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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 4th August 1857.

No. 4. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Guntoor; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 20th July 1857, No. 15.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, relative to a party apparently of Siekh connection, proceeding on a pilgrimage to Rameshwaram. The circumstances as far as known, will be found in the papers; and any orders that the Government may think fit to pass as to disarming any or the whole of the company who may be found with weapons, or as to any steps to be taken with regard to their movements, could reach the Magistrate of Masulipatam before the persons pass his district.

From the Acting Magistrate of Nellore, dated 15th July 1857.
To the Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam, dated 18th July 1857.

2. In my judgment the party seem to be free from any suspicion as to ulterior purposes beyond that of pilgrimage to Rameshwaram, and the alteration of their movements on the death of the Ranee would seem to confirm this opinion.

(Signed) H. NEWILL,
Acting Magistrate.

From H. NEWILL, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Guntoor; to T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Masulipatam; dated 18th July 1857, No. 65.

SIR,

In forwarding you copy of a letter from the Acting Magistrate of Nellore, I have the honor to inform you, that the party will be passed on through this district to Bezoarah under the surveillance of the Police, as it appears proper that under the circumstances, the persons should be allowed to return to their own country.

2. I would observe also that the Ranee arrived at this station on the 22nd May, after a protracted journey from her native country, having a passport as far as Jaganaut, and after being delayed here by sickness, was allowed to proceed towards Rameshwarum on pilgrimage, as there appeared no suspicious circumstances attending the party, who must have left the upper provinces long before the present disturbances arose.

3. It seems desirable that intimation of the procedure of the party should be given along the road, as unnecessary alarm may be otherwise created, such as was the case after their leaving this, when a rumour converted them into a body of Rohilla or other plunderers.

(Signed) H. NEWILL,
Acting Magistrate.

Note ---A copy has been forwarded direct to the Joint Magistrate at Bezoarah.

From G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Nellore; to H. NEWILL, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Guntoor, dated 15th July 1857, No. 130.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that the Cutwall of Ongole reported to me towards the end of last month, that a Ranee named Mootab Caurr, widow of Oodiasing Bahdur, resident of Kythul in the district of Kulchutur, west of Delhi, halted at Ongole on the 24th Idem, on a pilgrimage to Ramaswarum, having passed through Benares and Jugganath. She was accompanied by her brother Sirdar Goozursing, and 40 footmen armed with muskets and swords, 5 horsemen and 5 conveyances.

2. The Cutwall has since reported that the Ranee who appeared to be in a weak state of health when she arrived, died at Ongole, on the 10th, and that the followers propose to return to their native country.

3. I write therefore to advise you of their return through your district, as it is perhaps desirable that the Police along the road should be directed to watch their progress.

(Signed) G. N. TAYLOR,
Acting Magistrate.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. NEWILL,
Acting Magistate.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 905; dated 29th July 1857.

To be recorded.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Memo -

In accordance with the order passed when Mr. Taylor's demi official letter was circulated, the Court has been allowed to proceed accordingly. -

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From

The 4th Magistrate
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To

The 4th Chief Secretary
to Government.
Fort St George

Dated 20th July } 1857.
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Enclosures 1-
No 1169.

Forwarding for the consideration of Government copy of correspondence regarding the movements of the followers of the late Ranee widow of Oodeyasing Bahadoor of Kulchulun west of Delhi.

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