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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th September 1858.

No. 9. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Special Commissioner and Acting Joint Magistrate, Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Dandelli, August 19th, 1858.

SIR,

13th July 1858, No. 355. Since I last had the honor of addressing you regarding Deeparana and the Sawanths, matters across the frontier have remained very much in *statu quo*.

2. Being desirous of ascertaining the amount and nature of the Portuguese field force under Colonel Alves; his Government's and his own views and intentions, and the state of affairs generally; more clearly than our correspondence in different languages enabled me to do, I offered some time ago to meet Colonel Alves at a place in the Goa territory, some ten miles from his station.

3. Colonel Alves, under instructions from his Government, I believe, agreed to meet me on the 16th Instant, at Carangoly, a village in the Sattree Mahal, some 14 miles from Tinnei, and 10 from Nānus, his head quarters. I accordingly went from Tinnei on Monday last, with Lieut. Cox, and an escort of 35 men of the 35th Regiment N. I. I should hardly have ventured to request the interview, had I known that Colonel Alves would deem it necessary to set upwards of 500 men in motion as his escorts, &c., in consequence. Our meeting, however, was very satisfactory, and as Carangoly is in the heart of the country now occupied by the rebels, who had burnt the Government station-house there a few days before, the movement of Troops through it could not but be advantageous.

4. Colonel Alves appeared to have had a good deal of correspondence with Major Auld of Sawanth Warree, regarding operations after the rains, and he informed me that a Major Harvey had been appointed by the Bombay Government, in connection with the matter, though in what capacity, I was unable to learn.

5. Colonel Alves says, that he will have about 700 men (of whom 150 are Europeans) for holding posts and moving in the field—but that his Government cannot afford more—and he considers that from the nature of the country and other causes, his force is wholly insufficient to extinguish the Bund. In this I perfectly agree with him.

6. Colonel Alves confidently relies on the support of British Troops in the Portuguese territory; and from what has passed between Major Auld and himself, expects a force from Bombay. Colonel Alves speaks of 1,500 men being necessary, of which he thinks 2 or 300 men should be free, to operate towards the southern portion of the Canarese frontier, if required. He considers so large a force necessary, although the enemy is so disproportionate, because the country is impracticable, one vast fortification in fact. I think he greatly over-estimates the number of men required.

7. Deepa Rana is now said to have about 100 or 120 followers; and the Sawanths about 30 or 40. The villagers in their vicinity are quite at their mercy. Whilst Deepa Rana continues with the Bund, assistance in that part of the country will always be partially willing, and information most difficult to obtain. Were the Sawanths alone, they might force supplies, but would meet with little or no sympathy, assistance would be withheld as far as possible, and information afforded more readily.

8. The Portuguese say they will grant Deepa Rana his life, but no farther terms before surrender, that he must give himself up on this guarantee, and that any thing farther must be settled afterwards. This is as it should be.

9. Deepa Rana has, lately especially, been making sundry overtures and proposals, but is in a difficult position, doubtless he would be glad to get rid of the Sawanths, if he saw his way clear, but may find it by no means easy. He distrusts the Portuguese; and he fears us. I had a verbal message from him a few days ago, through a villager, to know what *we* wanted. I
Marked A. enclose copy of my reply.

10. I have not yet been favored with any communication regarding the intention of Government; but I presume, that the Bombay Government has been communicated with, and that a course has been determined upon for action next month. I have thought it right, however, to communicate the foregoing; and beg very respectfully to offer a few further remarks.

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11. Insignificant as these chiefs and their followers appear, it seems absolutely necessary, that this Bund be destroyed to its very root by our impending operations, so that we may not have a repetition of this trouble a few years hence.

12. To secure this, Deeparana and his principal aiders must be destroyed—or, if they surrender on guarantee of life, be kept under surveillance for the future.

The Sawanths and their principal followers must be destroyed, or forced to surrender *unconditionally*.

13. For these ends efficient assistance must be given to the Portuguese. Whether this is to be afforded by Madras, or Bombay, or both, is for the Government themselves to decide. I hope in any case, there will be one Officer with supreme control over the Military operations, and in a position to communicate politically with the Portuguese.

14. I reckon that about 100 Regulars could be spared for movement in the Goa country, from the posts that are now, and must still be, held in North Canara.

After speaking with Captain Walpole on the subject, I think that if some 400 more Regulars, Irregulars, or Military Police, are provided, it would be quite sufficient; but I do consider that all things considered, such a force is required to operate in Goa and follow up the insurgents, independantly of the Troops holding the posts, and I am authorized to say that Captain Walpole quite agrees with this opinion.

Probably, unless particular impediments exist, Troops could be most easily drawn from the Bombay Presidency. The monsoon appears even now breaking and by the middle of next month, I do not think there would be any difficulty in moving.

I hope to have seen Colonel Alves before, but could not effect it; or I should have written earlier on this subject.

P. S.—I have just received an express from the frontier to say, that Tulagamcar Nára, a notorious leader of the Bund when in Canara, has with 4 others given himself up unconditionally to the Commandant of Phonda, in Goa. I hope this is true. I have written to request he may be made over to me.

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Spl. Comr. & Acting Joint Magistrate.

TO DEEPA RANA.

If you bring Hanamantha Sawanth to me or the Commanding Officer at Tinnei, within 10 days, I will pay you Rupees 10,000. If you bring the three brothers Hanamantha, Baba, and Nana, I will pay you Rupees 30,000. If you give positive information, leading to the seizure of the Sawanths, you will get a due share of the reward. If you bring the Sawanths as above, you will not be seized, nor the men that come with you, but you will be allowed to return without molestation, whence you came.

But if you do not act as above, or immediately after, if you do not consent to the terms of the British and Portuguese Governments, and continue making Bund, the British Troops will assist the Portuguese to attack you and you will be dealt with as Bheem Row, and the Nurgoond chief have been. Meantime operations against you will not be in the least relaxed.

Written to Deeparana by order of Mr. Ballard, Special Commissioner, &c.

Tinnei, 14th August 1858.

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Spl. Comr. & Ag. Joint Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Spl. Comr. & Ag. Joint Magistrate.

No. 10.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1211; dated 3rd September 1858.

The Government approve the proceedings of the Special Commissioner as reported in the above communication, and they resolve to forward a copy of it to the Government of Bombay,

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in continuation of Mr. Ballard's former letter of 13th July 1858. A copy will also be furnished, through the Military Department, to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, in view to its being ascertained, whether His Excellency can strengthen the force in Upper Canara to the extent proposed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 11. To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort St. George, 3rd September 1858, No. 1212.

SIR,

With reference to my letter under date the 7th Ultimo, I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward, for the information of the Government of Bombay, copy of a communication, dated 19th August 1858, received from the Special Commissioner in North Canara, on matters connected with the rebellion on the Goa frontier.

2. This Government request to be favored with the intentions of the Bombay Government, in regard to the steps to be taken when the country is open. As the monsoon is nearly over, some course of action should be determined upon at an early date.

3. The Government are disposed to concur in the views of the Special Commissioner, in regard to Deeparana.

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Thos J. A. Ballard Esq
Special Commr and AG
Joint Magistrate, Canara.

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and the Jawahar, matters arising
the frontier have remained very
unstable in status quo. Reports the
result of his interview with
Col. Allard, Comd^g the Portuguese
Militia Force. Submits certain
remarks respecting the force
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3. Sept. 1858

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