

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 9th June 1857.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to the Political Agent at Aden,
dated Calicut, 28th May 1857.

SIR,

You are doubtless aware that an Arab Priest of the name of "Syed Fuzul-bin Syed Alibi-bin Saeb," who had for years been causing great anxiety and trouble in the District of Malabar, by the dissemination of the most violent Wahabee doctrines and instigating assassination and open resistance to the law on the part of his ignorant and misguided religious followers, was allowed in 1852, to withdraw himself to Arabia. He has since been declared an exile, who will be made a Political Prisoner, should he set foot on British soil, and I hold a Warrant of Government for his apprehension. This individual has, it is notorious, made most strenuous efforts to obtain permission to return to Malabar, and even went to Constantinople in 1853-54, to secure the influence of the Sublime Porte in effecting his return, but all his attempts have failed, and his appearance in this District again could not but be fraught with great disaster and confusion.

A report has recently got abroad in Bombay, see Bombay Gazette quoted in Madras Athenæum of the 23rd Instant, that this Priest had arrived surreptitiously at Bombay, on his way to Malabar, and had actually started for the Coast.

I have no reason to believe that he has arrived in the District, but if he has left Arabia at all, it can be with no other intention, and were he to arrive clandestinely in the District, I could not answer for its peace for a day. I therefore beg that you will use every endeavour to ascertain his whereabouts, and if possible, take such measures as will secure early intelligence of any such movement on his part at any future time.

Syed Fuzul is well aware that he is a proscribed person; that his return to Malabar must at once be followed by his surrender or apprehension at whatever cost. He could only therefore do so with the deliberate determination of committing mischief, and such is the temper of the man, that he would probably himself run a muck with, it is impossible to say, how many deluded followers.

This circumstance will suffice to show cause for anxious precautions.

A very turbulent follower of Syed Fuzul is his brother-in-law, Seyed Hoossain-i-bin Omer-bin Sahalla, and it might be advisable to obtain intelligence of this individual likewise.

I spoke very fully on the subject to Captain Playfair while at Aden in November 1855, and if he is still there, other circumstances may be within his recollection.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

The same to the Political Agent and Consul at Judda, with the omission of the last paragraph.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to H. L. ANDERSON, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay, dated Calicut, 30th May 1857, No. 1723.

SIR,

In thanking you for your communication by Telegraph, received this morning, I venture to
Dated 28th Instant. lay before you a copy of a letter addressed by me to the Political Agent at
Aden, and to the British Consul at Djedda; likewise copies of recent correspondence on the
subject of the exiled Mopla Priest, Seyud Fuzul's hostile feelings towards the British influence in
the East. He is known to have taken a very prominent part in the slavery movement at
Mecca in 1855.

From Secretary to Government of India, to Chief Secretary
to Government of Fort Saint George, dated 26th September
1856, No. 4985.
Reply, dated 29th October 1856, No. 1175.
From Acting Magistrate of Malabar, to Chief Secretary to
Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th November
1856, No. 111.

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2. A strict watch should be kept over this man, if possible, as well as over his exiled adherents, of whom a list is hereto appended.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

List of the individuals who accompanied Seyed Fuzul-bin Syed Alibi-bin Saeb, alias Thar-amul Pookoya Tungul, sent to Arabia from Malabar in March 1852.

1. Poothia Mopla Coya, alias Syed Hoossain-i-bin Omer bin Sahalla, brother-in-law of Syed Fuzul.

2. Abdoolla Coya, maternal uncle of Syed Fuzul.

3. Do. do. younger brother, Abdool Carder Coya.

4. }
& } Seyed Fuzul's two sons.
5. }

6. Syed Mamod, son of the 1st individual, Poothia Mopla Coya.

7. Kariasten or Agent Coonhy Poker.

Other attendants from Calicut... .. 34

Ditto ditto from Parparangady... .. 8

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 657; dated 5th June 1857.

Government approve the measures taken by Mr. Robinson to obtain intelligence of the Moplah Priest Seyud Fuzul, and instruct him to report the result of his further enquiries.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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To St George, Z
5th June, 1857 Z

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To the Chief Secretary to
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No. 16. 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, 30th May 1857, No. 75.

SIR,

With reference to the rumoured arrival of the Mopla Priest at Bombay, and his departure to Malabar, I have the honor to inform you, that I have addressed the annexed Telegraph Messages to the Government at Bombay, and received the reply, likewise annexed. The result of the enquiry shall be reported as soon as received. It will probably prove, that some mistake of identity has occurred.

2. At the same time it is well known, that Seyud Fuzul and his exiled adherents, are not at ease in Arabia, and as it is within the range of possibility, although not likely, that he might attempt a desperate return, I have considered it right to forward to the Government of Bombay copies of the papers noted in the margin, and to address a letter,* of which the accompanying is a copy, to the British Resident at Aden and Consul at Djedda.

From Secretary to Government of India, to Chief Secretary to Government of Fort St. George, dated 26th September 1856, No. 4985.
Reply, dated 29th October 1856, No. 1175.
From Acting Magistrate of Malabar ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 18th November 1856, No. 111.
* Dated 28th Instant.

3. It has more than once struck me, that any of these exiles might take up their residence in the French Settlement of Mahé, and frustrate, in a great measure, the object sought by the recent Act.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From Acting Magistrate,
Malabar.

To Chief Secretary to Government,
Bombay.

A recent issue of the Bombay Gazette Newspaper states, that the Mopla Priest who was sent from Malabar some years ago, had returned surreptitiously to Bombay, and left secretly in a Pattimar for Calicut.

Trace immediately this very important intelligence. If true, warn me by Telegraph, and if possible, have him arrested wherever he may be.

27th May 1857.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From Acting Magistrate,
Malabar.

To Chief Secretary to Government,
Bombay.

With reference to my Telegraph Message of yesterday, may it not be advisable to ascertain through the Political Agent at Aden and Consul at Djedda, whether Seyud Fuzul has left Arabia.

28th May 1857.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From H. L. ANDERSON, Esq.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Magistrate
of Malabar.

Your Messages of Wednesday and Thursday, twenty-seven and twenty-eight May, received. The Senior Magistrate has been ordered to make the necessary enquiries, and to apprehend the Moplas Chief if he can be found. The Political Resident at Aden will be addressed as suggested.

Calicut, Electric Telegraph Office, }
the 29th of May 1857. }

(Signed) V. LUTYTUNANEN,
Head Signaller in charge.

(True Copies)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.