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No. 24. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th January 1858, No. 2.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, under date 12th December 1857, I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, the accompanying report* from the Joint Magistrate on the relationship said to exist between certain parties residing in this district and the notorious Nana Saib.

* Dated 1st January 1858.

2. The opinion I have already expressed on this subject appears to be perfectly correct, as there are no relatives of Nana Saib residing in Canara.

3. Kantapah Gowdah is connected by marriage with the families of the Sondah and Bilghy Rajahs, the former of whom resides in Goa. The latter in this district.

4. The other individuals named by Mr. Robinson, as residing in this district, are people of property, and are influential in their own villages.

(Signed) W. FISHER,
Magistrate.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara, dated Sircy, 1st January 1858, No. 2.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th Ultimo, giving cover to Extract Minutes Consultation, under date the 12th Idem, calling for information respecting the relationship alleged to exist between the family of the rebel Nana Sahib and certain persons residing in this division.

2. This list of persons to which I have alluded in my former report* I have now the honor to enclose, having corrected and verified it as far as my means of information go.

*No. 210, dated 21st November 1857.

3. On perusal you will find that of the 7 who stand first on the list and are alleged to be caste men and relatives of Nana Sahib, none are natives of or resident in North Canara.

4. From what I have been able to gather, these 7 persons are members of the family of the late Bajee Row, who had the rank of Poligar and held several Jahighirs in the district of Belgaum, and whose adopted son Nana Sahib is said to be.

5. It does not appear that Nana Sahib was ever in this part of India, nor could my informants tell me when and how this connection by adoption took place.

6. Probably on the occasion of one of the ordinary pilgrimages to Benares.

7. The next 5 are also Belgaum people and members of Bajee Row's household.

8. The last 9 are of different castes and unconnected with Bajee Row's family. These reside in different parts of the Eastern and Northern frontier of this division, and several of them must be well known to you. Kontapa Gowda is a man of considerable influence in his own neighbourhood, and a brother of the Sonda Rajah who succeeded to the title by right of adoption and is now a resident in the Goa territory.

9. The Desponda family of which the next 4 persons on the list are members is as you are well aware of some note in and around Hullial.

10. The others are of the Dessoy tribe, which formerly possessed considerable property and influence on both sides of the Frontier. Several of these are Potails in their respective neighbourhoods.

11. The names of these last 9 have been entered in the list as being persons whom tradition and the memory of by-gone greatness might render not unwilling to take part in any disturbance which promised aggrandisement and the recovery of their former prestige and influence.

12. Such is a brief sketch of the persons whose names figure in this list.

13. Our own people have been closely watched since the outbreak of these disturbances and the others being found on enquiry to belong to a different district where their antecedents and circumstances are well known to the authorities. I have thought it unnecessary to pursue the investigation further. At present the profoundest tranquillity prevails, and I have been unable to detect in my circuit through the Northern portion of my division the faintest symptoms of disaffection or sympathy with the malcontents who are now in arms elsewhere.

14. You are already in possession of my ideas on the subject of the introduction of the registry of Arms Act.

15. This measure which is purely precautionary would not I feel assured provoke resistance or unpopularity, and would considerably strengthen our hands and facilitate operations were any untoward necessity to arise for a sterner and more inquisitorial policy in this matter.

*Dated 28th December 1857 No. 2001.

16. I subjoin transcript of a letter* just received from the Magistrate of Dharwar, as it may be useful in illustrating the policy of the authorities in the adjoining province.

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

List of supposed connections, adherents and partizans of the rebel Nana Saib.

	Names.	Caste.	Place of residence.	Remarks.
1	Name not known, adopted son of Chintamuny Roya.	Chitpaven, Bramin.	Songlee.	Alleged to be relatives and caste people of the late Bajee Row, whose adopted son the rebel Nana Saib is said to be, hold Jahagheers and Enams from the British Government. Have the rank of Poligars and petty chieftains in their respective neighbourhoods.
2	Tata Saib, son of Chintamuny Roya.	do.	Shapoor.	
3	Baba Saib... ...	do.	Nurgoond.	
4	Rove Saib... ...	do.	Ramdroog.	
5	Bavoo Saib... ...	do.	Jumkhundy.	
6	Appa Saib... ...	do.	Koorundwady.	
7	Baba Saib... ...	do.	Meerjee.	
8	Nana Dessoy ...	Maharatty.	Jamboty near Kanapoor.	
9	Desoy... ...	Ligoyet.	Navulgoond.	These were partizans and adherents of Bajee Row when alive, and on his death have taken service with his relations and family
10	Desoy... ...	Desest.	Somencope.	
11	Desoy... ...	Desest.	Koodlighi.	
12	Yellapa Gowda..	Maharattee.	Benachee.	
1	Kontapa Gowda.	Lingoyet.	Indoor.	
2	Despond Ragoonat Row. ...	Shenvy.	Hullial.	Near Moondgode in North Canara. Landed proprietors and of some mark in their respective villages.
3	Despond Veswanota Row. ...	Shenvy.	Hullial.	
4	Chinnapah... ...	Shenvy.	Javelly near Hullial.	
5	Gopalapah... ...	Shenvy.	do.	
1	Lutchmen Row Desoy... ...	,,	Kodlee.	Soopah, some of them connected with families resident over the Goa and Belgaum borders.
2	Balapah Desoy..	,,	Tini.	
3	Balajee Row ...	,,	Katil.	
4	Choodba Desoy..	,,	Hotcambai.	

Sircy, 1st January 1858.

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

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, No. 118; dated 23rd January 1858.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Forwards with reference to Ext. Pol. Cons: dated 12th Dec. 1857 a report from the Joint Magte on the relationship said to exist between certain parties residing in this District & Nana Saib.

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