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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 17. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 7th October 1857, No. 140.

SIR,

From the Acting Magistrate of Malabar to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th June 1857, No. 81.

From do. do. dated 31st July No. 106.

* Dated 14th August 1857.

I have the honor, in continuation of the correspondence, noted marginally, to forward a copy of a very satisfactory communication,* just received from Her Majesty's Acting Vice Consul and Company's Agent at Juddah, on the subject of Seyd Fuzul.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Acting Magistrate.

From STEPHEN PAGE, Esq., Her Majesty's Acting Vice Consul and Honorable Company's Acting Agent at Juddah; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar, dated 14th August 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch, dated 28th May last, requesting information of the whereabouts of the Mopla Priest Syed Fazil bin Syed Alibi bin Saeb.

Having made diligent enquiries amongst our Mahomedan Merchants here, I have every reason to believe what they assert, viz., that he is residing at Tayf some 80 miles from this, in the mountains and that he did not attend the late pilgrimage to Mecca, as he was indisposed.

This person returned here from the Yemen in 1855, since which period, with the exception of a journey to Medinah in the spring of the present year, he has been residing chiefly at Mecca and Tayf, he made himself conspicuous in the troubles occasioned by the Sceriff abu Mentallih, which commenced in November 1855, but finding this was a false move, he endeavoured to withdraw, nevertheless the then Governor General of the Hedjas Kiamil Pasha, who had obtained for him a pension from the Sublime Porte, considered it necessary to withdraw it; only a few days since one of his followers returned from Constantinople, where he had been in search of pecuniary aid, but it is said with but moderate success.

I cannot possibly believe that this person can have left the Hedjas surreptitiously, or that the report of his arrival in Bombay is correct, for the following reasons: first, he is well aware of the risk he will personally incur should he do so; secondly, a person so notorious as he is in Mecca and Tayf, could not possibly leave without the cognizance or the connivance of the Governor General Mahomed Pasha (who also has made those places his residence) and who has been advised that this man is not permitted to return to India, therefore, although having the highest regard for him, yet would hesitate before affording such just cause for complaint at Constantinople; thirdly, to leave this it would be necessary for him to arrive in Juddah in disguise, then take his passage for Aden or Bombay on board of one of the vessels trading between India and this port, he would further be obliged to leave his family behind, and no disguise could prevent his being known on board any of these vessels, either by the owners or the Nacodahs, and as it has been thoroughly impressed upon all these people the risk their vessel would incur of seizure should they permit the Syed Fazil to take a passage in any of them, I cannot believe they would do so, especially as sooner or later Government would be able to discover the vessel he took his passage in.

There is only one way in which he could leave the Hedjas without its being known except to the authorities and even in this case he must leave alone, viz., by pretending to visit Medinah and then either going by land to Suez or by sea from Yembö to Suez, neither of which steps do I think it probable would be attempted.

The road to Tayf is at present closed and we have here a certain Baron Naimaums, Chamberlain to the King of Bavaria, who has been waiting since the early part of July to visit this place, but hitherto without success, to enquire respecting the Syed from His Excellency Mahomed Pasha, through the French Consul, my own relations having been suspended with him since the 31st March last, would be of no result as he neglects to take any notice whatever of his communications not even deigning to acknowledge their receipt, however his days as Governor Gene-

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ral of the Hedjas are numbered and so soon as his successor arrives, I trust to be able to take the necessary measures for preventing the departure of the Syed Fazil from Arabia should it ever be attempted.

(Signed) STEPHEN PAGE,

*Her Majesty's Acting Vice Consul
and Honorable Company's Agent.*

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Acting Magistrate.

No. 18.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1352; dated 15th October 1857.

To be recorded.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

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No. 2 of 1858. Para 20*

*Ref. to in P. 32 of 1858.
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*Judicial 1857. 20th Oct.
From 94 to Cons- 20th Oct.
The Acting Magistrate
of Malabar*

*To The Acting Chief Secretary
to Govt Judicial Dept.
Fort St. George*

*Dated 7th October 1857
Received. 12-11-*

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*Submits with reference to
the former correspondence, a
copy of a very satisfactory
communication just received
from H. M. Vice Consul & Company
Agent at Jeddah on the subject
of Syed Fazil.*

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W. Robinson Esquire
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of Macleay to the Hon^{ble} Secy^r
Feb. 11th June 1857 No 81.
Hon. Secy^r of S. D. July 4.
No. 106.

Forward a copy of a very satisfactory
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