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No. 1. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Special Commissioner, North Canara ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Diggi, North Canara, 23rd October 1858.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter to your address of the 20th Instant, I have the honor to inform you, that I had an interview with the Governor General of Goa, almost immediately after my arrival at New Goa, on the afternoon of the 21st.

2. His Excellency was very courteous and appeared astonished, almost annoyed, at my considering farther permission for the entry of our troops into his territories, or farther orders for co-operation on the part of his authorities, necessary ; or supposing that such entry was not very palatable to them. He was good enough to issue special orders on the subject; and also to give permission that villagers, proved to have given assistance to the Sawanths, or to have mislead us, or wilfully withheld information during the chase by our parties, might be seized by the latter, and made over to the nearest Portuguese authorities for transmission to Goa itself. I should have preferred permission to deal summarily with such parties myself ; but felt that the point was too delicate a one to urge very pressingly.

3. As far as His Excellency is concerned, this is all that can be desired, and I must say that from the feeling I had observed, most unmistakeably prevalent amongst the frontier officials, I was very agreeably surprized at finding that he was so willing that we should act promptly on his side of the frontier, as well as on our own. I must add that His Excellency appeared quite ignorant of the real state of affairs; of the general apathy and supineness of the Commandants and petty officials ; and of the feeling of the villagers along the border. I brought no charges against them, because they are rather negatively obstructive, than positively so. To do any good, complaints would have to be laid against and reforms worked in the class, rather than particular individuals, Complaints therefore would probably do us little good ; and might do us harm by turning indifference into more decided feeling. I am well content with His Excellency's free permission to follow up the insurgents in his territories, and do the work ourselves. I hope two parties will very soon be on the trail of the Bund again.

4. I have just returned to Diggi, and I am glad to find that information was brought on the evening of the 21st to this post, that the Sawanths were in a jungle near Sonáli, (their former residence in the Goa territory) close by the village I mentioned* as having visited in search of them unsuccessfully on the 19th. Lieutenants Caulfield and Foord went down early yesterday morning ; came upon the insurgents ; shot three and wounded several others. The chiefs and others escaped. I am going on to Coéshy, (to which post I understand the officers have returned) to learn particulars ; and if possible, have the pursuit continued without an hour's delay.

* Special Commissioner, to Chief Secretary, para. 7, No. 88, 20th October 1858.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 1564 ; dated 6th November 1858.

To be recorded.

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

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Sir,

In continuation of his letter of the 20th inst reports the favorable result of his interview with the Govr General of Goa on the subject of the disturbances

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