What cartridges do you understand to have been meant? Answer—The cartridges about which there was so much excitement. The Court now adjourned at 4 o'clock, until 11 o'clock to-morrow in the ... forenoon.

### THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

#### Fort William, Tuesday, 24th March 1857.

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The Court reassembled this day at their former place of meeting at'11 o'clock A.M., the President, Members, Judge-Advocate, Interpreter, the Prosecutor, and prisoner being all present.

The examination of Havildar Issuree Sing was resumed by the Prosecutor. Question-What do you understand by the words-" My only hope is in you?" Answer--That he wanted the Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing to join with him. Question-About what time elapsed in this visit and conversation ? Answer-About half-an-hour. Question-What were they doing all this time? Answer-These words about the cartridges first passed between them, and they afterwards smoked and conversed. Question-Was the word used by Jemadar Salickram Sing "tawakku," \* or bharosa? Answer-Bharosa. Question-Did you remain in the hut with the jemadar after Jemadar Salickram Sing left ? Amoner -The jemadar said to me-"Stop, Issuree Sing, I want to say something to you." Question - What did he say ? Answer-" Recollect the words used by Salickram Sing. I shall report them." Question-Did Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing tell Jemadar Salickram Sing not to talk about the cartridges? -Yes. " Don't talk about such a thing. Whatever work Answeris ordered to be done by Government, that I will perform," Question-Did Jemadar Salickram Sing give any and what reply ? Answer-He said-" You sirdars don't understand the thing; one says one thing, and one another." Question-Did Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing make any and what reply to that? -He said-" I am not in the habit of running about in all Answerdirections to see people, and don't you do so. I sit in my house you sit in yours. We will see what happens." Question-After this what was said ? -The conversation on the subject ended, and Salickram Answersaid he would return to his hut. Sewbuccus asked him to sit down and take a smoke first, which he did, Question-Did you join in the conversation about the cartridges ? Answer--They spoke together; I did not join in the conversation. · · See page lain.

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Question-Did Jemadar Salickram Sing address you at all on the subject? Answer-No. CROSS-EXAMINED BY JEMADAR SALICKRAM SING Question-At what time did I go to Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing's hut and how long did I remain ? Answer-At half-past 9 o'clock in the morning. He remained until 10 o'clock. Question-When this conversation took place, how far were you from us? Answer-Sewbuccus Sing was seated at the head of his charpoy (bedstead) ; Salickram Sing was seated on the middle, and I was at one side of the charpoy. By THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE Question-Did Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing appear to be angry when Salickram Sing spoke about the cartridges ? -He was angry. Answer-Question-How do you know he was angry ? Answer-He spoke sharply. Question-On Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing speaking sharply, did Jemadar Salickram Sing excuse himself? -Salickram Sing made no reply, and dropped the subject. Answer-BY THE COURT Question-Did Jemadar Salickram Sing after this remain and smoke ? ) Answer-Yes; after this he smoked and then went away. Question-When they were smoking, was there no conversation ? Answer-No; having finished smoking, Jemadar Salickram Sing went away. Question-Do you know anything more on the subject than what you have stated? Answer-I know nothing more. The witness withdraws, 8th Witness Homail Sing (Hindu), Subadar, Light Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court and duly affirmed. EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR Question-On the 5th of this month did Sewbuccus Sing, Jemadar, Light Company, make any particular report to you and what ?

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Answer—Between 4 and 5 o'clock of that day he reported to me that Jemadar Salickram Sing had come to his hut and said—"I place great hope in you and in no one else; all the sirdars have taken the eartridges in their hands, and have consented to bite them. Tell me, will you bite them also." That Sewbuccus Sing said—"I will." That Salickram Sing said—"I will not bite them."

Question-Were you alone when this report was made to you?

Answer-Subadar-Major Duriou Sing was present.

Question-What steps did you take upon this report being made to you?

Answer-I said-"I would report the circumstance;" but the subadar-major said-"I, as senior, will report it."

Question-Did you report this affair to the adjutant?

Answer---When I was sent for next morning I related the circumstance to the adjutant.

The prisoner Salickram Sing declines to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

#### 9th Witness

Duriou Sing (Hindu), Subadar-Major, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

## EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Were you with Subadar Homail Sing of the Light Company at Barrackpore on the 5th of this month, when any particular report was made to him by any one?

Ansuer-On the 5th instant. I can't say whether it had struck

5 o'clock in the afternoon or not, but it was late. I had gone to the hut of the subadar to see them catching fish in the tank which is close beside it. Subadar Homail Sing was sitting on his *charpoy* in front of his door, looking on also. He called me to come and sit down, which I did, stating I had come to see the fishing. A little while afterwards, Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing, Light Company of the regiment, came and reported as follows:-- "To-day Salickram Sing, Jemadar, of the 1st Company, came to my hut and said-- I place great confidence or hope in you all; the rest have agreed to bite the cartridges, what

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do you say? Will you bite them? I never will.' Havildar Issuree Sing and I were both sitting in the hut. I said—' All the rest have agreed to bite them, and I will do so even if I do lose my caste by it; my relations will give me my food at the door and I will eat it there."

Question-On hearing such a report what steps did you take ?

Answer—I reported it that evening to the adjutant. I went to the adjutant's house at about 7 o'clock in the evening of that day to make the report, but he was out, so I waited until he returned at about 10 o'clock at night.

Question-Did you wait from 7 o'clock on that evening until 10 o'clock that night at the adjutant's bungalow?

Answer-Yes, I was there three hours; I waited near the door of his house.

Question-Were you on garrison duty in the month of February last?

Answer—Yes, on the Government House guard in Calcutta. I came down on the 3rd February, and returned to Barrackpore on the 3rd March.

Question—Was a considerable portion of the 70th Regiment down on garrison duty ?

Answer-Yes, somewhere about 500 men.

Question—Are you able to state what the feeling was at that time amongst the men of the 70th in garrison on the subject of the cartridges ? You are not asked as to individual names or opinions, but as to the general feeling.

Answer-I was on the Government House guard, some distance from the fort. I never heard anything about the cartridges among the men of my guard.

Question-Were they men of the 70th Regiment ?

Answer-Yes, the whole guard. There are 100 sepoys on the guard, with the proportion of the non-commissioned officers and others.

Question-Did you hear nothing about the certridges when you were on Government House guard ?

Answer-Yes; I think it was only from the barber who came down from the lines at Barrackpore. Question—Before you came down on garrison duty in February last, was there any excitement amongst the troops at Barrackpore on the subject of cartridges, and what measures were taken in your regiment in consequence?

Answer--There was; on the subject of the cartridges. The colonel of our regiment, Colonel Kennedy, sent for the Native officers to his bungalow, and told us to tell him upon what points we had any doubt. The colonel said--"You think you are going to lose your caste, but I assure you there is no doubt in it." I explained this to the men of my company.

Question—Was the Jemadar, Salickram Sing, present on the occasion of the colonel speaking to the sirdars of the regiment? Answer—I don't recollect; I should say there were about fifteen of us there.

Question-About what date was this?

Answer—I can't tell the date. It was some time in January, a day or two before the parade when Captain Impey, the Interpreter at that time of the regiment, read the order regarding the new cartridges, and explained to the men that Government would give the paper, and the men might supply their own grease, either oil or ghee.

BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

Question—Were you present at that parade? Answer—I was.

Question-Was Jemadar Salickram Sing, the prisoner, present?

Answer-He is in the 1st Company, and I am in the 4th; I cannot say.

Question-Did the men appear to you to be satisfied with the explanation then given at the parade, and with what you told them to have been said by the colonel ?

Answer-Yes; the men appeared to be satisfied and are so still.

Question—Will you state as nearly as you can recollect what Captain Impey, the Interpreter, said to the men on parade about the cartridges ?

Answer-Captain Impey said-" The doubt, which you had in your minds regarding cow's or pig's fat being used in the grease, has been reported to Government, who have

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no desire whatever that you should lose caste, and they have, therefore, forbidden the application of the grease to the cartridges. The paper and the powder will be supplied by Government, and oil and ghee or other greasy substance, according to their own wish, receiving payment for the same from the Government. Some twenty or thirty men, who will be taught here to make these cartridges, will make them up in conjunction with the *tindal.*"

#### CROSS-EXAMINED BY JEMADAR SALICKRAM SING

Question-How is it that you, who knew everything that goes on in the regiment, cannot say whether or not I was present at that parade. Do we not always go up together to salute the commanding officer after parade ?

Answer—We do not go now; we used to do so, but Colonel Kennedy gave the order that after parade we should accompany our companies and dismiss them, and that if he should want to say anything to us that he would send for us,

The witness withdraws.

### 10th Witness

Sewchurn Missr (Hindu), Drill Havildar, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes the prescribed solemn affirmation.

#### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

- Question-Do you remember the Native officers of the 70th Regiment being sent for to Colonel Kennedy's bungalow at Barrackpore in January last, when the colonel spoke to them about the cartridges ?
- Answer-Yes, I do remember; the colonel sent his order through me; it might be some twelve or fourteen days before the reserve guard came down to garrison, which was on the 3rd of February.
- Question-Did you accompany the sirdars to the colonel's bungalow, and can you name them ?

Answer-Yes, I know all, but I may forget one or two; all were there except five. There were fourteen sirdars.

### BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—Were you in the lines of the 1st Company of the regiment at Barrackpore on the 5th March, and did you hear anything said by Jemadar Salickram Sing about thatching the huts ?

Answer-I was in the lines; I heard Jemadar Salickram Sing say something about thatching the huts.

Question-What did you hear him say ?

Answer---On the 5th of this month I was in my hut arranging the screen over my fireplace. Between 5 and 6 o'clock, the jemadar, Salickram Sing, came along the lines, saying---"The order is very strict; get your fire-screens ready. You can thatch your houses four or five days hence. In two or three days there will be a riot (ghulbah)." The jemadar was going from the direction of the bellsof-arms to his own hut.

Question-Did you see the jemadar at the time ?

Answer-Yes, I saw him.

Question-Did you hear him say this once only, or how often ?

Answer-He repeated it as he went along through the lines.

Question-Did he speak loudly ?

Answer-Loud enough for me to hear it.

Question-Did you hear him from any distance from your hut ?

Answer-I did not hear him when he got at a distance from me. heard him repeat when he was about twenty yards from me, after which I could not hear him.

Question-What did you understand by the words you heard spoken by the jemadar?

Answer—I understood there was to be a disturbance such as that which occurred at Barrackpore, on the night of the 28th January, and therefore not to thatch the huts until it, was over.

Question-Did the words you heard spoken by the jemadar strik: you particularly at the time ?

Answer-Yes, I was surprised, as I had been told repeatedly to get my hut quickly finished.

Question-What men of the company were near you when the jemadar said this ?

Answer-I did not see any one; I was in my hut, and I don't know where the other men of the company were. Some may Answer-(concld.) have been at the bells-of-arms, some may have gone to the rear, and some may have been in their huts. Question-Did you mention what you had heard to any one ? Answer-I did not speak to any one about it until I was asked. Question-Why did you not speak about it to any one ? Answer-How could I report an officer; perhaps he might have received orders. Question-Did you go outside your hut when the jemadar passed by saying this ? Answer-No; if I had gone out I should have seen plenty of men about. Question-Do you live alone in your hut ? Answer-No; Leela Ram, Sepoy, lives with me. Question-Was Sepoy Leela Ram at that time in the hut ? Answer-No; I had sent him to buy some bamboos. Question-Did you mention to Leela Ram, Sepoy, what you had heard the jemadar say ? -No, I did not; but I kept it to myself, not knowing whether Answerthere was any truth in what the jemadar said about a disturbance. Question-Who occupy the huts opposite to yours? Answer-Sepoys Seeam Sing and Hummut Sing live directly opposite. On the left of their hut Khoodabux and Moonna Khan (sepoys) live. On the right of the first hut is the road. Question-Who occupy the huts on the right of your hut ? Answer-Jullasur Sing, Sepoy, and Sewraj Ram, Sepoy. Question-Do you know where these sepoys were when the jemadar spoke what you told us about the huts ? Answer-Jullasur Sing was on garrison duty. The other one had gone to the bazar; I knew this by his telling me that if the havildar should ask about him, I was to say he had gone to the bazar to get bamboos. Question-Were any of these sepoys, Seeam Sing, Hummut Sing, Khoodabuxand Moonna Khan, at that time in their huts? Answer-I could see into the hut of Seeam Sing and Hummut Sing. There was nobody there. I did not come out of my hut, and I cannot say with regard to the other two. I cannot see into their hut from mine.

Question—What was the disturbance on the night of the 28th January which you allude to ?

Answer—It was a panic. Reports of all kinds were flying about the station; some said there was a regiment coming; some said there would be fighting; some said there was a dacoity; and some said there was a fire. The men were all assembled near their bells-of-arms.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question-Did the men give over thatching their huts after what you say I said, or continue to repair them?

Answer-The thatching went on.

The witness withdraws.

#### 15th Witness

Gunness Tewarry (Hindu), Sepoy, 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Were you in the lines of the 1st Company of the regiment on the 5th March, and did you hear anything said by Jemadar Salickram Sing about the huts?

Answer-Yes; I was in the lines on that day and heard the jemadar.

Question-What were the words you heard?

Answer—" Get your fire-screens ready; the order is very strict. You can thatch your huts four or five days hence. In four or five days there will be a disturbance." This is all I heard.

Question-Where were you when you heard this ?

Answer-I was inside my hut.

Question-Where is your hut ?

Answer—In the rear.

Question-How far from the hut of Sepoy Issuree Ram?

Answer—Four huts distant, and on the opposite side of the street It is nearer the jemadar's by that distance,

Question-In what direction was the jemadar going?

Answer-From the bells-of-arms towards his own hut.

Question—At what time was this?

Answer-About half-past 5 or a quarter to 6 o'clock in the evening

Question-Did the jemadar remain opposite your hut, or did he pass on ?

Answer-He passed on. Question-Did he speak the words you heard loudly ? Answer-In a full tone. I heard him distinctly; others might have heard. Question-Did he say these words once, or more than once? Answer-He repeated them as he went along. Question-At what distance from you did you hear him ? Answer-At the distance of three or four huts on either side of me. Question-Did you see the jemadar ? Answer-Yes, I saw him. Question-How were you occupied inside your hut ? Answer-I was sitting down, doing nothing. Question-Did you go out of your hut ? Answer-I did not then. I did when the roll was called, Question-From where you were sitting in your hut, could you see any distance on either side of your hut? Answer-To the distance of five or six huts on either side. Question-Were you at the door of your hut ? Answer-In the doorway. Question-Did you not just now say you were sitting in the centre of your hut? Answer-I said I was in the centre of the doorway. Question-Did you hear Jemadar Salickram Sing say these words before he came up to your hut? Answer-Before he came opposite my hut he was saying these words, Question-Did you see any men of the company near you at the time ? Answer-I did not see any, but I heard them talking in their huts. All those in my rear had gone on garrison duty. Question-Did you see no sepoy sitting at the door, or near the door of his hut at that time ? Answer-I saw no one, but I heard them talking. Question-Whom did you hear talking ? Answer-I heard Kaleedeen Pattuck, Sepoy of the 1st Company, and Pudarut Ram of the same company, and Sepoy Salickram Sing. Two of these, Kaleedeen Pattuck and Pudarut Ram, were in one hut. Salickram Sing was in his own hut, Question-Did you hear Salickram Sing talking ? Answer-No; he was alone.

