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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th October 1858.

No. 56. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Special Commissioner, North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tinnei Station, 30th September 1858, No. 82.

SIR,

I had the honor of receiving, last night, Extract Minutes Consultation under date the 18th Instant, Nos. 1284 and 1286. In the first, Government are pleased to inform me, that they approve of a vigorous policy with regard to the settlement of the frontier disturbances, and that a second Regiment of Native Infantry has been ordered to Mangalore, in the second, that they

*Special Commissioner, to the Govr. Genl. of Goa, 9th September 1858. Copy forwarded to Chief Secy. with letter No. 11, of same date.

await the reply of the Governor of Goa to my request* that Tulgámcár Nana should be made over to me, before passing orders on the subject. My letter of the 24th Instant, No. 77, with its enclosures, will have informed you that a vigorous policy has been utterly abandoned by the Portuguese; and that "on common accord with Major Auld" His Excellency had determined to dispose of Tulgamcar Nana himself. I can only say that all my information hitherto, represents this individual and his companions as not only unpunished, but as in a position which precludes the idea that there is any intention of punishing them.

¶Para. 3. 2. I beg to make a few retrospective remarks. When in my letter† of the 7th Instant, I remarked that I did not think Deeparana would surrender, except under strong pressure, even on the most favorable terms the most lenient would be inclined to grant, I did *not* contemplate that, notwithstanding their strongly expressed determination, the Portuguese would forget the past, and admit that troublesome turbulent rebel to the position of a faithful peaceable subject, with semblance, if report speaks true, rather of reward than punishment. As it was, his going in was immediately caused by fear of our measures, by the actual movement of some troops to the frontier, and preparations for that of others. On this subject most exaggerated rumours certainly were spread. It was not our interest to contradict them.

3. I must once more observe, that I think it much to be regretted that any encouragement was given to the Portuguese to temporize, or that they were allowed to suppose we were lukewarm with regard to Deeparana: and that it was a mistake to discuss any terms with him, until he had carried some of his professions with regard to the Sawanths into action. Had he been treated more firmly he might have done us service; *then*, if a free pardon had been deemed advisable, it might have been granted, and it would have come with better effect. Now he has nothing to gain by troubling himself about the Sawanths, save the chance of the pecuniary reward. His own position is secured, and he may well leave us to catch them as we can.

4. Farther, I am strongly inclined to believe that now, whatever may be the sentiments of the Governor himself, there is a prevalent feeling in Goa that the Sawanths are *our* enemies, rebels against the British, not the Portuguese Sircar: and that as Deeparana's matter has been so amicably settled, the other may be treated with indifference. I am told, though I hardly know how much credence to attach to the story, that there is a strong party in Goa who, now that *their* rebel has come in, do not at all like the idea of British troops entering their territories. I must add however that some time ago, I wrote to the Governor on the subject of our troops crossing §Copy enclosed. the frontier; and that his answer was very courteous. Yesterday I wrote§ making particular proposals as to the movements of parties down the Ghauts at once. I trust His Excellency's reply will be favorable.

5. I beg to enclose copy of a Memo. I sent a few days ago to Captain Walpole, indicating what now I think our most likely course. With proper co-operation on the part of the Portuguese it ought to succeed. Captain Walpole approves generally of moving down the Ghauts. Captain Hewett, Commanding the Bombay Detachments on the frontier of Belgaum, expects some re-inforcements shortly, and if they move down also, I am of opinion that, as Deeparana's men are not now in arms, and more troops are consequently available from the Canara posts than was before anticipated, we shall have a sufficient force to hunt up the Sawanths without farther re-inforcements of Madras Troops.

6. I have not heard that any thing has as yet resulted from the negotiations of Captain Way with Deeparna's nephew mentioned in my letter of the 24th Instant, No. 77, and I have no expectation that any thing will result from them. If Native report is true, there is a perfect understanding still between the Sawanths and Deepa.

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7. I have only at present farther respectfully to observe, that I think the Madras and Bombay Governments should jointly impress on the Portuguese that this business must be concluded in a manner somewhat commensurate with the pains that have already been taken to settle it; and that they are *resolved* not to be baffled in their most just demands, that these Sawanths shall not escape the punishment they have so richly merited. The Portuguese require a little stimulus, but I would fain think that something like the scheme I have sketched with due co-operation on their part, and fair management, would have a very reasonable prospect of early success.

I may mention that I understand a new Governor is immediately expected, if he has not already arrived, at Goa.

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Special Commissioner, North Canara; to His Excellency Viscount TORRES NOVAS, Governor General of Portuguese India, dated Tinnei, 29th September 1858, No. 81.

MOST EXCELLENT AND ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

The weather is now so fine that with your Excellency's assent I propose that 60 or 70 of our Troops move down the Ghauts from Coondul to some village in the Astagrahar; that 90 or 100 move from Diggi to Sangem, or some village near; that about 50 move from Coeshy to Sonati, or that vicinity; and that about 60 move from this to Malpun, or other village near the foot of the Ghauts; where they would remain for a short time, ready to attack the Sawanths if they could hear of them; or ready to take part in any general movement that may be arranged in conjunction with your Excellency's Troops.

Your Excellency was kind enough to say you had issued orders that all assistance should be given; but they will take their own supplies, &c., and I hope give no trouble.

I beg the favor of a speedy reply in assent to this arrangement if, as I trust it will, it meets your Excellency's approval, as all is ready for a move here.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Special Commissioner.

MEMO.

In cases like the present there are difficulties and objections to all plans, but, it appears to me, that our most likely plan to bring matters to a speedy close is for parties of 50 to 100 each under an European Officer or Officers, to move down Ghauts, (leaving 25 to 50 men at their present posts,) and occupy villages along the base of the Ghauts in the Goa country.

The Officer Commanding each party would of course lay himself out to conciliate the villagers near, and engage several of them to scout and bring in intelligence, in case of a move of the Sawanths to their vicinity. As long as the Sawanths kept to the jungles along the foot of the Ghauts they would be more or less in the vicinity of one or other of the posts. When they leave that line of country altogether it will be time enough to provide for that contingency.

The fact of our Troops moving down would have an effect on the Goa villagers; an effect (not less required perhaps) on their petty officials.

Men who would give the Bund supplies when we are up here, would hesitate to do so with a British Officer hard by. Possibly informants, who would not come up the Ghauts to our territory to give information, might come 4 or 5 miles on hope of a reward, and information might be acted on in the latter case, whereas in the former it is almost useless.

The Officers would have to act to a great extent independently; unless circumstances admitted of several posts being brought together, and a combined movement made with reasonable prospect of its being effected without the rebels getting wind of it. I doubt the feasibility of this; and would rather trust to one dour, on good information, from one of the posts, being successful, though this may not be till after many failures.

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An Officer below would not be bound to any "post," circumstances at the time should determine whether he remained for some time in one village or moved about.

A move down would perhaps give some animation to the Portuguese Troops; it will make Deepa Rana more the less willing to act against the Sawanths, openly or treacherously, if he has any intentions of acting against them at all; whilst, if they have any idea of surrender, it can only tend to strengthen it.

Their surrender, if offered, must be purely and entirely unconditional.

Tinnei, North Canara, }
27th September 1858. }

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Special Commissioner.

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Special Commissioner.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 57. To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort St. George, 9th October 1858, No. 1413.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter of 2nd Instant, No. 1366, I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward for the information of the Government of Bombay, copy of a further communication from the Special Commissioner in North Canara, dated 30th Ultimo, No. 82.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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For L^d Secy
9 October 1858.

J. P.

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