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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th August 1858.

No. 59. Read the following letter from H. L. ANDERSON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Bombay; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 3rd August 1858, No. 2882.

Secret Department.

SIR,

Referring to your letter, No. 700, dated the 31st May last, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to enclose for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council, copy of a letter from the Political Superintendent of Sawunt Waree, No. 678, dated the 12th Ultimo, affording information relative to the rebel Dessaees.

2. In forwarding this communication, I am desired to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council whether, as the Portuguese Government whose subject Deepa Rana is, has pardoned that rebel, it would not be advisable to withdraw the Proclamation offering a reward for his apprehension.

From Major J. W. AULD, Political Superintendent of Sawunt Waree; to H. L. ANDERSON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Bombay, dated 12th July 1858, No. 678.

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SIR,

I have not addressed you for some time past in respect to proceedings against the rebel Dessaees, simply because I have really had nothing of any importance to communicate. The Bund is, and has been for a month past in the Goa country some twenty-five or thirty miles from my "At A-e" border. They have now a considerable range of country to roam about in between the rivers Madyee and Punch Mahal, and with our troops little, if any thing, can be done against them.

2. The Goa Government on learning that some of the British troops from above the Ghats had been withdrawn, also called in their out-posts and the rebels are, I may say in undisputed possession of the locality they have selected for their monsoon quarters, a wide range between "Names" in the Suttree Mahal and "Poldai Sorla" in the Punch Mahal. It is true some Goa troops are still occasionally sent after any parties of the rebels when they happen to cross to the north bank of the river Madyee, and five or six days ago, a skirmish took place between a Detachment of Goa troops and some of the Bund when one soldier was killed and two or three wounded. Of the rebel party one was wounded and captured and duly disposed of, after ascertaining that his name was Murno Dewlee of Kulumbeest, one of our former rebel band. I am told no further information could be obtained from this man than that he was one of a party of twenty-four, who came out against the Detachment of Goa troops, and he was then and there sentenced and killed.

3. I have once or twice addressed His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of entertaining any of the influential Dessaees in his own country that could be induced to lend their aid in hunting the rebels, and I am glad to say he has got one to take the field with the view to aiding in the capture of leaders of the rebellion. This Dessae by name Krishnaje Ráo has had a hundred men placed at his disposal and is a friend of Narba, the Dessae whom we have entertained, and I hope, together, they may be able to do something against the rebels, for in my opinion, it is only through the aid of such men and their retainers that we can hope effectually to put down this Bund, for when the people of the country who are all more or less friendly to the rebel cause, see other influential Dessaees acting against them, they will be less likely to assist the rebels with food and shelter.

4. Unfortunately there are many difficulties to contend with, not the least of which is the different interests and petty intrigues of many of the Goa authorities themselves, and it was to counteract this evil, I so much wished to retain my Assistant Captain Schneider.

5. But I am wandering from the subject I had in view when sitting down to address Government, which is to report that the Madras Government, at the recommendation, I believe, of Mr. Billard, the Special Commissioner for North Canara, has offered "a reward of Rupees five thousand for the apprehension and delivery of Deepa Rana of the Suttree Mahal Goa."

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6. Now though there is no doubt this man has for some time past been protecting our rebel Dessaees, I have long thought and still think, that with a little judicious management on the part of the Goa authorities, he might be induced to give up our Dessaees for the reward and a pardon for himself from the Goa Government, and I believe the Goa authorities would be glad to get him in on any terms. Deepa too seems not to be very comfortable and has within the last six or eight days solicited and obtained either in person or by Agent a parley with Lieutenant Colonel Alves, now Commanding the Goa Troops against the rebels in the place of Colonel Manuel Goodinho, removed from his command.

7. I have not yet heard what was the object of this interview, but I am convinced Deepa Rana would betray his friends the Sawunts if he could depend on his own future treatment, as well as procuring the rewards our Government has offered for them. He is a very old man, said to be 80 years of age, and if I am rightly informed is a good deal influenced by one Bal Sawunt a Dessae of the Canara Districts, bordering on the Goa country (some marriage connection) so that in my opinion it is bad policy placing any price on his head just at present.

8. Besides Deepa Rana is a man of ten times more influence in the Suttree Mahal than our rebel Dessaees for whom we have offered ten thousand Rupees each, without being able to secure them. Where then is the use of offering Rupees five thousand for Deepa Rana who has both the power and will to protect our rebels, moreover I question whether it is quite correct in proclaiming a reward for "the apprehension and delivery of" a Goa subject (rebel though he be) who has never committed an outrage in British territory, and whose only offence (bad enough perhaps) has been protecting our enemies the Sawunts, at all events until we have gone through the form of consulting with His Excellency the Governor General of Goa.

6. I received from Mr. Seton Karr a copy of Mr. Ballard's letter and Proclamation, but I have not given publicity to the latter here, and have explained my reason to the Magistrate of Belgaum, and had some days previously, on learning that there was an intention to offer such a reward, written to Lieutenant Way, who is in communication with Mr. Ballard to lose no time in addressing that gentleman on what I thought the bad policy of offering any reward for Deepa Rana at present.

10. Lieutenant Way has gone to meet Lieutenant Colonel Alves, and I have impressed upon him the necessity of urging on the attention of that Officer as well as the Fiscal Administrator of Sanglee, the expediency of attempting by every means in their power to induce Deepa to enter into our views, and give up the Sawunts, and to explain to him or his Agent, that if he fails to comply, it must end in his destruction, for Madras, Bombay and Goa Troops will at the opening of the season take the field in such force as shall ensure the utter destruction of all the rebel band.

11. Soliciting the instructions of Government, relative to this Proclamation of reward.

P. S.—Since writing this letter, I have heard that the Goa Government has granted Deepa Rana a pardon, though on what terms I know not. The rebel is expected to come immediately in, whether he will or not, remains to be seen. I will report to Government when I learn particulars.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. L. ANDERSON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 69.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1163; dated 23rd August 1858.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter be furnished to the Special Commissioner for North Canara. If, as intimated in this communication, the Goa authorities have pardoned the Deeparana or admitted him to terms, the Commissioner will withdraw the Proclamation offering a reward for his apprehension and delivery.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Carleidge.

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Memo

I have received a letter from Mr
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great regret at a report that
he had heard that the Por-
-tuguese were going to treat
with the Sepurary -

I have no doubt that
he is right - but if from timidity
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