Question-How do you know he was in his hut ?

Answer-I saw him go in about 5 o'clock. I did not see him come out until roll-call.

Question-Did you tell any one what you heard the jemadar say ?

Answer-At about 7 o'clock on that day I told Lutchman Doobey, Naick, Grenadier Company, at his hut.

Question-Why did you tell it to this man, who is not in your company?

Answer---I had gone to visit him, and he mentioned to me that the orders of the officer commanding his company were very strict regarding the finishing of the huts, so I told him what the jemadar had said.

Question—You said at first you heard Sepoy Salickram talking. How do you explain this ?

Answer-I meant I know the other mon to be in their huts by hearing them talking. Salickram Sing was alone, but I had seen him go in.

Question-What did you understand by the word "Ghulbah," spoken by Jemadar Salickram Sing ?

Answer-A disorderly meeting of the men, as there had been before. Question-Are you quite sure that Jemadar Salickram Sing made use of the exact words you have stated in evidence ?

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Answer-I am quite sure of those words.

The prisoner declines to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

#### 16th Witness

Lutchman Doobey (Hindu), Naick, Grenadier Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

- Question-Did Sepoy Gunness Tewarry of the 1st Company of the 70th Regiment come to you on the evening of the 5th March, and did any conversation take place between you ?
- Answer-He did about 7 o'clock in the evening, and we had some conversation.

Question-What did he say ?

Answer-He said there is a strict order in my company to get our fireplaces and screens ready as quick as possible. He then said (in reply to an observation from Madhe

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Sing, Havildar, Grenadier Company, who was present),..... "The jemadar of my company has told us to get the fireplaces ready at once, but to wait for five or six days before we thatch the huts, as there will be a disturbance (ghulbah.)"

The prisoner declines to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

17th Witness

Madho Sing (Hindu), Pay-Havildar, Grenadier Company, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—Did you on the 5th March hear anything said by Sepoy Gunness Tewarry, of the 1st Company, at the hut of Lutchmun Doobey, Grenadier Company of the regiment, on the subject of thatching the huts?

Answer—Yes; I heard him say—"We in our company have got avery strict order to finish our fire-screeps. The jemadar of the company has told us to put off thatching for five or six days, as on the day of the Holee there would be a serious disturbance (pukka ghulbah.)"

Question-What time was this ?

Answer-It was after 7 o'clock.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question—Is Gunness Tewarry in the habit of going to Lutchmun Doobey's hut, or did he go only on this occasion ?

Answer-I cannot answer that; Lutchmun Doobey can answer. The witness withdraws.

### COLONEL KENNEDY TO THE COURT

I have concluded my evidence on the second instance of the first charge, with the exception of the evidence of three witnesses who are not in attendance. I will, therefore, proceed now upon the third instance of the first charge, and take the evidence of these witnesses when they arrive.

## 1st Witness

Colonel Kennedy, the Prosecutor, examined on his former oath. BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE.

Question-Will' you produce the Standing Orders regarding assemblies of men in the lines ?

Answer-I refer to section 10, para. 3 of the Standing Orders of the Bengal Native Infantry, which I produce. The Order is read to the Court by the Interpreter, as follows :---

"Should any meeting of Native officers or others for the discussion of matters connected with their duty as soldiers take place in or near the lines, he will report it immediately to the European officer of the day with such circumstances connected with the meeting as he may be able to learn. Any neglect of duty on this head will be deemed a disobedience of orders, and will be dealt with accordingly."

Question—Whom does this Order more especially apply to? Answer—The Native officer of the day, the section being so headed.

Question—What other Army Standing Orders are there?

Answer—I refer to section 11, headed "Non-commissioned Officers," para. 8, as follows :---

"Non-commissioned officers, though not on duty, are to check irregularities and neglects which are prejudicial to good order and discipline, and to be particularly careful not to permit any assemblies of men in or near the lines at unreasonable hours, or for the discussion of any points connected with the service, and should any irregularity of this description, or discontent of any kind, come to their knowledge, they are to report it without loss of time to the officer commanding their company."

Question-What orders have you in the regiment on the subject of meetings being held in the lines ?

Answer—These Army Standing Orders are translated and entered in order books of companies, and are read weekly, or oftener, if necessary, to companies.

It being now close upon 4 o'clock, the Court adjourns until 11

o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

## SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Fort William, Friday, 27th March 1857.

The Court reassembled this day at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at their former place of meeting, the President, Members, Judge-Advocate, Interpreter, Prosecutor, and prisoner being present.

# COLONEL KENNEDY

Two of the three witnesses whom I propose to call on the second instance of the first charge, as I yesterday stated to the Court, have arrived, but as they do not appear to have any evidence to give for the prosecution, I shall not call them. They are, however, at hand, and the prisoner can examine them on his defence if he pleases.

Poorun Roy, Havildar, 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is recalled and examined on his former solemn affirmation.

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## BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-What are the orders read out to your company on the subject of meetings or assemblies of the men in the lines?

Answer—This order is read out sometimes weekly, sometimes once a fortnight, or whenever directed. The witness reads out from the Order Book of the 1st Company a translation of para. 3, section 10 of Army Standing Orders, as entered already on the Court's proceedings.

The witness withdraws.

Lutchmun Doobey, Naick, Grenadier Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, recalled and examined on his former solemn affirmation.

#### BY THE PROSECUTOR

- Question-Were you in the lines of the 1st Company on the evening of the 8th March, and did you observe anything unusual going on ?
- Answer-Yes; I was in the lines, and at about half-past 7 or 8 o'clock I was passing by the hut of Jemadar Salickram Sing, alongside of which there is a road, and saw in the enclosure round the jemadar's hut an assembly of fifteen to twenty men. As I returned to the rear-guard, where I was on duty, I met the havildar-major; and as I had been called on to give evidence before Captain Greene on that day regarding what I had been told—the jemadar said about the thatching of the huts—I was afraid they were plotting against me, and reported it to the havildar-major.
- Question-Was it not your duty to report it whether you considered it might concern yourself or not?
- Answer-Yes; the orders are to the effect that meetings are to be reported.
- Question-Who were the men whom you saw at the meeting ?
- Answer—I did not recognise any one. I was passing along, and did not stop. They were sitting wrapped up in the sheets (chaddars) which Natives usually wear as a protection against cold.
- Question-Were their faces covered so that you could not see them?

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Answer-No. If I had stopped I might have seen them so as to recognise them. Question-Was there any light at that time? Answer-I could not see faces about six paces off, but I could see persons at some considerable distance, about twentyfive paces off. Question-At what distance were you from the jemadar's hut when you passed along ? Answer-About twenty or twenty-two paces. Question-Which side of the jemadar's hut did you pass ? Answer-I passed the jemadar's hut on my left. Question-Did you hear any voices among the assembly ? Answer-Yes; but they were speaking in a low tone. I did not hear anything said. If I stopped I might have heard. Question-Did you recognise the voice of any one in that assembly ? Answer-No. Question-Was there a moon at that time ? Answer-The moon had just risen then. CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER Question-Did you go by the street between my hut and that of Abdoollah Beg, Naick of the 1st Company? Answer-I did, leaving Abdoollah Beg's hut on the right. Question-Was there around my hut any enclosure, or was it open space ? Answer-The posts of an enclosure were there, but no mat screens were up. RE-EXAMINED BY THE COURT Question-What distance is there between the hut of Naick Abdoollah Beg ? Answer-One of the two huts is about six to eight paces distant, but where the men were assembled was about twenty paces from Abdoollah Beg's hut. Question-Will you explain this ? Answer----There are huts of the jemadar, the farthest some twenty paces distant from the nearest. The men were sitting in the space between the huts. The witness withdraws. Sewchurn Misser, Havildar-Major, 70th Regiment of Native In-

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fantry, re-called.

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EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Did you receive a report from Naick Lutchmun Doobey of a meeting in the lines on the 8th March, and what steps did you take ?

Answer—At about a quarter to 8 o'clock on that evening Naick Lutchmun Doobey came to my hut and reported that there was an assembly of men, from twenty to twentyfive, at the hut of Jemadar Salickram Sing of the 1st Company. I sent off Rampersaud Ditchit, Lance-Naick, of the 3rd Company, to the hut to see if this report was true. He returned and confirmed the report. I then took him, the lance-naick, and Bhowany Bux Sing, Lance-Naick of the 7th Company, who was with me, to the hut, and myself saw that there was an assembly.

Question-Did you recognise any one at that assembly ?

Answer—I recognised four men, Hyat Bux Khan, Pay-Havildar, 1st Company, and Ramchurn Sing, Havildar, 4th Company, and Jhoomuck Sing, Drill Lance-Naick, of the Grenadier Company, and Kootub Ally Khan, Drill-Naick, 4th Company.

- Question-How did you manage to recognise these four men in particular?
- Answer—Three were sitting down, and Jhoomuck Sing standing; these men having been reported to me as being there by Lance-Naick Rampersaud Ditchit, I more particularly noticed them.

Question-Did you recognise any other person ?

Answer-I recognised no one else.

Question-Where are these four men whom you recognized ?

Answer-They are all in confinement for being present at the meeting.

Question-How near did you go to the spot where the assembly was ? Answer-I went to within four or five paces.

Question-Did you stop there or pass on ?

- Answer-I did not stop. I went straight on to the sergeant-major to report.
- Question-What was the state of the evening as to light ?

Answer-It was not very dark ; there was some light.

Question-How many men do you think you saw there ?

Answer-About twenty or twenty-five.

Question-Did you hear any talking going on ?

Answer-I heard them talking, but could not hear what they said.

Question-Did you recognise the voice of any person ?

Answer-I did not recognise any voice.

Question—Describe the position of the four men whom you recognised ?

Answer—Three of these men were sitting close together, and Jhoomuck Sing was walking about two or three paces off.

Question-Did you notice whether any of the men had clothes (chaddars) drawn over their bodies ?

Answer-Yes; some had.

Question—Did you notice the dress of any of the four men whom you recognised?

Answer-Hyat Bux Khan had a coloured padded long coat reaching to the knees, and Jhoomuck Sing had on a short white jacket (*mirzai*); I do not know how the other two were dressed.

Question-Was there a moon or not at that time ?

Answer-Yes; it had risen, but did not give much light.

- Question-When you reported to the sergeant-major, what time was it ?
- Answer—Just as I got to the sergeant-major and had commenced my report, the gun fired. The sergeant-major then told me to go and receive the reports of the roll-call of the different companies; and then I accompanied the sergeant-major to the adjutant's quarters to report the meeting. Lance-Naick Rampersaud Ditchit and Lance-Naick Bhowany Bux Sing accompanied us. CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question-Did you recognise me there at the hut?

Answer-I did not see you.

Question-Was there an enclosure around my hut or open space?

Answer-There was a fence of some kind for about two paces, and about four paces open.

RE-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Were the men you saw assembled in the open space ?

Answer—The fence was so low that a passor-by can see all over the enclosure.

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BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE Question-When you arrived at the adjutant's bungalow what time was it; and how long did you remain there? Answer-We arrived there at about half-past 8 o'clock, and left at a little after 9 o'clock. Question-Where did you go after you left the adjutant's bungalow? Answer-I went over with the sergeant-major and the two lancenaicks to the mess of the regiment, hearing that the adjutant was there. Question-How long did you stay at the mess-house ? Answer-About seven minutes. Question-Where did you go then ? Answer-We returned to the adjutant's quarters. Question-When you were at the mess, did you see Hyat Bux Khan, Pay-Havildar, No. 1 Company ? Answer-Yes ; he was there. I did not see him when I first arrived ; . I saw him after. Question-How long after you arrived ? Answer-A short while ; some three or four minutes. Question-Did you see any one else of the regiment at the adjutant's quarters when you arrived ? Answer-I saw no one of the regiment. Question-When you returned to the adjutant's quarters from the mess-house, did you see any one ? Answer-Yes; I saw Jemadar Salickram Sing. BY THE PRISONER. Question-Did I not accompany you from the adjutant's house to the mess-house when you crossed over ? Answer-He did not accompany me. Question-Where did you first see me, and from what direction was I coming ? Answer\_ -I saw him close to the adjutant's door, when I returned from the mess-house. I do not know from whence he came. BY THE COURT Question-If the jemadar had been at the adjutant's bungalow when you first arrived there, must you have seen him ? -Yes; if he had been at that side of the house, the front. Answer-The compound is open, and it was moonlight. The witness withdraws.

#### 18th Witness

Rampersaud Ditchit (Hindu), Lance Naick, 3rd Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

### EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Did you receive any orders from the havildar-major on the evening of the 3th instant to go into the lines of the 1st Company, and when did you go ?

Anewer—I received orders from the havildar-major to go and see if a report, which was made to him in my presence by Naick Lutchmun Doobey, of the Grenadier Company, of a meeting being held at Jemadar Salickram Sing's hut, was correct. I was told to go quickly, and did so. I went down the road in front of where the Native officers reside, and saw, as far as I can guess, as many as twenty to twenty-five men at the hut.

Question-How near did you go?

Answer----I went round the hut, and returned, having gone to within six or seven paces.

Question-Did you recognise any one ?

Answer-I recognised Pay-Havildar Hyat Bux Khan, 4th Company; Kootub Ally Khan, Drill-Naick, 4th Company; and Jhoomuck Sing, Drill Lance-Naick, Grenadier Company, was outside on the road.

Question-How far was he from the other men ?

Answer-He was four or five paces off.

Question-What was he doing?

Answer-He was standing there.

Question-Did he speak to you or you to him?

Answer----No; he did not recognise me.

Question-Did you hear any conversation amongst the people there ?

Answer-I heard them talking, but not what they said.

Question-What was the light at the time ?

Answer-It was moonlight; I could recognise people at ten paces.

Question-How was Hyat Bux Khan, Havildar, dressed; did you observe?

Answer-He had on a long padded coloured coat, chintz.

Question-How was Kootub Ally Khan dressed, did you observe ?

Answer-He was dressed in white.

Question-Did you notice Jhoomuck Sing's dress ?

Answer----He was in white.

Question-Did you recognise any one else ?

Answer-I did not.

Question-Did you recognise the voice of any one?

Answer-No, I did not.

Question-Did you go back to the havildar-major ?

Answer-Yes ; I went and reported.

Question-What occurred then?

Answer—The havildar-major took Bhowany Bux Sing, Lance-Naick, and we went along the road to the jemadar's hut, but I saw the people there as I saw them before.

Question-Where was Jhoomuck Sing then ?

Answer-He was standing when we came up, but sat down on the havildar-major coming up. He was then outside the jemadar's compound, and sat down as making water.

Question-Where did you go to after that ?

Answer-We went to the sergeant-major's.

Question-From thence where did you go?

Answer-To the adjutant's bungalow.

Question-What time was it when you arrived at the adjutant's ?

Answer-It would be about half-past 8 o'clock.

