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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th May 1857.

No. 17. Read the following letter from WILLIAM KNOX, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor in Ganjam; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 20th April 1857, No. 200.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 17th February last, I have the honor to report that under authority granted in Extract Minutes Consultation 24th June last, a promise was held out to the Bissoye of Goomah that he would be placed in possession of Gybah, in the event of his exerting himself vigorously to effect the capture of the Dundaseenah, he acted with zeal and good faith to the best of his power in the part assigned to him, and did good service in entering the hills and pursuing the rebels, and has been very useful in bringing the Sowrah Chiefs to submission. One of the most influential supporters of the Dundaseenah was Sombaro Gomango, this man was however induced to join the side of Government by the representations of the Bissoye, and it was to this that I chiefly attribute the easy entrance of the troops into the Hills, and the consequent flight and capture of the Dundaseenah, for had not their minds been worked on before, I do not believe they would have driven a refugee out of their country.

2. I was, I admit at one time, inclined to doubt the Goomah Bissoye's loyalty, but I think that his taking on himself to move on Poottasinghy when he found delay was dangerous, may be accepted as proof of his fidelity. Gybah was, as Government are aware, a portion of his feudal Estate, though made over to support his Dundaseena or Commander in Chief, though that functionary wished to make himself independent of his liege lord, I therefore have left Gybah in his charge as he deserved it, and as the best way of keeping it quiet.

3. The family of the Dundaseenah consists of 7 persons, 2 brothers, 1 cousin, a paternal grandmother and a step grandmother, wife and her mother, the wife of Ragoonada Mainjee who is now in custody. They are all under surveillance, and have no means of supporting themselves, as no one wishes to have any thing to say to persons who have incurred the anger of Government. The Bissoye of Goomah, after he took charge of Gybah, was called upon to take charge of the Dundaseenah's family and provide for their maintenance, and it has been explained to him that he was expected to support them, having charge of their land formerly held by the Dundaseenah, and gratuitously granted to him by the Government, he disclaims all liability to support them. The point on which he lays greatest stress, is that Gybah originally belonged to him, and the Dundaseenah was not the rightful owner thereof, and therefore there is no reason why he should be called upon to support the Dundaseenah's family on the ground of his having Gybah in his possession. Even as a relative, he is not willing to receive them, for the fear of being involved in troubles by the family hereafter, on the other hand the Dundaseenah states that he has no way of providing for his relatives. I think it would be well to make them live at Berhampore, making the boys attend the Government Schools and qualify themselves for public employ. I would also with the permission of Government give the brother the post of Naik of Samusthanum peons in Goomsoor, he has taken no overt part in the disturbance, having been kept under close surveillance at Chutterpore.

4. The probable expense of their maintenance may be taken at the lowest at Rupees 10 per mensem, to be reduced as death removes the older women. Gybah is a fertile country, has an extensive low land fit for paddy, all its land is well suited for cultivation, it has 16 hamlets under it; its Beriz is 288, and if care is taken it will probably be a much more valuable property in a few years, but should this allowance of 120 Rupees be thought too heavy a payment to be saddled on the Goomah Bissoye, I beg leave to propose that it or a half of it be made a charge on the Kimedy Estate.

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Acting Agent.

Statement of ages of the members of the family of the Dundaseenah.

1.	Goreyamany, wife. - - - - - - -	aged 25	years.
2.	Croostna Prea, grandmother. - - - - -	75	do.
3.	Comaly, step-grandmother. - - - - - -	70	do.

4.	Lutchmano, brother.	aged 12	years.
5.	Gopenaudoo, cousin.	11	do.
6.	Lutchmenarayen, another brother.	23	do.
7.	Consalea, wife's mother.	50	do.

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Acting Agent.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 561; dated 14th May 1857.

1. In the letter recorded above, the Acting Agent at Ganjam replies to the reference made to him on 9th February last, respecting the making over of the Gybah Estate to the Bissoye of Goomah and the maintenance of the family of the Dundaseenah.

2. Under the circumstances represented by Mr. Knox, viz., that the Bissoye acted with great zeal and good faith to the best of his power, in the part assigned him in the capture of the Dundaseenah, and did good service in entering the hills and pursuing the rebels, as also in bringing the Sowrah chiefs under submission, the Government approve the course pursued by that Officer in having left the Gybah Estate in the Bissoye's charge, pursuant to the promise held out to him under the authority granted in Extract Minutes Consultation, 24th June last.

3. In regard to the family of the Dundaseenah, the Government observe that they are seven in number, and that the Bissoye disclaims all liability to support them on the ground that Gybah originally belonged to him, and the Dundaseenah was not its rightful owner. The Acting Agent estimates the cost of their maintenance at Rs. 10 per mensem, subject to reduction as death removes the older women; and he proposes that they should reside at Berhampore, the boys being required to attend the Government Schools, and qualify themselves for public employ. He also asks permission to give the brother the post of Naik of Samusthanum peons in Goomsoor, he having taken no overt part in the disturbances in consequence of his having been kept under close surveillance at Chutterpore. The Government see no objection to this arrangement, but they consider that as the promise of the transfer of Gybah to the Bissoye was evidently made unconditionally, it should be adhered to, and the expense of the maintenance of the family of the Dundaseenah, be borne by Government, unless connivance in the insurrection can be clearly proved against the proprietor of the Kimedy Estate, or his representatives, in which event it should be charged to that Estate.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department

No. 692.

From the Acting Agent in Ganjam

Dated 20th April 1857.

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Sgd/ E. Maltby
Ag Chief Secy

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