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No. 40. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalore, 25th November 1857, No. 56.

SIR,

Dated 21st November 1857.

1. In forwarding transcript of a letter from the Joint Magistrate, giving a most satisfactory account of the state of the Soopah talook of this district and of the neighbouring Zillah of Dharwar, (as described by the Magistrate, Mr. Ogilvie) I have the honor to state, that I have requested Mr. Robinson to notify to the Officer Commanding at Hullial, that the services of his Detachment are no longer required.

2. On receipt of the Joint Magistrate's promised report regarding the asserted relationship between the family of the rebel Nana Saib, and certain parties residing in this district, I shall do myself the honor to report further, should any thing of importance be elicited; but with Mr. Robinson, I much doubt the value of the statement forwarded to Mr. Græme.

3. Whilst convinced, that troops are no longer required at Hullial, I quite agree with Mr. Robinson in the necessity for retaining for a time, the extra Police employed. Trade is exceedingly active, as the price of cotton is unusually high, and as Mr. Robinson states, large amounts of treasure pass to and fro between the cotton districts and the Coast. At this moment unfortunately, it has become necessary to close the Devamany line for a time, in order to effect repairs, the want of which has rendered the ghaut impassable to carts. All wheeled vehicles must for the present, traverse the Soopah jungles from Kirwuty, and move towards the Coast viâ the Arbyle ghaut, and extra precautions are to some extent necessary, to protect the stream of traffic both up and down through a country so favourable to the highwayman. I have therefore retained the extra Police entertained on the breaking out of disturbances at Kolapore, pending the receipt of the further orders of Government, who will be pleased, I trust, to sanction this step, and to allow me to employ this force so long as there may be sufficient reason to do so. The Joint Magistrate, who is now about to visit Soopah, and will be some time in the talook, has been directed to reduce the Police establishment, as soon as circumstances will permit of the duty required, being carried on by the regular force at his disposal.

(Signed) W. FISHER,
Magistrate.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara, dated Honore, 21st November 1857, No. 216.

SIR,

With reference to the concluding part of your Yadast, No. 53, dated 9th Instant, and to the 3rd para. of a letter from this office, under date the 23rd Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you, that the report which prevailed some time ago in the Yellapore and Soopah talooks, that a large body of upwards of 200 armed men had congregated in the jungles in that neighbourhood, for treasonable and other illegal purposes, has turned out to be grossly exaggerated, and the movement altogether seems to have been of too common place a type to have any political significance.

2. A small number of Siddies and others, some 15 in No. did, it is true, make rendezvous in the Soopah forests, and after committing a couple of robberies, and murdering a peon, who accidentally came across them under circumstances which compromised their safety, made good their escape across the Goa and Belgaum frontiers.

3. Eleven of these marauders have since been captured, and after undergoing examination before the Tahsildar of Soopah, have been committed to the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court, on a charge of murder, and 3 minor counts.

*Lingojee Row.
Adiwah.
Davul.
Pursaram.

4. Four of the gang named in the margin,* are still at large, but I have written to the Magistrates of Belgaum and Darwar, sending a descriptive roll and such other information as I have been able to collect, and offering under the usual condition, rewards of from Rupees 20 to 100, to any one who shall be instrumental in their capture.

the auditor.

5. Mr. Græme, on handing over charge, gave me a list prepared, he said, by the Soopah Tahsildar, exhibiting the names of a number of persons said to be kinspeople and adherents of the rebel Nana Sahib, and now residing on our northern frontier. As however I had my doubts of the trustworthiness of this list, I returned it to the Tahsildar, with an order to report to me without delay, how and from what sources the document had been compiled. The result of these subsequent enquiries shall be communicated to you so soon as the Tahsildar's report comes to hand.

6. To two demi-official letters addressed by me to the Magistrates of Belgaum and Darwar, on the subject of the state of their respective charges, I have received the annexed answer from the latter officer, who, as you will be pleased to observe, pronounces the district of Darwar to be perfectly tranquil and free from alarm.

7. Within our own frontier, all I am happy to say, indicates quietude and good feeling among the people.

8. The harvest is abundant, and trade and agriculture are as active as if the causes of distrust and alarm had never existed.

9. As matters now stand, I should say that there was no further necessity for the presence of a Military Detachment at Hullial, and believe that the conservation of good order and peace might now be left with safety in the hands of the ordinary Police.

10. The frontier Police was, you are aware, augmented by 50 men at the outbreak of the Kolapore disturbance. This additional force, I would beg permission still to retain as independantly of the long line of frontier we have to keep under observation, there are, owing to the extraordinary activity in the cotton market, and want of facility in negotiating bills between the coast and inland districts, vast sums of money ever passing to and fro along our roads in a state of insecurity, most tempting to the highwayman.

11. I shall be in the Soopah talook in about one week from this date, and shall then have an opportunity of ascertaining from personal observation and contact with the people, the real state of affairs on our northern frontier. In the mean time, the Officer Commanding the Detachment at Hullial, may be informed that the services of his men are no longer required, and that he is at liberty to rejoin his Head Quarters so soon as he can complete his marching arrangements. If you approve of this view of the case, and are of opinion that the Detachment may with safety be relieved, I have the honor to request that you will favor me with your immediate instructions to that effect, in order that I may convey them to Captain Leggatt, and make arrangements with the Collector of Darwar, for the march of the troops from Hullial southwards.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Joint Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. FISHER,
Magistrate.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, No. 1618; dated 12th December 1857.

Under the circumstances represented, the Government sanction the continuance of the services of the 50 extra Peons entertained at the time of the outbreak at Kolapore so long as they may be required.

2. The Government will await the report promised by the Magistrate, respecting the relationship alleged to exist between the family of the rebel Nana Saib and certain persons residing in the District of Canara.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Rgd. F. Cartledge.

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Judicial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

dated 12th December 1857

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from the Magistrate of Canara.

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Copy to Magistrate of Canara
" Accountant Genl.
" Civil Auditor.

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Extract Mins. Cons.

Dated 12th December 1857

Sanction the continuance of the services of the extra Peons and await the report promised by the Magistrate respecting the relationship between the family of the rebel Nana Sahib and certain persons residing in the District of Canara.

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