

*Deposition of the Hon'ble Ashley Eden, fourth witness for the prosecution; aged 40; son of Lord Auckland; tribe or nation, Englishman; residing at Rangoon; occupation, Chief Commissioner of British Burmah.*

*On solemn affirmation, states—*On hearing of the assault on the Viceroy, I came from the *Dacca* on board the *Glasgow*; and after ascertaining the facts of the case, I, in consultation with Mr. Aitchison, the Foreign Secretary, determined that, to prevent accidents, it was desirable to attempt to identify the prisoner, who was lying on deck apparently in an exhausted state. I removed his ticket from his neck, No. 15557, and we asked him who he was. He replied a Mussulman; his name was Shere Ali, son of Wullee, resident of Jumrood near the Khyber. We asked him why he had done this, and he replied "by the order of God." He further said he had no associate in the crime, but that God was his *shureek* (partner). I took a note of the conversation, which was given to Mr. Aitchison.

ASHLEY EDEN.

THIS deposition was taken down in my presence and hearing, and under my personal direction and superintendence, and was read over to the witness in English, which he understood, and acknowledged by him to be correct.

D. M. STEWART, *Major-General,*  
*Offg. Supdt. of Port Blair and the Nicobars.*

*Deposition of Charles Umpherston Aitchison, 5th witness for the prosecution; aged 39; son of Hugh; tribe or nation, Scotland; in attendance on the Viceroy; occupation, Secretary to Government of India, Foreign Department.*

*On solemn affirmation, states—*I was summoned on board the *Glasgow* by Mr. Eden yesterday evening shortly after 8. On reaching the vessel I learnt that the Viceroy had been assassinated. As no one could tell me who or what the assassin was, I suggested to Mr. Eden the propriety of securing the convict's ticket. We found the prisoner, whom I recognize, lying on his back on the deck securely bound. The ticket, which I now produce, was taken from his neck by Mr. Eden in my presence and handed to me, and it has been in my possession ever since. Mr. Eden asked the man who he was. He replied a Mussulman. In reply to questions from me he stated that his name was Shere Alli, son of Wullee, of Jumrood, near the Khyber, and that he had been in prison here between two and three years. I asked him why he had committed this crime, and he replied *Khoda ne hookoom dya is waste kya*. I asked if he had any accomplice, his answer was *Mera shureek koi admi nehee; mera shureek Khoda hye*. I was present at the *post mortem* examination of the Viceroy, and saw two wounds—one under the right shoulder and the other on the top of the left shoulder.

I would like to state here that, on the opening of the Magistrate's examination, the prisoner, in answer to a question put incidentally to him by the Magistrate, admitted that he committed the crime. I do not know whether the Magistrate recorded the question and answer, as the prisoner was not then under formal examination; but I made a note of it at the time.

*To prisoner—*He did not say *Khoda ko maloom hye*. He said—*Khoda ne hookoom dya is waste kya*. He said it twice, so that there can be no mistake about it.

I further recollect that, when I first asked him why he committed the crime, he replied—*mera nuseeb*; then after he twice repeated the expression God gave this order.

CHARLES UMPHERSTON AITCHISON.

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