Question—Did you see Jemadar Salickram Sing at the adjutant's bungalow when you arrived there?

Answer-No.

Question—Did you go over to the mess-house and return again to the adjutant's bungalow ?

Answer-Yes; in a few minutes.

Question—Did you see Jemadar Salickram Sing at the adjutant's bungalow on your return ?

Answer-No; but he came two or three minutes afterwards.

Question-Did you see him come into the compound ?

Answer-I did not see him coming in; I was standing at the door of the house when he came up.

Question—Was the jemadar alone when you saw him come up ? Answer—Yes.

Question-When you were at the mess-house, did you see Jemadar Salickram Sing ?

Answer-No.

Question-What is the distance from the jemadar's hut in the lines to the adjutant's bungalow? Answer-A quarter of an hour's distance, or half a quarter, according as you travel.

The Court adjourns at 4 o'clock P. M. until 11 o'clock A. M. tomorrow, the 28th March.

### SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Fort William, Saturday, 28th March 1857. The Court reassembled this day at 11 o'clock A. M. at their former place of meeting, the President, Members, Judge-Advocate, Interpreter, Prosecutor, and prisoner being present.

Lance-Naick Rampersaud Ditchit, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is recalled.

### CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question-Did you see the assembly of people inside my hut, or in the enclosure about the house ?

Answer—In the enclosure. I don't know whether there was any one inside the hut.

The witness withdraws.

### 19th Witness

Bhowany Bux Sing (Hindu), Sepoy, 7th Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

## EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—Did you accompany the havildar-major and Lance-Naick Rampersaud Ditchit to the lines of the 1st Company of the regiment on the 8th of this month, and what did you see?

Answer-I went and saw about twenty to twenty-five people aitting in the enclosure of Jemadar Salickram Sing's hut.

Question-Did you recognise any one ?

- Answer—I recognised Hyat Bux Khan, Pay-Havildar, 1st Company, and Ram Churn Sing, Havildar, 4th Company, and Kootub Ally Khan, Drill-Naick, 4th Company, and Jhoomuck Sing, Drill Lance-Naick, Grenadier Company. I recognised no other person.
- Question-How do you account for recognising these four men in particular ?
- Answer-My eyes fell on them, and therefore I recognised them. Jhoomuck Sing was standing outside.

Question-Can you describe the dress of any of these men ?

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Answer-Hyat Bux Khan had on a coloured long padded chintz coat : the rest were dressed in white. Question-At what time was this ? Answer-It was close upon 8 o'clock in the evening. Question-You say Jhoomuck Sing was outside; was he with this party, or how far from it ? Answer-He was standing at the entrance; I can't say whether he was one of the assembly or not. Question-Did you hear talking going on and anything said ? Answer-I heard voices, but I could not distinguish the words. Question-Was there any light at that time ? Answer-It was evening, and there was a moon, but not much light. CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER Question-What sort of enclosure is there round my hut, or is there any? . Answer-On that day there was a kind of fence round it ; but opposite the entrance it was open. RE-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR Question-Could you see over the fence into the compound ? Answer-Yes; the fence was about as high as my middle. Question-Were there lathes at all round the enclosure ? Answer-There were lathes up, BY THE COURT Question-Did you see Salickram Sing, Jemadar, there ? Answer-I did not recognise him. The witness withdraws, 20th Witness Gunness Pandy (Hindu), Sepoy. 3rd Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation. EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR Question-Were you sentry near the hut of Jemadar Salickram Sing, on the evening of the 8th March, this month ? Answer-Yes; my beat extended from the Grenadiers to the 2nd Company. Question-At what time were you sentry ?

Answer-From 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening.

Question-How near to the jemadar's hut did your beat extend ?

Answer-About five paces.

Question-Did you see any people there during the time you were on sentry ?

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Answer-Yes; I saw from ten to twenty people there. Question-Did you see Jemadar Salickram Sing there ? Answer-Yes; I saw him. Question-About what time did you see him ? Answer-About half-past 7 o'clock. Question-What was the jemadar doing ? Answer-He was sitting in his hut, talking. Question-To whom was he talking ? Answer-He was inside his hut. I don't know to whom he was talking. Question-Did you hear what he said ? Answer-I did not hear what he said. Question-How do you know he was in his hut? Answer-I know it from this,-Jhoomuck Sing was with an assembly of people in the compound, and I heard Jhoomuck Sing speak to the jemadar by name, and the jemadar answer. Question-What did Jhoomuck Sing say to the jemadar ? Answer-I did not notice. I was walking up and down on my beat; I heard the jemadar's answer. Question-Did you see the jemadar at any time while you were on duty there ?. Answer-Yes; just after the havildar-major, and Bhowany Bux and Rampersaud Ditchit had passed from the left wing towards the Grenadiers, the gun fired, and the men of the assembly broke up and went away. I saw Hyat Bux Khan come out of the compound with the Jemadar, Salickram Sing. Question-In what direction did Salickram Sing go ? Answer-He went towards the front of the lines. Question-When did the assembly first meet ? Answer-From half-past 6 the men began to come in. Question-Where was the jemadar when the men began first to come in ? Answer-Before half-past 6 o'clock the jemadar went out from his hut to the front ; about half-past 7 o'clock he returned, and after him Hyat Bux Khan. Question-Did they both enter the jemadar's compound ? Answer-Yes; both went in. Question-Between half-past 7 o'clock, when you saw him go in, and gun-fire, did the jemadar leave his hut ?

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Answer-I don't know; I saw him leave at about gun-fire. Question-Did you give evidence before the court of inquiry held on the 10th March on the subject ? Answer-Yes ; I gave different evidence. I was afraid,-the jemadar having come to me at half-past 2 o'clock on that night, and told me that if any one should ask me if I had seen any assembly at his hut, I was to say-" No, that I had seen nothing." Question-Where were you when the jemadar came to you and said this? Answer-I was again on sentry at the same place; the jemadar came out and called me to him, and threatened me if I told anything about the meeting. Question-Did you tell any one that the jemadar had threatened you about giving evidence of the meeting? Answer-I did not tell any one then; I told the colonel down here about the 10th\* of this month. The prisoner declines to cross-examine. BY THE COURT Question-At that meeting what sort of talking was there ? Was it carried on in the usual tone of voice, or in an undertone ? Answer-They were not speaking loudly, but in a subdued tone. The witness withdraws. BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE To Colonel Kennedy, the Prosecutor, on his former oath. Question-Did the last witness report to you that the jemadar had spoken to him about the evidence he was to give, and when ? Answer-Yes ; he did, about the 20th of this month. Question-In any one's presence ? Answer-In the presence of the subadar-major and the Judge-Advocate. The prisoner declines to cross-examine. Colonel Kennedy resumes his seat. 21st Witness Sepoy Issures Sing (Hindu), Grenadier Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation. · It should be 20th of this month.

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Question—On the 8th instant, did you hear it mentioned in the lines that certain men had been reporting to the colonel about Jemadar Salickram Sing?

Answer-Yes; Issuree Dutt Tewarry (Sepoy), Grenadier Company, had been the colonel's orderly that day; I heard him say, when he was hanging up his belt, he having just returned from the colonel's, and in the presence of Hyat Bux Khan, Havildar, 1st Company, and Jhoomuck Sing, Sepoy, Grenadier Company,-" Madho Sing, Pay-Havildar of the Grenadiers, has gone and reported to the colonel that Jemadar Salickram Sing, 1st Company, has been telling the men not to have their huts thatched, as there would be a disturbance at the end of the Holee."

Question-At what hour was this ?

Answer-At sun set roll-call.

Question-What day was this ?

Answer-I don't know the day, but it was the same day when the meeting was held at the Jemadar's hut.

The prisoner declines to cross-examine.

The witness withdraws.

### 22nd Witness

Sepoy Buldeo Sing (Hindu), Grenadier Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

## EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

- Question-Did you hear Issuree Dutt say in the lines that Madho Sing, Pay-Havildar of the Grenadier Company, had reported Jemadar Salickram Sing's conduct to the colonel.
- Answer—I heard Issuree Dutt say to Hyat Bux Khan in the presence of Jhoomuck Sing, that Madho Sing had been making reports to the colonel about the state of the regiment, but I did not hear the jemadar's name mentioned.

Question-When was this, and where ?

Answer-At about sun-set roll-call on the 8th instant, in the lines, between the bells-of-arms of the Grenadicr Company and No. 1 Company. Question-What things did Issuree Dutt say Madho Sing had reported ?

Answer-About the thatching of the huts of the 1st Company.

Question-Were any men of the 1st Company about when this was said by Issuree Dutt Tewarry?

Answer—Only Issuree Sing, Sepoy, Grenadier Company. There were none of the 1st Company there, except Hyat Bux Khan. Jhoomuck Sing of the Grenadiers was there.

Question-Did you hear Issuree Dutt say that anything should be done?

Answer-No, I did not.

The prisoner declines to cross-examine.

BY THE COURT

Question-How were these men talking, openly or secretly?

Answer—They were close together, talking in a low tone of voice. I was some way off.

The witness withdraws.

Subadar-Major Duriou Sing, called again.

#### BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—Have you heard Sepoy Gunness Pandy say to his commanding officer that he had been told not to give evidence against the jemadar about the meeting ?

Answer—I have heard him. I heard him say in presence of the colonel that at 2 o'clock in the night when he was on sentry, the jemadar came to him and persuaded and threatened him not to say that he had seen the assembly at his house.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question—When Gunness Pandy made this report why were you at the colonel's? Were you sent for, or did you go of your own accord?

Answer-I went of my own accord. I am in the habit of calling every two or three days.

Question-Were you there in uniform, or Native dress ? Answer-In Native dress.

BY THE PROSECUTOR TO THE COURT

I may as well explain that I had been authorised by the General to offer a free pardon to any one who was concerned in that meeting, if he spoke the truth and would acknowledge all he knew. Gunness Pandy was brought to me by the havildar-major, and the subadar-major also came.

The witness withdraws.

#### 23rd Witness

Sepoy Adhar Sing (Hindu), 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called, and makes a solemn affirmation.

EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—On the evening of the 8th March, did you pass near the hut of Jemadar Salickram Sing of the 1st Company?

Answer-Yes, I did, in returning from the Grenadier lines.

- Question-Did you hear any conversation in the hut, and anything said ? If so, state it.
- Answer—I heard talking. I heard the jemadar say,—" What I have done has been exposed; now what is to be done ?— Jo bat humne kissoe kholker-jagya; iska kya bundobust kurna hoga.

Question-Did any one reply ?

- Answer-Jankee Sing (1st), of No. 5 Company, replied-" It is no great matter; we will arrange it."
- Question-Did you see any one at the hut?
- Answer-It was night; I saw some twenty or twenty-two people there.

Question-Did you recognise any one ?

Answer—I saw Hyat Bux, Pay-Havildar, 1st Company, and Ram Churn, Havildar, 4th Company, and Kootub Ally, Drill Naick, and Goordut Sing, No. 1 Company, and Jhoomuck Sing was standing outside, and Jankee Sing (1st), No. 5 Company.

Question-Did you see the jemadar ?

- Answer-I did not see him, but recognised his voice ; he was inside his hut, the others were in the court-yard.
- Question-At what hour was this?

Answer-A little before gun-fire.

- Question-Was it light enough at that time to enable you to see people ?
- Answer-Yes, at about six or eight paces.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question-How long did you remain there that you heard this ? Answer-I stopped for a minute on hearing what I did.

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Question-Do you say whether I was inside or outside the hut? Answer-He was inside; the hut is made of matting, and sound

passes through it. The witness withdraws.

COLONEL KENNEDY

This is my evidence on the third instance of the first charge, and I now proceed to the second charge.

COLONEL KENNEDY EXAMINED BY THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE ON HIS FORMER OATH---

Question-On or after the 5th of this month was any report made to you of any intended disturbance ?

Answer—No.

Question—Did Jemadar Salickram Sing, the prisoner, make any report to you whatever of that nature?

Answer-Not any.

Question-Did your adjutant make to you any such report ?

Answer—No, not of any intended disturbance. The only report made to me by the adjutant on this subject was the conduct of the jemadar, which having enquired into myself, I placed the jemadar in arrest, and ordered the assembly of a Special Court of Inquiry without loss of time. The jemadar was placed in arrest on Monday morning, the 9th instant, and the Court assembled on that morning.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question-If there was no disturbance, and if I knew of none, was it my duty to report it ?

Answer-Certainly not.

Colonel Kennedy resumes his seat.

COLONEL KENNEDY

The adjutant not being in attendance, and having much to do at Barrackpore, I do not think it necessary to keep open the prosecution in order to examine him whether any report was made to him by the jemadar regarding an intended disturbance. I have given evidence to show that no such report was received by me.

The prosecution is closed.

#### DEFENCE

Jemadar Salickram Sing, being called upon for his defence, says-"I require the evidence of the adjutant, the Mess Abdar, Mucdoom Bux, and Shaik Rujjub, the *khidmatgar* of the adjutant, who are not in attendance; my other witnesses are present."

### 1st Witness

Davee Sing, Havildar, called, but not being present, Poorun Roy, Havildar, 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, recalled. EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER Question—Have you ever heard me give any order to the men that they should not thatch their huts ?

Answer—No.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—Were you present in the lines of your company through the whole of the 5th instant?

Answer-I don't know the date.

BY THE PRISONER, BY PERMISSION

Question-Did you not hear me tell the men to thatch their hute?

Answer—I heard the jemadar on one occasion, going through the lines with the subadar, telling the men to thatch their huts.

BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-What time of the day was that ?

Answer-Eight or nine o'clock in the morning.

The witness withdraws.

There being no other witnesses in attendance, and it being now 4 o'clock, the Court adjourns until 11 o'clock on Monday next, the 30th March.

### EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Fort William, Monday, 30th March 1857. The Court re-assembled this day at their former place of meeting at 11 o'clock A.M., the President, Members, Judge-Advocate, Interpreter, Prosecutor, and prisoner being all present.

#### 2nd Witness

Boodhram Sing (Hindu), Sepoy, 4th Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court and makes solemn affirmation. EXAMINED BY THE PRISONEE

# Question-Did I go to Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing's hut on the morning

of the 4th instant ?

Answer-I was going along the road on that morning in rear of the Native officer's huts, when I heard Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing call out to Salickram Sing to come to him. I looked round and saw that Salickram Sing was coming along the same road as I was. Salickram said---"I have pressing business and cannot come just now." He Answer-(concld.)

came on after me towards the bazar, and I then asked him why he did not go to Sewbuccus Sing; he replied—"One ought not to go to an enemy (muddai)." CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-What time of the day was this ?

Answer-It was between 9 and half-past 9 o'clock.

Question-Do you know whether this Native officer and Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing were on friendly terms?

Answer-I do not know.

Question-Was any one near when this was said to you by Jemadar Salickram ?

Answer-No one was near.

Question-Did you ask what cause there was of enmity ? Answer-No.

The witness withdraws.

#### 3rd Witness

Gowrie Sunker Tewarry (Hindu), Subadar, 70th Regmient of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question—On the 8th of this month did I go to the adjutant's at about a quarter to 7 o'clock in the evening ?

