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Request
that Madras
gate might
be kept
open com-
plied with.

open until he and others returned from conveying the corpse to the cremation ground. I accordingly communicated his request to the Governor, who told M. deBury to comply with it. The latter accordingly gave me a letter which I forwarded to Sêshâchala Chetti. The gate was kept open until 11, and was only closed after all the parties had returned.

Adiappa
Chetti
desires to
leave
Pondichery.

I reported to the Governor that Adiappa Chetti, the brother of Sêshâchala Chetti, was desirous of proceeding to Cuddalore, as his mother was ailing there. He replied: "Where is the urgency for his departure now? But if he is bent upon going, order the Company's peons to prevent his quitting Pondichery." I accordingly instructed the men detailed for duty in connection with Sunguvâr's accounts to keep a watch over his movements.

Governor
directs
that this be
prevented.

Tuesday, 28th June 1746, or 18th Âni of Akshaya.

Council
meets.

—This morning at 8, a meeting of the Council was held, which lasted until 11. Before the Council dispersed, I attended the marriage of Kommana Mudali's son, then set off for the Governor's house, and finally returned home, after the Councillors had departed from the Council Chamber.

French
spy at
Madras
sids pri-
soners to
escape.

The news of this day is as follows: A Frenchman who has been long resident in Madras with his family, and who had been serving under the English as a serjeant, has, under secret agreement with the Governor of Pondichery, been in the habit of furnishing the latter, from time to time, with private

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information concerning affairs at Madras. This man has been secretly and gradually aiding forty or fifty of the French prisoners, consisting of officials and part of the crew of a ship captured by the English, to escape from Fort St. George to Mylapore, professing all the while ignorance of everything connected with them. About twenty days ago, seated on a horse, he escorted twenty of them in succession—by twos and threes—to Mylapore. The police peons, noticing this, reported the matter to the Governor of Madras, who at once ordered the arrest of the serjeant, and a search of his house. A few letters from our Governor, M. Dupleix, were discovered, and on the strength of these the prisoner was convicted. His house and all his property have been confiscated; he has been flogged four times in the presence of the troops; chains were placed on his legs and wrists; and he will, it is said, be executed. A communication to the foregoing effect has been received from a reliable quarter, and the report is not likely to be false.

Detected.

Is arrested.

Convicted
and
publicly
flogged.

Said that he
will be
executed.

Friday, 1st July 1746, or 21st Âni of Akshaya.—

This morning at 10, the Governor sent for me, and said: "A letter has come from M. Paradis. It seems that your agent there, a certain Aiyangâr, who owes 700 pagodas, payable in two instalments—400 on the 30th June, and the remaining 300 on the 30th July—has failed to pay anything, and that when a demand was made, he has refused to comply with it, saying that he had written to you about it, that

Governor
communi-
cates to
diarist
complaint
from M.
Paradis
regarding
a debt due
by his
agent.