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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 13th October 1857.

No. 10. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 18th September 1857, No. 3930.

Foreign Department,

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the annexed Extract, para 112, from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, No. 28, dated the 29th July last, together with a copy of its enclosure, respecting the Moplah, Syud Fazl.

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors in the Political Department, dated the 29th July, No. 28 of 1857.

(And letter dated 21st February (No. 16) 1857.)
Moplah Disturbances.

Para. 112. It appears from these papers that the Moplah Syud Fazl, who was induced to remove quietly from India in March 1852 through the instrumentality of Mr. Conolly, and who is supposed to have instigated the murder of that Officer, went to Constantinople, where he is said to have obtained the grant of a pension from the Sultan, and a letter from Lord Stratford de Redcliffe, "giving him permission to return to India." He then proceeded to Juddah, and thence to the Lemen; but owing to the precautions of Mr. Vice Consul Page, was prevented from embarking for India. We have forwarded the papers to Her Majesty's Government and transmit to you a copy of the reply which has been received from the Foreign Office together with a letter from the Board of Commissioners for the affairs of India and our answer to the same. It is desirable that the proceedings of so dangerous a person should be narrowly watched.

(COPY.)

India Board, dated 25th May 1857.

Sir J. C. MELVILL, K. C. B.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners for the affairs of India, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 14th Instant, with its enclosures from the Government of India, respecting Syud Fazl, an Arab Priest, suspected to have instigated the murder of Mr. Conolly.

In compliance with the suggestion contained in your letter, these papers were transmitted by the Board for the consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, with a request, that he would take such steps as the circumstances of the case might appear to His Lordship to require.

In reply, the Board, have received the accompanying letter from Mr. Hammond, and I am to request to be favored with the views of the Court of Directors, as to the nature of the application, that should, in their opinion, be made to the Porte, respecting Syud Fazl by Her Majesty's Ambassador.

I am &c.,
(Signed) G. CLERK.

Foreign Office, 21st May 1857.

Sir GEORGE CLERK, K. C. B.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of 19th Instant, respecting the proceedings of Syud Fazl, an Arab Priest, I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to observe, that this Priest appears from the documents enclosed in your letter, to exercise considerable influence over his co-religionists,

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and the pilgrims from the Malabar Coast, and to be considered a sort of martyr, and Lord Clarendon is not able to judge whether his expulsion from his present place of residence and the stoppage of the pension he is supposed to receive from the Sultan, would, or would not do more harm than good. I am therefore to request that you will move the President of the Board of Control, to favor Lord Clarendon with his opinion as to whether any, and if so, what application on the subject should be made through Viscount Stratford deRedcliffe to the Porte.

I am &c.,

(Signed) E. HAMMOND.

COPY.

East India House, dated 25th June 1857.

TO THE SECRETARY INDIA BOARD.

SIR,

I am commanded by the Court of Directors of the East India Company, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th Ultimo, stating that in compliance with the suggestion contained in the Court's letter of 14th Ultimo, the papers therein enclosed, relating to the case of Syud Fazl, an Arab Chief, suspected of having instigated the murder of Mr. Conolly, had been transmitted by the Board for the consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, and that with reference to the answer received from the Foreign Office, the Board "desire to be favored with the views of the Court of Directors, as to the nature of the application that should be made to the Porte respecting Syud Fazl by Her Majesty's Government."

In reply, I am directed to observe that the Court of Directors are of opinion that it would be expedient to forward copies of these papers to Lord Stratford deRedcliffe, with a request that he will take such measures as the circumstances of the case may appear to demand, the attention of His Lordship being directed to the dangerous character of the man.

I have &c.,

(Signed) J. C. MELVILL,

Secretary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,

Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 11.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1301; dated 8th October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Magistrate of Malabar.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

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Mr. Clarendon to the Government

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For St. George.

I am directed by the Governor General
in Council to forward for the information of the Council
the enclosed copy of the report of the Council.