Answer-I was sitting at the wrestling-shed, (akhara) about a quarter to 7 o'clock on that evening, when Jemadar Salickram came from the direction of his company's lines. I asked him to come and sit down; his reply was-"There has been a complaint made against me; will you be an evidence?" I said, ---"Idon't know anything about it; I cannot give evidence."

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Do you know whether the jemadar left the lines after speaking to you ?

Answer----He went in the direction of the quarter-guard; I do not know where he went after that.

Question-What complaints did he say had been made against him ? Answer-He did not tell me.

*Question*—Then Jemadar Salickram Sing asked you to be a witness for him without stating to you on what subject ?

Answer-Yes; I did not ask him what evidence he wanted me to give. I said-"I will not be a witness because you ask

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me to give evidence; I don't know anything about your case."

Question—Did he say to you he was going to the adjutant's ? Answer—No, he did not say so.

The witness withdraws.

### 4th Witness

Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is recalled.

### BY THE PRISONER

Question—On the 8th of this month, did you hear me, about a quarter to 7 o'clock in the evening, tell Subadar Gowrie Sunkur Tewary that I was going to the adjutant's ?

Answer-I did not hear the jemadar say anything to Gowrie Sunkur, but at that time he came up to me at the quarterguard, where I was on duty, and told me that some one had been back-biting him, and he was going to the adjutant's quarters.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Is not the adjutant's bungalow on the opposite side of the parade to the quarter-guard, and at what distance ?

Answer-Yes, the adjutant's bungalow is on the opposite side of the parade, and about two thousand, or less, paces distant.

Question—Is there no other way of getting to the adjutant's from the lines but by crossing the parade ?

Answer-No other way.

Question-Did the jemadar cross the parade after he had spoken to you?

Answer-I don't know where he went.

Question-Was any sepoy with the jemadar when he came to you?

Answer-Jankee Sing (1st), Sepoy, 5th Company, was with him.

BY THE PRISONER, BY PERMISSION

Question-In what direction did I go when I left you ?

Answer—He turned to the right, and by going in that direction he might either be going to his own hut or to the adjutant's house. I saw him for a few paces only.

### BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Did Sepoy Jankee Sing leave with the jemadar, and go along with him ? Answer-Yes, they both went together. The witness withdraws.

### 5th Witness

Mucdoom Bux (Mussulman), is called into Court, and makes solemif affirmation.

### BY THE PRISONER

Question—Are you the Abdar of the 70th mess? Answer—Yes.

Question-On the 8th of this month did I not come to the mess and ask for the adjutant ?

Answer-Yes, the jemadar did.

Question-At what hour was this?

Answer-At about a quarter to 7 o'clock. Seven o'clock had not struck.

Question-Did I ask you to tell the adjutant anything ?

Answer—The jemadar asked me to tell the adjutant he was come. Question—Did you tell the adjutant ?

Answer-I did not tell. I said — "The officers are at dinner. I will tell the adjutant when they have finished; wait till then." I told the adjutant the jemadar was there just before dinner was over.

Question-Did the adjutant give any order?

Answer-He told me to tell the jemadar to wait.

### CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question—When the jemadar first arrived at the mess, and said he wished to see the adjutant, were the gentlemen at dinner?

Answer-They had not sat down.

Question-How long after did they sit down ?

Answer-Immediately afterwards.

Question-Did they sit down before it struck 7 o'clock ? Answer-After 7 o'clock.

Question—How long after ?

Answer-A very little after ; not five minutes.

Question—You said the gentlemen were at dinner, and that you would tell the adjutant when they had finished. You now say that they had not sat down to dinner. How do you explain this ?

Answer-I said-" Let them eat dinner first"

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Question-If the gentlemen had not sat down to dinner, why did you not tell the adjutant? Answer-I was engaged in my work. Question-Where were you when the jemadar said this to you ? Answer-I was going into the abdar khana to get some soda water which had been called for, when the jemadar spoke to me from the door as I passed. Question-What officers were there at that time? Answer-I did not notice. I noticed that there were Colonel Harris and Lieutenant Harris, the Adjutant. Question-You did not see any one else ? Answer-I did not notice. Question-Then why did you not tell the adjutant. Answer-I did not know that there was anything pressing. Question-Did the jemadar tell you what he had come to report to the adjutant ? Answer-No, he did not. Question-What time was it when you told the Adjutant? Answer-About half an-hour after the jemadar had come. Question-Did the jemadar remain all this time ? Answer-Yes, near the entrance ; on the steps under the portico. Question-How was the jemadar dressed? Answer-In Hindustani clothes. Question-When the jemadar came, was he alone ? Answer-No; Pay-Havildar Hyat Bux Khan and Jankee Sing, Sepoy, 5th Company, came with him. Question-Do you know if Pay-Havildar Hyat Bux Khan and Jankee Sing had any business that they came to the mess? Answer-They all came together. Question-Did they remain with the jemadar the whole time he was at the mess-house? Answer-Yes, they remained with the jemadar. Question-When you informed the adjutant that the jemadar had come, what then took place? Answer-I told the jemadar to wait, as directed by the adjutant. I do not know whether he waited or not. Question-How do you know it was a quarter to 7 o'clock when the jemadar first came. -The first mess bugle had sounded, and dinner was being Answerserved, when I heard it strike 7 o'clock.

The witness withdraws.

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#### 6th Witness.

Rujjub (Mussulman) is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question-On the 8th of this month, did you see me at the messhouse ?

Answer-I don't know the date. But the jemadar came as dinner was going on table.

Question—Did I get an order to go over to the adjutant's bungalow? Answer—The adjutant told me to tell the jemadar to go over to his

house. I told the jemadar.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-At what hour does the second bugle sound ? .

Answer-About 7 o'clock.

Question—Did you see the jemadar come into the compound ? Answer—I saw him at the door first; at the portico entrance. Question—Did the jemadar speak to you, and what did he say ? Answer—He did not speak to me.

Question-Was the jemadar alone, or was any one with him ?

Answer-He was not alone ; there were two others with him.

Question-When you first saw the jemadar, what time was it ?

Answer-It was about 7 o'clock.

Question-Do you know who were with the jemadar?

Answer-I did not notice at first who they were, but when I gave them the adjutant's message, I recognised Hyat Khan, Pay-Havildar, and Jankee Sing, Sepoy.

Question-When did you give the adjutant's message?

Answer—The adjutant was eating his curry and rice at the time he gave the order for them to go to the bungalow.

Question—Was the jemadar there before the gentlemen sat down to dinner?

Answer-He was. Question-When you first saw the jemadar, was the adjutant then at the mess ?

Answer-No, he was not.

Question—You are the adjutant's servant, are you not? Answer—Yes.

Question—Did the adjutant come into dinner on that day before or after the other gentlemen had sat down to dinner ?

Answer-They had sat down to soup when the adjutant came in.

Question-Did you see your master come in and take his seat at the table? Answer-Colonel Harris and his son, the adjutant, came in together, and sat down to table. I saw them enter from the east side of the house. Question-How came you to give an order from the adjutant to tell the jemadar to go over to his, the adjutant's, house? Answer-I can't say, but I was told to give the order. Question-Did you hear any one report to the adjutant that the jemadar had come? Answer----No ; I was continually moving about. Question-When you gave the order, did the jemadar tell you why he had come to report ? Answer-He merely said-"When will the adjutant come?" Question-When did the adjutant go over to his house ?-Answer----Not till after 8 o'clock. The witness withdraws. 7th Witness Lieutenant Harris recalled. EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER Question-On the evening of the 8th of this month, did you get a report that I had come to the mess-house ? Answer-Yes. I did. Question-Did you not order me to go over to your quarters direct ? Answer-Yes. About ten minutes after I received the first message from him, I requested him to go over to my bungalow, and told him to wait there until I came over. Question-When you came to your bungalow, was I there? Answer-Yes. CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR Question-On that day, did you come into dinner at the mess before or after the other gentlemen had sat down ? ٤ Answer-I was at the mess with my father a quarter of an hour before any one else had arrived, Question-In what room were you ? Answer-A portion of the time in the mess-room, and for a few minutes in the room occupied by Captain Greene. Question-Was the dinner hour at the usual time that night ?

Answer-Yes, it was.

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Answer-It usually sounds from between tw past seven.	enty minutes and half-
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Answer-No, I think not.	y
Question-When you first got the news of	the ismadar's having
come, was it before, or after, or	
Answer-It was rather after the middle of	
Question—Who reported to you the jemadar	had come?
Answer-My khidmatgar, Shaikh Rujjub. I	
it was he or Mucdoom Bux, th	
Question-What time elapsed between your	
the jemadar having come a	
your bungalow ?	na your going over to
Answer-From the time of my first hearing	ng of his arrival, about
twenty-five minutes.	;
Question-When you got to your bungalow,	whom did you see there ?
Answer-I found Jemadar Salickram and	
Khan, of the 1st Company,	
the Havildar-Major, Sewchu	rn Missr, and, I think,
Rampersaud, Lance-Naick.	I don't know if it is
Rampersaud Ditchit or Tewar	ту.
Question-Were these people all together in	
Answer-Yes, I found them all in my office	inside.
Question-What report did Jemadar Salic night?	kram make to you that
Answer-I took him into my room separa	tely, and questioned him
why he came. He said son	ne one had been telling
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diately came to me, as the	officer in charge of his
company, for protection.	•
Question-To the best of your judgment	
jemadar's arrival made to you	before or after 8 o'clock
on that evening?	
Answer-To the best of my judgment I	believe it was a little
before it.	
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Question-You did not refer to a watch to se	e what time it was?
Answer-No, I did not.	· . ·
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Question—Do you recollect to have heard the gun fire on that evening?

Answer-I don't recollect to have heard the gun.

By the Prisoner

Question-Will you state my character to the Court?

Answer—As a Native officer with respect to his duties, I have had no fault to find with him whatever. I have only had charge of his company for a very short time.

Question—But being adjutant, can you not say what my character is?

Answer-In my own opinion, I am sorry I cannot give him generally a good character. He has on several occasions displayed a litigiousness which has shaken my good opinion of him considerably; my former answer was merely with reference to the performance of his duties as a Native officer in the 1st Company.

Question-In what respect have you had occasion to find fault with me?

Answer—I have never had occasion to find fault with him in the performance of any duty matter; but his manner on many occasions has induced me to feel but little confidence in him.

The witness withdraws.

#### 8th Witness

Hyat Bux Khan (Mussulman), Pay-Havildar, 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Ifnautry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

### EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question-Did you hear me give any order to the sepoys of No. 1 Company about thatching their huts, on the 5th March ?

A never—Yes, on the 5th March, at half-past 4 o'clock, the jemadar and sudadar came from their huts in the rear to mine in the front; on hearing them outside, I came out of my hut and joined them, and said the orders of the colonel and the adjutant are very strict on the subject of thatching the huts and preparing the fire-screens. They said that they were obedient to orders, and told me to go with them. They both said—" Come with us, and let us examine the huts." We went from the Answer-(concld.)

front to the rear, and they went along saying to each sepoy—" You have received your hutting allowance; get your fire-screens ready, and thatch the huts, so that the lines may appear neat."

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Are you not now under arrest on a charge of having attended a meeting at the jemadar's hut ?

Answer-Yes, I am.

- Question-How do you know that the date was the 5th March when you heard the subadar and jemadar say this about the huts ?
- Answer—The men returned from garrison duty on the 3rd March; orders had been given that they were to get their huts and fire-screens prepared at once, but the men said, "Let us have a day to get grass, &c." The order was given peremptorily the day after that,—that is, on the 5th March.

Question-Was Issuree Ram, Sepoy, at that time in the lines?

- Answer---Issuree Ram was there, and Gunness Tewarry, Sepoy, was there.
- Question—You were merely asked the question whether Issuree Ram, Sepoy, was in the lines, and you have told us in reply that Gunness Tewarry was there also; why did you mention Gunness Tewarry ?
- Answer-I know all the men of my company, and I named him.

Question-Why have you particularly named Gunness Tewarry ?

Answer-It occurred to me to name him.

It strikes 4 o'clock : the Court adjourns.

The Major-General commanding the Division having desired the attendance of the Native officers forming the Court at a general parade to be held at Barrackpore either to-morrow or Wednesday, the 1st proximo, the Court adjourns until Thursday, the 2nd proximo, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

### NINTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Fort William, 2nd April 1857.

The Court reassembled this day at their former place of meeting at 11 o'clock A.M., the President, Members, Judge-Advocate, Interpreter, Prosecutor, and prisoner all being present as before. The cross-examination of the witness Pay-Havildar Hyat Bux Khan continued on his former solemn affirmation.

BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-Why did you particularly name Sepoy Gunness Tewarry, when you were not asked about him ?

Answer-I fancied that in the question both names were asked.

Question—Were Kaleedeen Pattuck and Pudarut Ram, Sepoys, then in the lines ?

Answer-I don't know.

Question—At a little after 8 o'clock, on the evening of the 8th March, did you not in company with another person pass between the bells-of-arms of the 1st and 2nd Companies running ?

Answer-No.

The witness withdraws.

### 9th Witness

Mumrez Khan (Mussulman), Naick, 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court and duly affirmed.

EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question-Were you in the lines on the 5th of last month, and did you hear me say anything about the huts of the men ?

Answer-Yes, I heard him say-" The colonel's and adjutant's orders are very strict about the huts and fire-places: I don't know when they may come to see if they are ready, so get them done quickly."

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-When did this take place, and at what time ?

Answer—In the morning, at about 10 o'clock, and again in the afternoon, the subadar and jemadar came from the rear to the front repeating the order.

Question-Where were you at the time when the subadar and jemadar went down the lines in the afternoon ?

Answer-I was outside my hut, near it.

Question-How far is your hut from those of Sepoys Gunness Tewarry and Issuree Ram, of the 1st Company ?

Answer-It is a long way ; mine is in front, and theirs in the rear.

Question-Then you could not hear, could you, what the jemadar said, if he said anything in front of the huts of these

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Answer-No, it is far off.

#### BY THE COURT

Question-On what side of the lines of the 1st Company is your hut? Answer-On the side of the 2nd Company's lines.

Question-On what side of the lines are the huts of Issuree Ram, Sepoy, and Gunness Tewarry ?

Answer---I think the hut of Issuree Ram is on the proper right, and I don't know where Gunness Tewarry's is, but I think

it is on the right also.

The witness withdraws.

### 10th Witness

Soobdhan Doobey (Hindu), Sepoy, No. 1 Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, is called into Court, and makes solemn affirmation.

### EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question—Were you in the lines of the 1st Company of the regiment on the 5th of last month, and did you hear me give any order about the huts ?

Answer—I was. I heard the subadar and jemadar tell the men to put their huts in repair, and to arrange their firescreens.

### CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Question-At what time of the day was this?

Answer-About half-past 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Question-To whom did the jemadar say this?

Answer—They were looking at the huts, and were giving the orders at the same time.

Question-Did you hear the jemadar give this order ?

Answer-Yes, I did.

Question-Where were you at that time ?

Answer-I was inside my hut making up clay for the fire-screen.

Question-Did you come out from your hut at that time ?

Answer-No.

Question-In what part of the lines is your hut ?

