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No. 35. Read the following letter from H. L. ANDERSON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Bombay; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 23rd October 1858, No. 3780.

Secret Department.

SIR,

I am directed to communicate to you for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Madras, the views of this Government on the course to be pursued with reference to the rebel Dessayees now in the Goa country.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council had been led to expect for a considerable time that the submission of Deepa Rana, and the capture, or at the very least, the surrender of the Sawunt Dessayees to the Portuguese Government was a result which might daily be expected. The submission of Deepa Rana has occurred and the Governor General of Goa in a letter dated 21st September stated his expectation that "the Sawunt Dessayees would now soon be put an end to," as they had lost the support of Deepa. It would appear from the letter of Colonel Auld, Political Superintendent of Sawunt Warree, dated 27th September, copy of which is enclosed, that negotiations were in progress by the Goa Government for the surrender of the rebels and that the 1st of October had been named as the limit within which they were to give themselves up. Another letter from the Political Superintendent of Sawunt Warree dated the 14th Instant, an Extract (paras. 5 and 6) from which is forwarded leads to the conclusion that the capture or surrender of the Dessayees, though still not improbable, is not so certain or so immediate a result as the Government had been led to anticipate.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has considered that very great care has been demanded in our negotiations with the Government of Goa, a foreign Government, very sensitive, very conscious of weakness and very jealous of any assumption of superiority or dictation, but he fully concurs with the Government of Madras that a firm and decided policy should now be urged on the Governor General of Goa, and that the operations against the Dessayees should be conducted with vigor and determination.

4. To secure the latter object, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has resolved that all the Detachments of Bombay Troops and Police serving on the border and the Detachments of the Sawunt Warree Local Corps on the Goa frontier, shall be placed under the orders of Brigadier Fitzgerald, who has been appointed by the Madras Government to conduct the operations against the Dessayees.

5. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has further determined to send on a special mission to Goa Brigadier General Jacob, the Political Commissioner in Kolhapoor and the Southern Muratha country, an Officer who for several years was Political Superintendent of Sawunt Warree, and who is well known to the Goa Government. Brigadier General Jacob will be instructed to urge upon the Governor General, the importance of his giving Deepa Rana not merely permission to treat with British Political Officers for the surrender of the Sawunt Dessayees, but a positive order to aid our Officers and Troops. There can be no doubt that if this man chose he could secure the rebel Dessayees in a very short time, and it is probable that when he sees that vigorous preparations are in progress for crushing the Dessayees, his fears and his cupidity will induce him to become a really active Agent. Brigadier General Jacob will not fail to remind the Governor General that the rebels were permitted to escape from the Asylum which had been afforded to them in the Portuguese territory by the remissness or connivance of the Officers of the Goa Government, that His Excellency has admitted he is bound to render us active assistance in effecting their apprehension, and that something more than a permission to a servant of the Portuguese Government to treat with our Officers upon this subject, may therefore fairly be demanded from him.

6. With regard to the permission to our Troops to enter the Portuguese territory, Col. Auld states that this point has already been conceded and that at the present time a party of the Sawunt Warree Local Corps is stationed within the Goa frontier. Brigadier General Jacob will, however, be instructed to urge that there shall be no restriction on this point, and that our Troops shall have permission to pursue the Dessayees wherever they may go. Brigadier General Jacob will, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has no doubt, be able to

arrange with the Governor General and with Brigadier Fitzgerald, an effective plan of operations against the Sawunts and their gang, should they not be given up to us for the sake of the rewards, or should they not immediately surrender to the Government of Goa. If the latter contingency occur, Brigadier General Jacob will demand, that they shall be banished from India. This course the Governor General some time ago proferred his willingness to follow.

7. Brigadier General Jacob will leave Bombay in the Honorable Company's Steam Frigate the *Feroze*, on the 1st Proximo, about which date it is expected, that Brigadier Fitzgerald will also be at Goa.

From Lieutenant Colonel J. W. AULD, Political Superintendent of Sawunt Warree ; to H. L. ANDERSON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Bombay, dated 27th September 1858, No. 915.

Secret Department.

