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No. 5. 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, October 20th, 1858.

SIR,

* 4th October, No. 84.

In a late* letter, I had the honor of forwarding a communication from the Governor of Goa, referring me to Colonel Alves on the subject of certain Madras troops entering Goa to act against the Sawanths.

2. Although in July last, Colonel Alves had expressed a strong desire for the co-operation of our troops in Goa, I had good grounds for believing that since Deeparana's submission, he was not anxious that we should proceed down the ghauts. I had written to Colonel Auld, requesting him to back my proposition for our descent and wished to hear from him be-

† I have as yet received no reply.

fore† writing again on the subject to Colonel Alves, as I was anxious to avoid a refusal from the latter; and hoped Colonel Auld's assistance would ensure compliance.

3. I was awaiting a reply from Colonel Auld at Tinnei, when news reached me on the morning of the 14th, which I confess was very unexpected. It was to the effect that Hanamanth Sawanth and Baba Sawanth, with some 25 men, had again crossed our frontier, somewhere between Diggi and Coondal it is supposed, and had looted a merchant's house some 10 miles from the latter place, on the night of the 12th.

4. I purpose writing more particularly hereafter. At present, I shall merely say that tardy information reached Captain Searle, Commanding Coondal, on the afternoon of the 13th, that he immediately started for the scene of the robbery near which it was said the insurgents were, that he could not get information as to what route they had taken, till the following day (the 14th) when he was joined by the Tahsildar; that they then started on the trail of the robbers and followed it up with great energy and perseverance through the 14th, 15th and 16th, but that on the 17th, the gang escaped across the frontier; and that as it would afterwards have been difficult, if not impossible, to get sufficient information, and his men required rest, Captain Searle halted at Coodady and came in here on the 18th.

5. The insurgents unfortunately got a great start at first; but the pursuers were very close on them several times and on the night of the 15th especially. The villagers do not readily bring in information, and when given it is generally late, but certainly, with the exception perhaps of a few vagabonds who may be found every where, "the Bund" have no partizans in Canara. Terror, ignorance and natural apathy render our intelligence scanty and tardy, not any friendly feeling for the insurgents.

6. The marauders, especially latterly, pursued their flights in haste and confusion, throwing aside slippers, rice-bags, &c., and only stopping for refreshment for the shortest possible periods. The incursion has had no political character; it has been simply a daring marauding raid.

7. I feel confident that could the chase have been continued in our country for a few days longer, it would have ended successfully. A rumour reached us that the Bund had halted at a small village down the ghauts, and in company with 2 officers and a small party, I went down yesterday from Coéshy. We found the village empty and could get no information of any sort or description from the Portuguese Commandant or any of his party, who were stationed some 5 or 6 miles from it.

8. I arrived here late yesterday evening but the experience of the day so forcibly impressed upon me the truth of what I have already observed that arrangements on the other side of the frontier are most unsatisfactory; and that if we want these Sawanths, we must catch them ourselves; that I have determined on going at once to New Goa and requesting an interview with the Governor General.

9. I shall point out what has just occurred here, and I shall request permission for two parties (at least) of about 40 men each, to go down the ghauts; pick up the trail of the Bund and follow it up as we have been doing in Canara. If His Excellency assent, and I see room for doing so, I shall farther request permission to treat summarily any cases of direct assistance to the insurgents; or of attempts to mislead us, or to wilfully withhold information; that may be met with during the chase; and if this is granted, I am sanguine of success.

10. If His Excellency refuses his assent, I must report the matter to Government, in detail. I confess I do not see that I can do any thing in that case likely to bring matters to a settlement.

11. I have been constantly moving since the morning of the 14th, which I trust will excuse my not having written on this matter sooner, and as I am now writing in great haste, as it is already late for me to get down the ghauts before night, I trust the rough form of this letter may be pardoned.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 1585; dated 10th November 1858.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From C. A. Ballard, Esq.
Special Commissioner,
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Reports that the arrangements on the other side of the Toolsee are very unsatisfactory and that he has determined on going at once to Kirr God, and requesting an interview with the Governor General. and states the measures which he will then propose for bringing matters to a settlement.

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