Answer—It is the fifteenth from the front, and the third in the rear of the non-commissioned officers.

- Question—Could you see from inside your hut down the lines of the company ?
- Answer-I could not; I could see just out in front of the door.

Question—How far is your but from the buts of Sepoy Issuree Ram and Gunness Tewarry ?

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-The first one is five or six huts off; that of Gunness Answer Tewarry is farther still ; some three or four huts farther, Question-Was the jemadar alone when he gave the order ? Answer-The jemadar, subadar, and Pay-Havildar Hyat Bux Khan were together. Question-Were you in the lines at 10 o'clock that morning? Answer-Yes. Question-Did the jemadar come through the lines at that time, and say anything about the huts ? Answer-I did not hear him. Question-When you heard the jemadar give the order about the huts in the afternoon, do you know what orders he gave in other parts of the lines ? Answer-I only heard what I have said. Question-How do you know that this was the 5th March? Answer-I was in the lines on the 5th March. Question-Were you not in the lines on the 4th and 6th March ? Answer—I was. Question-Did the jemadar and subadar come through the lines on these days and give any orders, and what ? Answer-I did not hear him on those days. Question-You were in the lines on the 4th, 5th and 6th March; how can you particularise the 5th as the day on which the order was given by the jemadar ? Answer-I know it. Question-Whom did you hear give the order, the subadar or jemadar? Answer-I heard them both at different times. Question-Did you see these three men as they went through the lines ? Answer-Yes. Question-If the jemadar had come in the morning of that day through the lines, and said anything about the huts, would you also have heard him ? Answer-----I should have heard of course. Question-At what time were you in the lines on the morning of that day ? Answer-I was employed in my hut in the morning, and went out at about between 10 and 11 o'clock to bathe. Question-Did you see the jemadar when you were going out to bathe ?

Answer-I did not see him.

Question-Do you know where he was ?

Answer—No.

Question-Do you know whether Sepoys Issuree Ram and Gunness Tewarry were in the lines when you heard the jemadar give the order about the huts?

Answer-I do not know.

Question--Were Sepoys Kaleedeen Pattuck and Pudarut Ram in the lines ?

Answer-They might have been. I did not go to their huts.

#### BY THE COURT

Question-Was there any one with you in the hut?

Answer-No one. There are three living in the hut; one was in the hospital and one on garrison duty.

The witness withdraws.

The prisoner declines to call any more witnesses, and makes the following statement :---

When the regiment was at Delhi, the havildar-major died, and the colonel appointed another one. From that day to this moment there has been an ill-feeling against me.

We are all under the orders of the colonel, but I am always found fault with ; and called out whenever the slightest duty is to be performed. The call is—" Where is the jemadar?" Whenever I go out, even to perform the calls of nature, I am always watched by certain men, drill lance-naicks, Pay-Havildar Madho Sing, and others.

As to the accusation about cartridges, I arrived in the lines at half-past 6 o'clock on the evening of the 3rd March from garrison duty. On the morning of the 4th, at about half-past 9 o'clock, I went with my boy servant towards the bazar to get grass and other materials for thatching. I had thatched one of my huts before I went away on garrison duty. Boodheram Sing was going along in the same direction, about ten paces in front. When we came near the lines of the Light Company, Jemadar Sewchurn Sing called me to him. Subadar-Major Duriou Sing, Subadar Homail Sing were sitting on the same charpoy. Aman Sing, Pay-Havildar of the 6th Company, and Thakore Sing, Pay-Havildar of the 4th Company, and Issuree Sing, Havildar, Light Company, these three were also together on a charpoy; and Madho Sing, Pay-Havildar of the Grenadier Company, was standing with a book under his arm. I told the jemadar, I had no time to come then; but

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On the 5th March, at about 8 o'clock in the morning, the subadar of the 2nd Company, who is now in Court, called out to me—"Here is your son arrived." He had been away to Juggernath. I did not leave my hut that day after his arrival, but remained in attendance upon my son.

As to the cartridge accusation, we were never told to bite them, neither on the parade ground nor at the colonel's house, on the two occasions. But people took my name from reasons of enmity to try and get my name cut. Send for cartridges, and bring in a musket, and see who will bite the cartridges, and who will not; and let those who will not bite them be dismissed.

On the second occasion of going to the colonel's bungalow, did any one refuse, or did any one agree, to bite the cartridges ? I would ask if I have disobeyed any orders of the colonel on the subject. The colonel, on receiving such a report, ought to have asked me, whether I would obey orders or not; and if I had not, then it was proper to punish me. For thirty-three years I have served the Government and obeyed all orders I have received and had intended to do so; and I am still in hopes that my enemies may be brought before the Court and directed to bite the cartridges, and that I may be placed alongside them and told to do so too; and if I refuse, then punish me.

When the colonel first called us up, he said that in the grease there was only sheep's and goat's fat; and that that would do no harm to our religion. All the Native officers agreed that there was nothing objectionable; and I among the rest. On the second occasion, when we were at the colonel's bungalow, he told us the manner of using the new cartridges; and then said—" Look; some enemy has made a report against the subadar-major, and here, I have just got it." We had a conversation about duty matters, and then returned to our lines.

On the 5th of March, Madho Sing, Pay-Havildar, Grenadier Company, took a sepoy of my company to Captain Greene's quarters. I don't know what occurred there or what this was for, but I know the fact. In the evening, after roll-call, he took him and another one to the colonel's on the 8th March. I was cleansing my water-vessel about half-past 6 o'clock, when some sepoys came to me and said — "What

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are you sitting there for, while Madho Sing is setting a trap for you ? He took a sepoy during the day to Captain Greene's, and now he is taking two to the colonel's." I then started to go to the adjutant's, but it being late, I was afraid that if I was found absent I might be reported again; so I went up towards the quarter-guard to tell them where I was going. I saw Gowrie Sunkur Tewarry of the 5th Company sitting near the wrestling place, and told him they are making up a case against me—" Will you be my witness ? I am going up to the' adjutant's." The subadar said—"I don't know anything about your case, but I will be a witness that you are going up to the adjutant's." I then went up to the quarter-guard, and told Sewbuccus Sing; jemadar on duty there, that they were making false accusations against me, and that two men had gone up to the colonel's with Madho Sing; and that I was going up to the adjutant's, and that he was to be' a witness.

As I was going on, I saw Jankee Sing and called him to me, and took him along with me to the adjutant's. When we got up to the tank near the magazine, we came up to Hyat Bux Khan, pay-havildar, and I told him what I heard was going on against me, and said-" You are a pay-havildar ; what do you know about it ?" He replied-" I will take an oath I know nothing about it whatever." We all three went straight to the mess-house. Just as we went up the steps to the door, it struck 7 o'clock. The servants were taking in dinner. I told the abdar two or three times to inform the adjutant that I was there on particular business. He said-"Dinner is just coming on to the table and the gentlemen are arriving; let them eat their dinner, and then I will tell the adjutant." In about twenty minutes after the abdar came and told me that the adjutant saheb's order was that I was to wait about a quarter to 8 o'clock. The khidmatgar Rajjub told me that the adjutant had sent word to me to go over to his house. Jankee Sing then said-"It is near 8 o'clock; I have to be present at roll-call,"-and went to the lines; Hyat Khan and I then went over to the adjutant's house, and waited at the door on the side opposite the mess-house, which is not the principal entrance, but on the opposite side of the house. About half-past 8 o'clock the sergeant-major, the havildar-major, Bhoowany Buccus, and Rampersaud Ditchit, Lance-Naick, came into the compound; and went round to the front of the house. We followed them at twenty paces off, and just then the adjutant came over from the mess walking rapidly, and went into the house from the rear where we had been waiting. When we got to the front, I went up and saluted him ; Hyat Khan

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did the same, and so did the others. About a minute afterwards Colonel Harris also came. We were all examined separately by the adjutant, and I overheard the havildar-major state that I had a meeting at my hut. The adjutant asked him if he had reported it to the sergeant-major. He said he had. The sergeant-major was then called in, and asked if he had gone to see if there was a meeting. He said—" No." Just as he was going it had struck 8 o'clock, and he did not go. We all returned from the adjutant's to our lines at half-past 9 o'clock.

With regard to what Jemadar Sewbuccus Sing reported, there are plenty of Native officers in the regiment, the captain of my company, and subadars in the regiment, what misfortune had befallen me that I should go to him, a jemadar like myself, and say that my only hope was in him! Whoever is not a fool can tell who is his enemy. Is it likely that I should go to my enemy to talk any such thing ?

With regard to the case of thatching the huts, how is it that the report should be made direct to the commanding officer, and that the captain of the company, the subadar, and the orderly-havildar should know nothing about it, but that a havildar of another company should take a sepoy of my company to the colonel's to complain.

As to the meeting, the havildar-major knows very well who is the subabar of the day, and that it is his duty to tell him first; and if he did not bring him, the subadar of my company was on that day in the lines.

The orderly-havildar was there also; he did not say anything to any of them, but according to his choice, he brought men from the 3rd and 7th Companies, lance-naicks, and men of the same caste, as witnesses. There are plenty of Native officers in the lines whom he might ; have made witnesses instead of these men. I complain of men having been called as witnesses during the course of the trial,-men who. had been mentioned to the colonel by the subadar-major and havildar-major day by day, but who had not been warned. With regard to the evidence about that meeting, some witnesses say that the meeting was in the court-yard, some in the house; some say that there are tatties (enclosure) round the compound, some say it was open; the Native officers of my regiment who are in the Court can give evidence about that; ask them. They can also give information as to whether four of my family came on that day or not. Another thing I wish to state is, that since I joined the regiment on its being raised, there have been fourteen commandants, seven adjutants, and eight havildarmajors. I have always had a good character with all of these. If the character book is referred to, this will be shown. I have only got a bad

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character now by the back-biting and false complaints made against me by the subadar-major and the havildar-major, and to which the colonel listens.

On the 20th of March the subadar-major made the four prisoners who are to be tried on the charge of being at the meeting sit down on his bed and told them that if they would confess that they were at this meeting, whether they mentioned the names of others or not, he would get them promoted to be naicks and havildars, and have them released from confinement.

The subadar of the 37th Regiment now in this Court and many other officers can speak to my character when I was naick of the 3rd Company, 37th Regiment, before this was raised.

I again urge upon the Court that I have served 33 years, and have always done my duty, and would also do my duty; but I have been ruined by false reports being made of me, and throw myself upon the consideration of the Court. I have no more witnesses.

The defence is closed.

It being near 4 o'clock, the Court adjourned until 11 A.M. to-morrow, the 3rd April.

### TENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

#### Fort William, 3rd April 1857.

The Court reassembled this day at their former place of meeting, at half-past 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the President, Members, Judge-Advocate, Interpreter, Prosecutor, and prisoner, being all present.

The Prosecutor not having his reply prepared, the Court did not commence proceedings until near 1 o'clock p.m.

At the request of the prisoner, Lieutenant W. M. Grierson, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, the Interpreter to the Court, is sworn.

#### EXAMINED BY THE PRISONER

Question-Will you state to the Court what you know of my character ?

Answer-It is now three years since I left the regiment, at which time the jemadar was a pay-havildar. I believe he accompanied me once on treasure escort duty, during which time I had no fault to find with him. I know nothing further personally of him, he not having been in my company, but I always considered him a smart non-commissioned officer. Lieutenant Grierson resumes his seat in Court.

Colonel Kennedy hands in the following reply, which is read by the Interpreter :---

To the President and Members of the Native general court-martial. SIRDARS,—

I request your particular attention to a few remarks I wish to make on the defence made yesterday by the prisoner, Jemadar Salickram Sing, and would at the same time refer in a few instances to certain parts of the evidence for the prosecution which have not in any way been contradicted or disproved by the witnesses for the defence.

The first instance of the first charge, I conceive, has been as clearly and satisfactorily proved as it is possible to prove anything. A Native commissioned officer (a jemadar) and a havildar have both sworn to having heard the prisoner make use of the mutinous expressions with which he is charged ; a report of the same is made a short time after to the subadar of the company in presence of the subadar-major of the regiment; these two respectable Native officers have sworn to the report made by the Native officer, to whom it is addressed by the prisoner. The prisoner has not attempted to disprove the statement he is charged with having made regarding the biting of the cartridges, and I think there can be no doubt in the minds of the members of this Court that the statement was made, and this, too, the Court will recollect, after I had had a parade of the regiment, at which the Interpreter, Captain Impey, explained to the men, in my presence, the whole of the cartridge case, pointing out that no grease was upon any that had been issued; that none would be put upon them; that the paper was clean and free from grease; and that the whole of the material used in the preparation of the cartridge was unobjectionable to either Hindu or Mussulman. This explanation, it has been shown in evidence, satisfied the minds of the men.

This Native officer, Salickram Sing, was also present at that parade, and carried the colours. He was well aware of the disaffection and bad feeling existing amongst the troops at Barrackpore; he also saw that the regiment to which he belonged was perfectly satisfied with the explanation that had been made to them, and with what Government proposed doing, so that there would not be the slightest interference with casts or the religious prejudices of the sepoy, and this I myself more than once fully and satisfactorily explained to both Native officers and men; and yet a month or so afterwards here is a Native commissioned officer of about thirty-three years' service, who evidently must be one of the disaffected,

but without any real cause, as has been shown, instead of endeavouring to soothe and allay any groundless fears that might still be lurking in the minds of any of the men of his regiment, doing all he could to foster and foment disaffection amongst them, and endeavouring to incite them to join in his mutinous and unauthorised conduct; but fortunately, the men were too staunch and too true to their colours and their Government to allow themselves to be led away by one disaffected individual, where they saw there was no just cause for complaint.

The prisoner has said in his defence that he was in his hut the whole of the day of the 5th March 1857, from 8 o'clock in the morning, attending upon his son, who had returned from Juggernath; whereas his own witnesses have sworn that he went through the lines of his company once at ten o'clock in the morning, and again at half-past 4 in the afternoon of that day, telling the men as he passed along to repair their huts; this he did twice on the very day he has stated in his defence that he did not leave his hut after 8 o'clock in the morning. Two sepoys of the 1st Company have also sworn that they saw the prisoner passing through their lines on the afternoon of the 5th March, and heard him tell them not to hurry in repairing their huts, as there would be a disturbance in three or four days or so; this too said at a time when the sepoys of some of the regiments at Barackpore were more or less disaffected, and showed every disposition to join in a disturbance.

The prisoner's witnesses have sworn that they heard the jemadar, Salickram Sing, give orders to repair the huts and cooking-places at the time that he states he was in his hut, but these witnesses have not said that they did not hear the jemadar also give orders to delay repairing them, for the reasons stated in the second instance of the first charge.

With reference to the third instance of the first charge, the jemadar is not charged with being himself present at a meeting of non-commissioned officers and others at his hut, but with having a meeting of non-commissioned officers and sepoys of the 70th Regiment at his hut, in the lines of his company, and this, I think, the Court will allow has been most satisfactorily proved by no less than six witnesses, who have all sworn to the fact, and who have given the names of some of the men they saw there, describing minutely the very clothes some wore. There surely could not have been any mistake in this evidence, for no six witnesses could have so correctly given evidence had they really not been eye-witnesses to what they stated. The jemadar in his defence wishes to show that he was not present at this meeting, but that he was at the mess. If it should appear to the Court that

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there is any uncertainty about the exact time at which the jemadar was present at that meeting, there is no uncertainty of the fact of his presence. He was both seen and heard. The sentry, Gunness Pandy, saw him, and Sepoy Adhar Sing heard his voice.

