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No. 6. 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 New Goa, 27th October 1858.

SIR,

On the 23rd Instant, I had the honor of writing to you from Diggi, just after my arrival there from this place. The same day I received a letter from Mr. Fisher requesting me to come here to meet General Jacob and Brigadier Fitzgerald, expected here, he informed me, on the 25th. Accordingly I hastily settled some work requiring attention, and again started for this place. On my arrival yesterday I found that neither of the gentlemen mentioned had arrived. I am waiting their coming or farther intelligence.

2. This will account for my delay in informing you, in continuation of my letter of the 23rd Instant, that the party of insurgents which our Troops attacked near Sonáli, in the Goa territory close to the foot of the Ghauts on the morning of the 22nd was that of Nana Sawanth, with the families of the chiefs. It does not appear that Hanamantha, or Báva Sawanth, with their 20 to 25 followers, were there at the time, and I have been unable to learn any thing certain as to the whereabouts of the latter since.

3. The corpse of an insurgent was found not far from the scene, on the day following the action of the 22nd, making a total of *four* killed. One of these was "Mangam Cár Báva," nephew of the Sawanths, and Hanamantha's son-in-law, a most active leader. The Natives, both in Canara and Goa, say that, "by his death half the Bund is gone." Another was Nana Sawanth's eldest son, also a severe blow. The third was a common insurgent. The forth (whose body was found as aforesaid) is stated to have been the priest of the party, a man of considerable influence, and of an intriguing and turbulent disposition.

4. As the information which led to this dour proved accurate as far as it went, and the principal informant, at some risk, took Lieutenant Foord and party to the very spot where the insurgents were, I gave the man a reward of Rupees 150, and divided a farther sum of Rupees 50 amongst others, who had also given information, and accompanied our Troops on the occasion.

5. Looking on these insurgents as a gang of offenders of the worst description, I have offered Rupees 20 for each of the gang captured, or killed in fair fight, and I purpose accordingly disbursing Rupees 80 to the party or parties who actually killed the four individuals mentioned in para. 3 of this letter.

6. But the dour of the 22nd led to farther results; for so great was the panic it infused that Nana Sawanth himself, with his own family, and those of Hanamantha and Bába Sawanth, and several followers, gave themselves up to the Portuguese at Phonda the same evening. Of this I only received official information just as I was starting for this place on the 25th, Nana Sawanth's surrender is most important, and may not improbably lead to that of the others. That of the wives and families may rather free the insurgents from encumbrances, and yet it may be looked on as fortunate too, inasmuch as it impresses the people strongly with the idea that the Bund is rapidly falling.

7. I have had some conversation with the Governor this morning. His Excellency considers that Nana Sawanth must be considered as having given himself up under the guarantee of life, offered some time ago, after communication with the Bombay Government; but declares his intention of banishing the rebel to Timoor.

8. We had then some discussion regarding Hanamantha and Bába Sawanths, and their gang of insurgents, still at large. To my plain question as to whether, if they came in now, His Excellency would object to making them over to me, he observed that he thought the guarantee of life must hold good. I observed that as they had not availed themselves of the offer for so long it might be withdrawn, and that in my humble opinion no conditions whatever should be allowed. His Excellency pleaded that the offer was made in communication with the Bombay Government, which considered that their banishment by His Excellency was sufficient. I remarked that the Madras Government had written to Bombay on the subject, and at last suggested that His Excellency should issue a Proclamation that if Hanamantha and Bába Sawanths did not give themselves up within a short stated period (as 10 or 15 days) on the terms now

offered by the Portuguese Government, that the guarantee of life would be withdrawn and no condition of any kind allowed them. Nothing was settled; but we are to have some farther conversation to-morrow.

9. I must add that His Excellency expresses himself as most desirous to meet our wishes; and that this is not merely empty expression is shown by the strict orders he issued immediately after my first interview on the 21st, to the frontier authorities; and by his having ordered in the Commandant of Sonáli to explain his conduct in not having discovered and attacked the insurgents, when, as has now been clearly shown, they had been within a mile or two of his station for some time, and remained in security till our Troops from above Ghauts attacked them.

P. S.—I open this to say that His Excellency has just sent me a message to say that he is informed, "that all the Sawanth Warree rebels have submitted with the exception of two that are hourly expected." Unfortunately the two that are still, "hourly expected" are Hanamantha and Bába themselves. It really appears true however that they are coming in as all their followers have.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 1567; dated 6th November 1858.

The Government approve of Mr. Ballard's proceedings as detailed in the above letter.

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Fort St. George,
6 November 1858.

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To the A. Com. G. Canara, Dist. Dr. M.S.

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From G. A. Ballard, Esq
Special Commissioner,
North Canara.

Dated 27th Oct
Recd 4th Nov 1858.

No 1979.

In continuation of his letter of 23d instt reports the result of an attack by our Troops on the insurgents. Reports also having given a reward of 150 Rs to the principal informant & states that intimation has just been received that all the Sawunthes Warree rebels have submitted with the exception of two.

With an Order

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