SIR,

Referring to my Telegram of the 23rd Instant, I begin to fear it may be some time yet ere the rebel Sawunts are in custody. My reason for deputing Lieutenant Way to Goa to consult with His Excellency the Governor General, was that Deepa Rana had both by his Agent and by himself expressed in writing his willingness to seize the Sawunts and deliver them at the nearest out-post on the Belgaum or Warree frontier, on condition of receiving the rewards offered, and this I had guaranteed *should be paid him*, but as Deepa said he could not seize and *give them up*, without an order from the Governor General to whose authority he had himself submitted, I sent Lieutenant Way down to His Excellency to endeavour to arrange this point, in fact it was obvious that Deepa knew that the Goa Government meant to dispose of the Sawunts and that he would thus lose the rewards, for the understanding was, that to earn the money offered, he must deliver the rebels up to the British Government.

2. I was also not without hopes that the Sawunts would themselves surrender knowing they were suing the Goa authorities for pardon and that they were moreover well aware of Deepa's intentions towards them. Lieutenant Way, however, now writes me from Goa, that His Excellency objected to any immediate proceedings against the rebel Sawunts on the grounds that they had sued for pardon, and had offered to submit, and that he had in consequence given them to the 1st Proximo, to do so.

3. I did the other day believe they would, in their present difficulties surrender to the Goa Government, and as this measure would have saved paying the very heavy rewards, and would have answered our purpose equally well, I should not have been sorry if they had done so ; but I can now see Deepa Rana is disappointed at the turn affairs have taken, and my opinion is that he will very likely contrive to keep the Sawunts at large until it suits his own purpose, or until he can be allowed to seize them and earn the money on their heads ; so that we may yet have to enter on another campaign against these notorious leaders. Lieutenant Way proposed to send for Deepa who was at Goa at the time, and enter into terms with him for the capture of the rebels, but His Excellency repeated that nothing could be done until the 1st Proximo, and besides he said he could not well consent to his negotiating with Deepa since he had made him over to Lieutenant Colonel Alves, to arrange with him for the seizure of the rebels and I much fear we are doomed to further disappointment.

4. Should I hear nothing satisfactory in the course of to-day, I shall again address His Excellency the Governor General, and point out my own suspicions in respect to Deepa Rana's disappointment and consequent intentions.

5. In conclusion, I have just one hope left, and that is, that the Sawunts may think it better to submit to the Goa Government than trust any longer to Deepa's protection, for they know well it is his intention sooner or later to betray them, though I don't think he will do so, until he can secure the rewards.

P. S.—I understand that His Excellency the Governor General of Goa intends to banish the rebel Sawunts if he can secure them.

(True Copy.)

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

Extract paras. 5 and 6 from a letter from the Political Superintendent of Sawunt Warree, dated the 14th October, No. 993 of 1858.

5. After some correspondence on the subject, I have obtained His Excellency the Governor General's permission to negotiate with Deepa Rana for the seizure of the rebels, and I have guaranteed that he shall have the rewards offered by the British Government, provided he delivers them at any out-post on the British frontier. Deepa has expressed his willingness to enter into my views, but says he is now a servant of the Goa Government, and must have authority from His Excellency before he can do any thing. His Excellency has informed me that he was just about to write to Deepa, telling him that he has no objections to his (Deepa's) treating with me, but it is as likely as not, that this information may never reach him, or if it does, His Excellency's orders will be so distorted that Deepa may not know how to act.

6. Another difficulty has unfortunately arisen, and that is, that Deepa and his right-hand man Bal Sawunt, have had differences of opinion, and are not likely to afford the aid they might otherwise have done if acting together.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, No. 1539; dated 3rd November 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department, to the Magistrate and Special Commissioner of North Canara.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 37. To H. L. ANDERSON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort St. George, 3rd November 1858, No. 1540.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 23rd Ultimo, No. 3780, communicating the views of the Bombay Government as to the course to be pursued with reference to the rebel Dessayes now in the Goa country—and in reply to state, that the arrangements which have been ordered by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, at Bombay, for the termination of these disturbances have the entire concurrence of this Government.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No 1540.

H L Anderson Esq
Secretary to Govt
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