But if even he were not present, he would be equally culpable under this charge. The fact of the meeting having taken place is unquestionable, and it is impossible to suppose that twenty or twentyfive persons should assemble at the jemadar's hut without his connivance.

What the subject discussed at that meeting was, has to a certain extent been shown, and that the assembly was held for illegal purposes is beyond a shadow of a doubt; if not for such purpose, how is it that none of those have come forward who were present at the assembly, although a pardon was offered by the Major-General commanding the Division to any one who would speak the truth ; and, if not, why should the jemadar have threatened and persuaded the sentry, Gunness Pandy, to deny there had been a meeting? There can be no other conclusion than that the meeting was of an illegal nature, and the evidence itself in some measure explains its nature. Sepoy Adhar Sing has sworn that he heard the jemadar say -" What I have done has been exposed; and now what shall I do?" What had the jemadar done? Is it not shown that he had, on the 5th of March, used seditious language about the cartridges and the huts ? Here was something to be exposed, and did not the jemadar know that his conduct had been exposed? The answer to this is clear. The evidence shows that my orderly had at 6 o'clock in the evening of the 8th of March informed Hyat Bux Khan, Pay-Havildar, the constant companion of the jemadar on that evening, as shown both by the evidences for the prosecution and the defence, that Madho Sing had reported the jemadar's misconduct to me, and that an enquiry had that day been made by me. It is impossible to conceive that Hyat Eux Khan did not tell that to the jemadar, so that the meaning of the words heard to be spoken-"What I have done has been exposed, and now what shall I do ? "-is clear, and is in itself sufficient to show the unlawful character of the meeting.

Having now disposed of the charges, I will proceed to remark upon the style of defence adopted by the prisoner Jemadar Salickram Sing. He evidently wishes the Court to think him an ill-treated man, and that there is a strong party feeling against him in the regiment, for he talks of his enemies in the corps, and lays great stress upon the names of the subadar-major and drill-havildar of the regiment, whom he implies

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having maligned him to me, and that I (he also says) have listened to tales, back-bitings, and false complaints from these two men. I now solemnly assure this Court that the first I ever heard of there being enmity between the prisoner and any one in the regiment was at one of the sittings of this very Court, and not before. Indeed, I had not the slightest idea that he was not on the same friendly terms in the regiment as the other Native officers appear to be; and I would also here inform the Court that neither the subadar-major nor the havildar-major has ever told me any tales against the prisoner, or made any false complaints against any other persons in the regiment. Indeed, I would not have allowed it. I never encourage tale-bearing and tittle-tattle. I never have done so, and I never will, either from a subadar or from a sepoy.

In explanation of what the prisoner complains as having taken place on the 20th of March, I will state to the Court exactly what On or about the 20th of March, Major-General Hearsey, occurred. Commanding the Presidency Division, authorised me to offer a free pardon to any one of the prisoners who would come forward and speak the whole truth regarding the meeting at the jemadar's hut, if he were there, what was the subject of conversation that was carried on there, and so forth. This I made known at the head-quarters of my regiment through my adjutant, and when I came down to Fort William to act as prosecutor on this trial, by order of the Major-General commanding, I made the same known through the subadar-major and drill-havildar, who were down here as witnesses for the prosecution; going myself to the encampment of the evidences, and prisoners near the tank, and myself telling them to make known the General's orders, and my offer, with his sanction, of a free pardon to any one who would turn Queen's evidence. So much for the prisoner's insinuation that the other prisoners were attempted to be bribed into confessing.

Jemadar Salickram Sing has merely given his own testimony of false complaints having been made against him, and has also stated that there are persons at enmity with him in the regiment, without proving a single instance; and he has not attempted even to show why they are at enmity with him, or given any reasons for it throughout his statement, or attempted even to support it by evidence. I believe his assertion to be without the least foundation, and wholly untrue, for, as I have before said, I never heard of it until it was put forward in this Court.

The jemadar talks of his good character, and says he has always done his duty, and would do so again. Having been thirty-three years in the service, it is, I think, a pity he should so far have forgotten his position in the regiment, and lost sight of his duty to his Government, as to have attempted at the time he did, and when there was disaffection abroad amongst the troops at the station, to have persuaded others in his own regiment, which had been so steady and well-behaved, to combine with him against the lawful authority of his superiors, and by such an act to blast the good name of his own regiment.

The jemadar would also wish the Court to think that I have some ill-will towards him, and think I listened to complaints against him. I assure the Court I knew no more of this Native officer than I did of the others in the regiment, and I never heard from his comrades (Native officers or men) any complaint against him. I only joined this regiment, the 70th Native Infantry, at the end of last July, and on the very day I took the command, the havildar-major, I believe, died. Before appointing his successor, I consulted the ablest and best officers in the regiment, and when two or three good and smart men had been pointed out to me. I myself examined them in their duty on parade, and then selected the man I considered best fitted for the situation.

The jemadar thinks and says I ought, on receiving a report against him, to have sent for him, and asked him whether he would obey orders. My duty is to issue orders to those under my command, and to see them obeyed; not to ask my subordinates "if they will obey them."

On receiving reports against the prisoner of so serious a nature as mutiny, and holding a meeting at his hut, particularly at a time when the troops at the station were more or less disaffected, I directed my adjutant to place the jemadar in arrest, and I ordered, without delay, a special Court of Inquiry.

Before concluding, I would make a remark concerning the jemadar's complaint that men were called as witnesses during the course of the trial, men who had been mentioned to me by the subadar-major and havildar-major day by day, but who had not been warned. The Court may recollect, and I have no doubt the Judge-Advocate does, that on one or two occasions during the trial, some particular points to which answers were made elicited the name or names of one or two men whom I had not heard of as knowing anything of the case under investigation; it was then thought in Court that these men would be material witnesses for the prosecution. The Court may also recollect having seen me on these occasions writing to my adjutant to send these witnesses down on the following morning early; these notes were

written by me in Court, and given immediately the proceedings of the day were closed; on one occasion, to the havildar-major to send up to Barrackpore, and on another, I think I gave the note to the adjutant himself, as he was in Court on that day. This explanation will, I hope, fully satisfy the Court that the jemadar's insinuations that witnesses for the prosecution were first told what to say by the subadar-major and havildar-major, and then metnioned to me as men necessary to be sent for, are groundless and malicious, put forth evidently in hope of making the Court believe that he, the prisoner, has not had justice done him, and that party feeling was at work against him, the whole being a fabrication of his own and utterly untrue.

I will now leave the serious charges against the prisoner in the hands of the Court, to be dealt with as the members may see fit, feeling convinced that fifteen Native officers who have served the State faithfully and honourably, some from thirty to forty years, will show their Government that they know their duty, and will perform it; that notwithstanding the prisoner is a Native officer of about thirty-three years' service, they will not permit the good name and bearing of a steady and well-behaved regiment to be even tarnished by the machinations of one disaffected and contumacious officer.

Fobt William,	7	'(Sd.)	J. D. KENNEDY, LieutCol. and Col.,	
The 3rd Apr. 1857.	5		Comdg. 70th Regt. of Nat. Infy.	

The Court was closed.

### FINDING

The Court find the prisoner, Jemadar Salickram Sing, of the 1st Company, 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, guilty of the first charge, in every instance, and guilty also of the second charge.

#### SENTENCE

The Court sentence the prisoner, Jemadar Salickram Sing, of the 1st Company of the 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, to be dismissed from the service.

- (Sd.) G. C. HATCH, Capt., Dy. Judge-Adv.-Genl.
- (Sd.) W. M. GRIERSON, Liout., Interpreter to the Court.

The Court adjourned at 3 o'clock P. M. until further orders.

(Sd.) G. C. HATCH, Capt., Dy. Judge Adv. Genl.

From Lieutenant-Colonel K. YOUNG, Judge-Advocate-General of the Army, to the Deputy Judge-Advocate-General, Presidency Division,-dated Simla, 11th April 1857.

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Commanderin-Chief, to return, for revision of the sentence, the proceedings of the trial of Jemadar Salickram Sing, of the 70th Regiment of Native Infantry.

2. General Anson concurs with the Court in their verdict, and it seems fully proved that the prisoner has disgracefully broken the oath he took to behave himself as "becomes a good soldier, and faithful servant of the Company," having himself fomented the mutinous feeling that existed in a portion of his regiment, instead of reporting the matter at once to the European officer of his company and at the same time exerting his own influence to check the spirit of disaffection.

3. You will be good enough to explain to the Court the serious nature of the offence of which the prisoner has been convicted, and point out to them the impossibility of maintaining discipline in the army, if the crime of mutiny in a Native officer is allowed to be visited by mere dismissal from the service.

4. The Commander-in-Chief trusts that, having taken these remarks into their consideration, the Court will be prepared to award such a sentence as His Excellency can approve.

### Barrackpore, 24th April 1857.

The Court reassembled this day with closed doors, at the messhouse of the 34th Regiment of Native Infantry, at 11 o'clock in the forencon, the President, and all the members detailed in the heading of these Proceedings being present. The Interpreter is also present.

The orders for the reassembly of the Court were read, and the Judge-Advocate read to the Court the letter of instructions for revision, marked A, and attached to these Proceedings, and explained also the serious nature of the offence of which the prisoner has been convicted, as directed in paragraph 3 of this letter.

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#### **REVISED SENTENCE**

The Court having maturely considered the remarks of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, most respectfully beg to adhere to their former sentence.

	(Sđ.)	JOWAHIR LALL TEWARRY,
		Presdt. of the Court.
	(Sd.)	G. C. HATCH, Capt., Dy. Judge-AdvGenl,
:	·(Sd.)	W. M. GRIERSON, Lieut., Interpreter.

The Court closed their proceedings, on revision, at 1 o'clock P.M. and adjourned until further orders.

(8d.)	G. C. HATCH, Capt.,
	Dy. Judge AdvGenl.

Approved and confirmed.

Simla,	(Sd.) GEORGE ANSON, Genl.,		
The 1st May 1857.	Comdrin-Chief, East Indies.		
	REMARKS		

The Commander-in-Chief returned these proceedings for a revision of the sentence, considering mere dismissal from the service an inadequate punishment for the crime of mutiny.

The Court have, however, adhered to their original sentence, representing that there is a marked difference between the case of Jemadar Salickram Sing, and those of Sepoy Mungul Pandy and Jemadar Issuree Pandy of the 84th Regiment of Native Infantry, on each of whom the Court has passed a capital sentence. General Anson, agreeing in much that has been advanced by the Court, is still of opinion that a very lenient view has been taken of the misconduct of Jemadar Salickram. Sing, but out of deference to the President and Members of this courtmartial, who faithful to their duty to the State, have not shrunk from awarding a sentence of death when they conscientiously considered it deserved, General Anson has accorded his approval and confirmation of the present sentence, and he has the more readily done so, as the 70th Regiment, to which Jemadar Salickram Sing was a disgrace, is a wellconducted body of men, and requires no severe example in its ranks to mark the heinousness of the crime of mutiny.

(Sd.) GEORGE ANSON.

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From Colonel R. J. H. BIRCH, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, to the Judge-Advocate-General of the Army,--dated Fort William, 27th May 1857.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th May 1857, forwarding the original proceedings of a general courtmartial on the trial of Salickram Sing, Jemadar of the 70th Regiment of Native Infantry, who has been convicted of mutiny, and sentenced to be dismissed the service, and to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the same has been laid before Government.

2. The original enclosures of your letter are herewith returned as requested.

# APPENDIX E

Memorandum of the circumstances which led to the trial of Mattadin Sing, Havildar, and eighty-four others, naicks and troopers of the 3rd Light Cavalry.

On the 24th April 1857, Brevet-Colonel Smyth, commanding the Srd Light Cavalry, addressed the following letter to the Major of Brigade at Meerut :---

"I have the honor to report, for the information of the officer commanding the station, that yesterday I ordered a parade to take place this morning for the purpose of showing the men the new mode by which they might load their carbines without biting their cartridges; and late in the evening I received information from the havildarmajor that the men of the first troop would not receive their cartridges (which were the same that they always used), and my adjutant received a letter from Captain Craigie, copy of which is enclosed.

This morning I explained to the men my reason for ordering the parade, and I first ordered the havildar-major to show them the new way of loading, which he did, and fired off his carbine. I then ordered the cartridges to be served out, but with the

Heera Sing, Havildar, 4th Troop, Persaud Ning, Havildar, 5th Troop, Golam Nubbie Khan, Havildar, 5th Troop, Shaikh Golam Mahomed, Naick, 6th Troop, Delawar Khan, Naick, 6th Troop, exception of the men noted in the margin, they all refused to receive them, saying they would get a bad name if they took them, but that if

all the regiment would take their cartridges, they would do so. I explained to them that they were not new cartridges, but the very same they had always been using, and once more called on them to receive the cartridges, but with the exception of the men above mentioned, they all still refused, after which I ordered the adjutant to dismiss the men, as they were too large a party to send to the guard. The party consisted of ninety men."

2. On the receipt of this letter, a court of inquiry was assembled by Major-General Hewitt, commanding the Meerut Division with the view to elicit facts, if possible, to elucidate the cause of the refusal of the men of the 3rd Light Cavalry to use the cartridges on the 24th April, and to ascertain if there was anything objectionable in them.

3. The Court of Inquiry, which was held on the following day (25th April), was composed of the following native officers :--

Subadar-Major Thakoor Awustie, 20th Native Infantry.

Subadar Gungadeen Doobey, 20th Native Infantry,

" Ramchurn, 3rd Light Cavalry.

" Gunness Sing, 20th Native Infantry.

" Golab Khan, 3rd Light Cavalry.

" Buxees Sing, 20th Native Infantry.

Jemadar Fyze Khan, 3rd Light Cavalry.

4. This shows three cavalry and four infantry officers (the 11th Regiment had not reached Meerut, it is believed) as composing the Court; and there were two Mahomedans, two Brahmins, two (apparently) Chuttries, and one (apparently) inferior caste Hindu. The late Captain Macdonald, 20th Native Infantry, was Interpreter.

5. Before this Court, the quartermaster-havildar, the regimental tindal and the senior havildar, and the senior Mahomedan trooper of each troop were examined. The quartermaster-havildar, a Hindu, knew nothing of the making up of the particular cartridges, but he stated: "I know of nothing which should prevent either Hindu or Mussulman using them. The cartridges are unobjectionable; they are the same as have been in use with the regiment for years. There is no grease in them." Hereupon the witness was directed to produce some of the cartidges; he did so without hesitation. The members of the Court examined them, and observed that "they are exactly similar to what have been in use in the service for thirty and forty years."

6. The havildar, a Hindu, who superintended the making up of these very cartridges, said: "There is nothing whatever about them that either Hindu or Mussulman can consider objectionable; they are precisely the same as have been in use for years with the regiment; they were made in the regimental magazine, as heretofore, by the regimental khalasie."

7. The tindal, a Hindu, states: "The present cartridges were made up by myself and the *khalasis* of the regiment; they are precisely the same in paper and in all materials as they have been ever

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since I have been in the regiment, and that is thirty-three years. Till now I never heard an objection of any kind against them, and even now I cannot understand what point in particular is objected to. I have never heard anything beyond general rumour, which no one is able to particularise."

8. Of the twelve troopers examined, not one could point out anything objectionable in the cartridges; they spoke of the suspicion of impurity of some kind, though of its nature not one knew anything. Moolah Bux (Mahomedau) when questioned on the subject, insolently replied: "I have doubt about the cartridges; they apparently look like old ones, but they may, for aught I know, have pigs' fat rubbed over them." The next witness, a Hindu, voluntarily handled, the cartridges to show that he considered them perfectly unobjectionable. It may be here remarked that not only had no objectionable cartridges been served to the 3rd Regiment of Light Cavalry, but, so far as is known none fit for carbines had been received at Meerut when the mutiny becurred.

9. The opinion of the Court of Inquiry is contained in the following words :---

"The Court, having attentively weighed the evidence given before them, are of opinion that no adequate cause can be assigned for the disobedience of Colonel Smyth's orders by the men of the 3rd Regiment of Light Cavalry in refusing to receive and use the cartridges that were served out. The only conclusion the Court can arrive at in regard to this point is that a report seems to have got abroad which in some yague form attaches suspicion of impurity to the materials used for making these cartridges, but the Court are unanimously of opinion that there is nothing whatever objectionable in the cartridges of the 3rd Regiment of Light Cavalry, and that they may be freely received and used as heretofore without in the slightest degree affecting any religious scruple of either a Hindu or Mussulman, and if any pretence, contrary to this, is urged, that it must be false."

10. When the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry reached the late Commander-in-Chief, General Anson, accompanied by Colonel Smyth's report, His Excellency ordered the mutinous soldiers (of whom forty-nine were Mahomedans and thirty-six were Hindus) to be tried by a native general court-martial on the following charge :---

For having, at Meerut, on the 24th April 1857, severally and individually, disobeyed the lawful command of their superior officer, Brevet-Colonel G. M. C. Smyth, Commanding the 3rd Regiment of

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Light Cavalry, by not having taken the cartridges tendered to each of them individually for use that day on parade, when ordered by Colonel Smyth to take the said cartridges.

11. The Court sat on the 6th, 7th, and 8th of May, and was composed of six Mahomedan and nine Hindu native officers taken from the following corps :---

				M	Mahomedans.		Hindos,	
Artille	ery, 31	rd Compan	y, 7th Battalion		0	1		
3rd Li	ght C	avalry			1	1		
11th 1	Vative	e Infantry	•••		3	2		
20th 1	Vative	Infantry		•••	0	2		
38th	"	78	•••		1	1 .		
54th	<b>3</b> 2	<b>3</b> 2	•••		1	1		
74th	34	"		•••	0	1		
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Question—On the 24th April 1857, were you commanding the 3rd Regiment of Light Cavalry ?

Answer-Yes.

Question—Had you any of the troopers of your regiment on parade that morning?

Answer-Yes; including non-commissioned officers and troopers, ninety men.

Question-Were the prisoners in Court amongst those ninety men? Answer-Yes, they were.

Question-Did they, on that occasion, disobey any lawful command you gave; if so, state the circumstances?

Answer-Yes, they did disobey my lawful command. Each of the troopers, on being ordered by me to take their cartridges from the kot-dafadars, who tendered them to them, refused to do so, saying: "If all will take the cartridges, we will take them." I then separately and individually ordered each of the prisoners to take the cartridges; each man refused, saying-"I shall get a bad name if I do so."-This was the only plea that any of them urged; not one of them alleged any scruple of religion, but simply declared that he would get a bad name among his comrades if he took them. Previous to ordering the men to take their cartridges, I made the havildar-major load and fire off his carbine, to

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#### Answer-(concld.)

show them how it could be loaded without putting the cartridge to the mouth; this the havildar-major did before them. When they had all refused the cartridges, I pointed out to them that the havildar-major had used these cartridges; that there was no grease of any kind on them, and that they were the same as they had always used, and that they had better take them. With these men on parade were five others, non-commissioned officers, who made no objection to taking the cartridges. I made these five men, who had obeyed my orders, advance a short distance in front of the prisoners, to follow the example those men had set them, but not one of them would do so (sic). The prisoners, one and all, ended by disobeying the orders I gave them on parade; and as this was the case, I caused the parade to be dismissed, and reported the circumstance for the information of the officer commanding the station.

#### CROSS-EXAMINED

Meer Kudrut Ally, Naick, No. 232, puts the following questions :---

- Question—Did you show us the cartridges that we might see whether they were old ones or new ones ?
- Answer-The kot-dafadars had them in their hands; you might have examined them in any way, but you refused to touch them.
- Question-Were the cartridges, which we refused, put aside and confined with us ?
- Answer-No, all the cartridges of the regiment are precisely the same; there are not two kinds.

The other prisoners decline to cross-examine.

#### EXAMINED BY THE COURT

- Question—Why did you tell the men they would have to fire, instead of merely ordering them to do so ?
- Answer-The parade was in orders the day before, and entered in the order-book as usual, and each man was ordered to receive three cartridges. I wished to show them the new way of loading without putting the cartridges to the mouth, and attended the parade for the purpose.

Answer-(concld.)

When I came on parade, the adjutant informed me that the men had not taken their cartridges, and it was on that account I ordered the havildar-major to take a cartridge and load and fire before them; and it was then also that I said, when the whole army heard of this way of loading, that they would be all much pleased, and exclaim "Wah, Wah!"

13. The defence of the prisoners made by Mattadin, Havildar, on behalf of himself and others, was in the following words :---

" On the evening of the 23rd ultimo, at about half-past 7 o'clock, about five or six men of the 3rd troop were standing in the lines; they were saying to each other that Brijmohun Sing had just said that he had that day fired off two of the new greased cartridges; there will be a parade to-morrow morning ; the colonel and the adjutant will be present, and the new cartridges are to be used ; we shall then see whether any one, Hindu or Mussulman, will refuse to use them. After this a number of us said to each other : If we use the greased cartridges we shall lose our caste, and shall never again be able to return to our We then consulted as to what was to be done, and came to homes. the conclusion that we ought to report the circumstances to the captains of our troops, so that something might be done to save our caste. The native officers of troops reported the circumstances to the captains commanding troops. We all went to our respective huts. Early in the morning, as we were ordered to turn out for parade, we all went there without knowing what had been done or said the night before by captains of troops. The adjutant came down to parade shortly afterwards, and then the colonel stood in front of the skirmishers and said : "I have invented something; listen to what I am about to say, If you will fire off these cartridges, the Commander-in-Chief will be much pleased, and you will have a great name, and I shall likewise get great praise, and I will have the whole affair published in the papers." The colonel called the havildar-major to the front, and said to him : "Take a carbine, load and fire it off in the way I showed you yesterday," and then he said to us that we should have to load and fire in the same manner. The havildar-major brought his carbine to his side, and having handled his cartridges, was about to bite off the end, when the colonel stopped him, saying : "Tear it with your hands." He loaded and fired. The colonel then said : " Where are the cartridges; bring them here." Kot-dafadars brought the cartridges tied up in cloth.

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The colonel went to the right and said: "Will you take those cartridges?" All said—"No, we won't take them." We would not take them as we had great doubts about them; so the colonel had to induce us to take them, a thing he had never done before. When the colonel had put us 'threes about 'to dismiss us from the parade, we begged to make a statement to him. He fronted us, and we said—"If the other regiments will fire one cartridge, we will fire ten." The colonel said— "There are no other cartridges for other men." We said—"There are pistols." The colonel then again put us 'threes about' and dismissed us."

14. By the votes of fourteen out of the fifteen native officers, the whole of the prisoners were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labor for ten years each. But the Court solicited favorable consideration for the prisoners, on account of the good character which they had hitherto borne, as testified to by their commanding officer, and on account of their having been misled by vague reports regarding the cartridges.

15. Major-General Hewitt approved and confirmed the sentence, and made the following remarks :---

"I would willingly attend to the recommendation of the Court if I could find anything in the conduct of the prisoners that would warrant me in so doing. Their former good character has been blasted by present misbehaviour; and their having allowed themselves to be influenced by vague reports, instead of attending to the advice and obeying the orders of their European superiors, is the gist of the offence for which they have been condemned. It appears from these proceedings that these misguided men, after consultation together on the night of the 23rd of April 1857, came to the resolution of refusing their cartridges, having so far forgotten their duty as soldiers. Their next step was to send word to the troop captains that they would not take cartridges unless the whole of the troops in the station would do so likewise. Some of them even had the insolence to desire that firing parades might be deferred till the agitation about cartridges among the native troops had come to a close. In this state of insubordination they appeared on parade on the morning of the 24th, and then consummated the crime, for which they are now to suffer, by repeatedly refusing cartridges that had been made as usual in their regimental magazine, when assured, too, by Colonel Smyth that the cartridges had no grease on them; that they were old ones, and exactly similar to what had been in use in the regiment

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for thirty or forty years. Even now they attempt to justify so gross an outrage upon discipline by alleging that they had doubts of the cartridges. There has been no acknowledgment of error, no expression of regret, no pleading for mercy.

"To the majority of the prisoners no portion of the sentence will be remitted. I observe, however, that some of them are very young, and I am willing to make allowance for their having been misled by their more experienced comrades; and under these circumstances, I remit one-half of the sentence passed upon the following men, who have not been more than five years in the service;" and then follow the names of eleven troopers.

16. The prisoners having been delivered over to the civil power on the 9th of May, the native cavalry and infantry at Meerut mutinied on the evening of the following day, and proceeded to Delhi, where they were joined by the native troops at that station. It will be seen that the general court-martial was formed of native officers from all the corps that mutinied on the 10th and 11th of May, and the President of the court-martial, the Subadar-Major of the 38th Light Infantry, was afterwards, it has been said, one of the principal leaders of the mutineers.

17. When a report of the result of the trial was made to the late General Anson, it was intimated that the mutineers, before being made over to the civil power, were put in irons on the parade ground in the presence of their regiment. His Excellency approved of the sentence that had been passed upon the prisoners, but expressed his regret at this unusual procedure. Nothing more was heard regarding the mutineers till the receipt of the telegraphic message giving information of the mutiny, and of their release from jail.

JUDGE-ADV. GENL'S OFFICE, SIMLA:	(Sd.) KEITH YOUNG, LieutCol.,
27ho 21st Oct. 1857.	Judge Advocate-Gen1. of the Army.

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## Numerical Return of the killed, wounded, and missing of the Field Force under the command of Major-General Sir H. BARNARD, K.C.B., during the operations of the 27th June 1857.

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Corps.	•	Field officers.	Captains.	Non-commissioned officers.	Drammers, rank and file.	Natives.	Field officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Non-commissioned officers. Drummers, rank and file.	Natives.	Horses.	Field officers.	Captains. Subalterns.	Non-commissioned officers,	
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Nominal Roll of Officers killed and wounded on the 27th June 1857. Lieutenant Harris, 2nd European Bengal Fusiliers, wounded.

> (Sd.) H. W. BARNARD, Maj.-Genl., Comdg. Field Force,

### APPENDIX G

List of officers killed, died of wounds, or wounded in the Operations near and before Delhi, including the actions on the Hindun and at Badli-ki-Serai, from the 30th May 1857 to the final capture of the place on the 20th September 1857.

#### KILLED, OR DIED OF WOUNDS.

- Brigadier-General J. Nicholson, commanding 4th Infantry Brigade, wounded in the assault, September 14th; died of his wound, September 23rd.
- Colonel C. Chester, Adjutant-General of the Army, killed at Badliki-Serai, June 8th.

Captain C. W. Russell, 54th N. I., Orderly Officer to Brigadier Wilson, at Badli-ki-Serai, June 8th.

Captain J. W. Delamain, 56th N. I., Orderly Officer to Brigadier Wilson, at Badli-ki-Serai, June 8th.

- Captain R. C. H. B. Fagan, Artillery (wounded June 30th), killed in a breaching battery, September 12th.
- Lieutenant E. H. Hildebrand, Artillery (wounded June 30th), killed in a breaching battery, September 7th.
- Licutenant H. G. Perkins, Artillery, in action at the Hindun,\* May 31st.
- Lieutenant T. E. Dickins, Artillery, wounded July 20th; died of wound, July 27th.
- Second-Lieutenant F. L. Tandy, Engineers, in the assault at the Cashmere Gate, September 14th.
- Second-Lieutenant E. Jones, Engineers, wounded July 18th; died of wounds, July 24th.
- Captain T. M. Greensill, 24th Foot, Assistant Field Engineer, accidentally shot while on duty in front of the Metcalfe Picquet July 20th, and died on following day.
- Assistant-Surgeon S. Moore, 6th Dragoon Guards, wounded at the Hindun,<sup>•</sup> May 31st; died of wound, June 2nd.
- Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. Yule, 9th Lancers, in the rear attack, June 19th.

• Ghazi-ud-din-Nuggur,-Vide London Gazette (Supplement), December 15th 1857,

- Lieutenant W. W. Pogson, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment, wounded July 23rd; mortally wounded in the breach, and died September 17th.
- Lieutenant W. R. Webb, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment, mortally wounded in the assault, and died September 15th.
- Lieutenant W. H. Mountsteven, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment (previously slightly wounded), July 9th.
- Lieutenant J. H. Bradshaw, Her Majesty's 52nd Light Infantry, in the assault.
- Captain F. Andrews, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, at the Hindun, May 30th.
- Ensign W. H. Napier, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, wounded in action at the Hindun, May 30th ;\* died of wound, June 4th.\*
- Lieutenant M. A. Humphrys, 20th Regiment, N. I., attached to Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, wounded June 19th; died of wound, June 20th

Ensign E. A. L. Phillipps, 11th N. I., attached to Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, slightly wounded, June 12th; killed at the Bank House, September 16th.

- Lieutenant T. Gabbett, Her Majsty's 61st Regiment, at Najafgarh, August 25th.
- Ensign S. B. Elkington, Her Majesty's 61st Regiment, mortally wounded at Najafgarh, August 25th, and died a few days after.
- Captain E. W. J. Knox, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, at the Flag Staff Battery, June 12th.
- Lieutenant J. R. S. FitzGerald, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, wounded slightly, June 8th, at Badli-ki-Serai; killed in the breach, September 14th.
- Lieutenant A. Harrison, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, at Badliki-Serai, June 8th.
- Lieutenant E. V. Briscoe, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, in the attack on the Lahore Gate, September 218th.
- Lieutenant W. Crozier, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, in the Subzee Mundee, July 18th.
- Major G. O. Jacob, 1st European Fusiliers, slightly wounded at Najafgarh, August 25th; killed in the assault, September 14th.
- Captain G. G. McBarnet, 55th N. I., attached to 1st Fusiliers, in Kissengunge, September 14th.

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	Lieutenant E. Speke, 65th N. I., attached to 1st Fusiliers, in the assault, September 14th.
	Lieutnant S. H. Jackson, 2nd Fusiliers, in the right flank attack, June 23rd.
•	Second-Lieutenant D. F. Sherriff, 2nd Fusiliers, mortally wounded at the capture of the Ludlow Castle Battery, August 12th; died of wound, August 14th.
	Lieutenant C. H. FitzRoy Gambier, 38th Light Infantry, attached to the 2nd Fusiliers.
	Ensign O. C. Walter, 45th N. I., attached to the 2nd Fusiliers, died of sun-stroke while in action, July 18th.*
	Ensign C. E. Wheatley, 54th N. I., attached to Sirmoor Battalion, at the main picquet, June 17th.
	Lieutenant J. H. Browne, 33rd N. I., attached to the Kumaon Battalion, August 6th.
	Lieutenant J. Yorke, 8rd N. I., attached to 4th Sikh Infantry, wounded June 30th ; died of wound, July 1st.
	Brevet-Captain W. G. Law, 10th N.I., attached to 1st Punjab Infantry, killed July 23rd.
• .	Lieutenant E. J. Travers, 2nd-in-command, 1st Coke's Rifles, slightly wounded, July 21st; killed, August 2nd.
	Lieutenant W. H. Lumsden, Adjutant, 1st Coke's Rifles, at Najafgarh, August 25th.
	Ensign J. T. Davidson, 26th N. I., attached to 2nd Punjab Infantry, in the assault, September 14th.
	Lieutenant R. P. Homfray, 17th N. I., attached to 4th Punjab Infantry, in Delhi, September 16th.
	Lieutenant Quintin Battye, Commandant of Cavalry, Guide Corps, mortally wounded under the walls, June 9th; died the next day.
	Lieutenant A. W. Murray, 42nd N. I., attached to Guide Corps (previously severely wounded), in the assault, September 14th.

- Lieutenant C. B. Bannerman, 1st Bombay N. I., attached to Beluch Battalion, September 7th.
- Lieutenant R. W. Alexander, 3rd Regiment N. L, in the rear attack, June 19th.

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Brigadier-General N. B. Chamberlain, Adjutant-General of the Army, July 14th, severely.

\* 8th July .- See London Gazette (Supplement), December 15th 1857.

Colonel A. M. Becher, Quartermaster-General of the Army, June 19th, severely. Lieutenant F. S. Roberts, Officiating Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, July 14th, slightly. Brigadier H. Garbett, C. B., Artillery, August 8th, slightly. Brigadier St. G. D. Showers, commanding 1st Infantry Brigade, August 12th, severely. Captain H. E. H. Burnside, Her Majesty's 61st, Brigade-Major, 3rd Infantry Brigade, July 9th and September 14th. Lieutenant F. C. Innes, 60th N. L. July 12th, slightly. Lieutenant-Colonel T. Seaton, C. B., 35th N. L. I., July 23rd, severely. Lieutenant-Colonel R. Drought, 60th N. I., July 23rd, severely. Major J. H. Campbell, Artillery, September 11th, severely. Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel M. Mackenzie, Artillery, July 2nd, severely. Captain E. K. Money, Artillery, July 23rd, severely. Captain J. Young, Artillery, June 18th, slightly. Brevet-Major H. Tombs, Artillery, June 17th and September 14th. Captain T. E. Kennion, Artillery, August 6th, severely. Captain A. Light, Artillery, June 8th, slightly. First-Lieutenant A. Bunny, Artillery, July 23rd, slightly. First-Lieutenant H. P. Bishop, Artillery, June 19th, slightly. First-Lieutenant G. Baillie, Artillery, August 10th, slightly. First-Lieutenant A. Gillespie, Artillery, September 11th, slightly. First-Lieutenant E. L. Earle, Artillery, September 11th, slightly. First-Lieutenant A. H. Lindsay, Artillery, August 12th, slightly. Lieutenant C. Hunter, Artillery, June 8th, slightly. Second-Lieutenant J. Hills, Artillery, July 9th, severely. Second-Lieutenant M. Elliot, Artillery, July 9th, severely. Second-Lieutenant P. Thompson, Artillery, July 14th, severely. Second-Lieutenant A. H. Davidson, Artillery, June 8th, severely. Captain E. B. Johnson, Artillery, at the Hindun, May 31st, slightly. Second-Lieutenant E. Fraser, Artillery, August 7th, slightly. Second-Lieutenant R. T. Hare, Artillery, June 8th, slightly. Second-Lieutenant H. Chichester, Artillery, July 18th, slightly. Lieutenant and Riding-Master S. Budd, Artillery, September 8th, slightly. Assistant-Surgeon W. W. Ireland, Artillery, August 25th, at Najafgarh, dangerously.

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- Lieutenant-Colonel R. Baird Smith, Engineers (Chief Engineer), September 12th, slightly. Lieutenant W. W. H. Greathed, Engineers, September 14th, in the assault, very severely. Lieutenant J. T. Walker, Bombay Engineers, July 14th, severely. Lieutenant F. R. Maunsell, Engineers, August 12th and September 14th. Lieutenant J. G. Medley, Engineers, September 14th, severely. Lieutenant P. Salkeld, Engineers, September 14th, dangerously. Lieutenant E. Walker, Engineers, September 14th, slightly. Lieutenant G. T. Chesney, Engineers, (Brigade-Major), September 14th, severely. Lieutenant W. E. Warrand, Engineers, September 14th, dangerously. Lieutenant H. A. Brownlow, Engineers, September 14th, dangerously. Lieutenant M. G. Geneste, Engineers, July 18th, slightly.' Lieutenant J. St. J. Hovenden, Engineers, September 14th, severely. Lieutenant Æ. Perkins, Engineers, June 17th, slightly. Second-Lieutenant R. C. B. Pemberton, Engineers, September 14th, slightly. Second-Lieutenant J. U. Champain, Engineers, June 17th, slightly. Second-Lieutenant P. Murray, Engineers, September 10th, slightly. Second-Lieutenant H. A. L. Carnegie, Engineers, July 14th, slightly. Ensign (local) L. Gustavinski, Punjab Sappers, September 14th, severely. Ensign (local) C. Anderson, Punjab Sappers, September 14th, slightly. Captain C. P. Rosser, Her Majesty's 6th Dragoon Guards, September 14th, dangerously.
- Lieutenant A. A. de Bourbel, Her Majesty's 6th Dragoon Guards, at the Hindun, May 30th, severely.
- Captain the Hon'ble A. H. A. Anson, Her Majesty's 84th Regiment, attached to Her Majesty's 9th Lancers, September 14th, alightly.
- Lieutenant B. Cuppage, 6th Light Cavalry, attached to Her Majesty's 9th Lancers, September 14th, slightly.
- Lieutenant J. Watson, 1st Punjab Cavalry, September 14th, slightly.

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Lieutenant H. H. Gough, 3rd Light Cavalry, attached to Hodson's Horse, September 14th, slightly. Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. Brooke, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment, September 14th, severely. Captain E. G. Daniell, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment, July 9th, severely. Brevet-Major R. S. Baynes, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment, September 14th, dangerously. Brevet-Captain D. Beere, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment, September 14th, severely. Brevet-Captain E. N. Sandilands, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment, August 10th and September 14th, slightly. Lieutenant G. F. Walker, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment, September 14th, in the assault, severely. Lieutenant W. F. Metge, Her Majesty's 8th Regiment, September 14th, slightly. Colonel G. Campbell, Her Majesty's 52nd Light Infantry, September 14th, in the assault, slightly. Captain J. A. Bayley, Her Majesty's 52nd Light Infantry, September 14th, in the assault, severely, Lieutenant W. Atkinson, Her Majesty's 52nd Light Infantry, September 14th, in the assault, slightly. Ensign T. Simpson, Her Majesty's 52nd Light Infantry, August 16th, slightly. Captain H. F. Williams, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, June 19th, severely. Captain C. Jones, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, June 23rd, severely. Captain G. C. H. Waters, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, August 7th, slightly; September 14th, severely. Lieutenant H. P. Eaton, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, September 10th, dangerously. Lieutenant J. D. Dundas, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, June 19th, slightly. Lieutenant H. G. Deedes, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, June 12th, slightly. Lieutenant P. J. Curtis, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, June 12th, slightly; September 14th, severely. Lieutenant J. S. D. M'Gill, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, June 19th, slightly. Ensign W. G. Turle, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, August 10th, severely.

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	Lieutenant Pemberton, Engineers, September 14th, severely.
	Ensign A. S. Heathcote, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, June 17th slightly.
1	Surgeon J. H. K. Innes, Her Majesty's 60th Rifles, May 30th slightly.
•	Captain W. E. D. Deacou, Her Majesty's 61st Regiment, Septem ber 14th, severely.
	Lieutenant T. M. Moore, Her Majesty's 61st Regiment, Septem ber 14th, slightly.
	Lieutenant W. H. W. Pattoun, Her Majesty's 61st Regiment, July 18th, severely; died of dysentery at Simla in November. Lieutenant A. C. Young, Her Majesty's 61st Regiment, Septembe
	14th, severely. Lieutenant C. J. Griffiths, Her Majesty's 61st Regiment, July 9th
	severely. Lieutenant T. B. Hutton, Her Majesty's 61st Regiment, July 9th slightly.
	Lieutenant R. Hutton, Her Majesty's 61st Regiment, August 10th severely.
	Ensign E. B. Andros, Her Majesty's 61st Regiment, July 9th slightly.
	Lieutenant-Colonel C. Herbert, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, Jun 8th and September 14th, slightly.
	Captain T. C. Dunbar, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, June 8th slightly.
	Captain A. Chancellor, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, June 8th slightly; died of wound at Kasauli.
	Captain R. Dawson, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, June 8th dangerously.
	Captain R. Freer, Her Majesty's 27th Regiment, attached to He Majesty's 75th Regiment, September 14th, in the assaul slightly.
	Lieutenant and Adjutant R. Barter, Her Majesty's 75th Regimen June 8th, severely.
	Lieutenant C. R. Rivers, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, June 8t and July 14th, slightly; since dead of cholers.
	Lieutenant E. Armstrong, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, September 14th, slightly.
	Lieutenant G. C. N. Faithfull, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, Jul

14th, slightly.

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Lieutenant C. M. Pym, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, June 8th, slightly. Ensign R. Wadeson, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, September 14th, severely, Ensign T. Dayrell, 58th N. I., attached to Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, September 14th, severely. Paymaster D. F. Chambers, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, September 14th, slightly. Assistant-Surgeon S. A. Lithgow, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, June 8th, slightly. Colonel J. Welchman, 1st Fusiliers, June 23rd, dangerously. Captain S. Greville, 1st Fusiliers, June 8th, at Badli-ki-Serai, slightly; August 12th, before Delhi; September 14th, in the assault. Captain E. Brown, 1st Fusiliers, June 17th, dangerously. Lieutenant H. M. Wemyss, 1st Fusiliers, September 14th, severely. Lieutenant J. W. Daniell, 1st Fusiliers, July 14th, severely. Lieutenant Butler, 1st Fusiliers, September 14th, in the assault, slightly. Lieutenant E. A. C. Lambert, 1st Fusiliers, September 14th, slightly. Lieutenant A. G. Owen, 1st Fusiliers, August 12th, slightly; September 14th, severely. Second-Lieutenant N. Ellis, June 8th, at Badli-ki-Serai, slightly. Captain J. P. Caulfeild, 3rd Regiment, N. L, attached to 1st Fusiliers, September 14th, slightly. Captain W. Graydon, 16th Grenadiers, attached to 1st Fusiliers, September 14th, severely. Lieutenant E. H. Woodcock, 55th N. I., attached to 1st Fusiliers, September 14th, severely. Lieutenant A. Elderton, 2nd Fusiliers, September 14th, severely. Lieutenant C. R. Blair, 2nd Fusiliers, June 30th, dangerously. Lieutenant J. T. Harris, 2nd Fusiliers, June 27th, severely. Captain J. C. Hay, 60th N. I., attached to 2nd Fusiliers, September 14th, dangerously. Captain D. Kemp, 5th Regiment N. I., attached to 2nd Fusiliers, July 9th, severely. Lieutenant T. N. Walker, 60th N. L, attached to 2nd Fusiliers, July 18th and September 14th. .

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	Major C. Reid, 10th N. I., Commandant, Sirmoor Battalion, Sep- tember 14th, in Kissengunge, severely.
•	Lieutenant D. B. Lockhart, 7th N. I., attached to Sirmoor Batta- lion, severely.
	Lieutenant S. Ross, 9th N. I., attached to Sirmoor Battalion, July 14th, slightly; since dead of cholera.
	Lieutenant A. Tulloch, 20th N. I., attached to Sirmoor Battalion, July 14th.
	Lieutenant H. D. E. W. Chester, 36th N. I., attached to Sirmoor Battalion, July 14th, slightly.
•	Lieutenant A. H. Eckford, 69th N. I., attached to Sirmoor Bat- talion, July 9th, slightly.
	Captain H. F. M. Boisragon, 2nd-in-command, Kumaon Battalion, severely.
	Lieutenant A. B. Temple, 49th N. I., attached to Kumaon Bat- talion, August 6th, slightly.
	Lieutenant C. F. Packe, 4th Regiment, N. I., attached to 4th Sikh Infantry, June 30th, severely:
	Lieutenant F. H. Jenkins, 57th N. I., attached to 4th Sikh In- fantry, September 14th, severely.
	Lieutenant A. Pullan, 36th N. I., attached to 4th Sikh Infantry, July 9th, severely.
	Major J. Coke, 10th N. L, commanding 1st Punjab Infantry, "Coke's Rifles," August 12th, severely.
	Lieutenant C. J. Nicholson, 31st N. I., acting Commandant, 1st Punjab Infantry, September 14th, severely.
	Lieutenant H. T. Pollock, 35th Light Infantry, attached to 1st Punjab Infantry, July 14th, very severely.
	Lieutenant T. M. Shelley, 11th N. I., attached to 1st Punjab In- fantry, September 14th, slightly.
	Ensign (local) C. Prior, attached to 11th N. I., September 14th, slightly.
	Captain G. W. G. Green, Commandant, 2nd Punjab Infantry, Sep- tember 14th, slightly.
	Lieutenant T. Frankland, 2nd-in-command, September 14th, severely.
	Captain H. Daly, 1st Bombay Fusiliers, Commandant, Guide Corps, June 19th, severely.
	Lieutenant T. G. Kennedy, officiating Commandant, Guide Cavalry, June 12th, severely.

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Lieutenant R. H. Shebbeare, 60th N. I., attached to Guide Corps, July 14th, twice slightly.

Lieutenant C. W. Hawes, Adjutant, attached to Guide Corps, July 14th, slightly.

Lieutenaut E. E. B. Bond, 57th N. I., attached to Guide Corps, September 14th, severely.

Lieutenant A. W. Murray, 42nd Light Infantry, attached to Guide Corps, June 23rd, slightly; July 9th, severely.

Ensign O. I. Chalmers, 3rd N. I., attached to Guide Corps, July 5th, severely.

Lieutenant H. DeBrett, 57th N. I., attached to Guide Corps, July 14th, slightly.

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