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No. 58. Read the following letter from Brigadier W. M. COGHLAN, Political Resident and Commandant, Aden ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 25th October 1858, No. 457.

Secret Department.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1373, dated 4th Instant, relative to the Moplah Tángul Seyed Fuzl.

2. I have communicated with Captain Pullen, H. M.'s Commissioner in the Red Sea, on the subject, I have explained to him what the wishes of the Madras Government are, and I have taken the liberty to suggest that the Turkish authorities in the Heijaz be moved either to deliver up the Tángul, or to deport him to some remote part of the Turkish possessions.

3. I trust that my proceedings as explained in the attached copies of my letters, Nos. 454, 455, to Captain Pullen, may meet with the approbation of His Lordship in Council.

From Brigadier W. M. COGHLAN, Political Resident and Commandant, Aden ; to Captain PULLEN, R. N., H. M.'s Commissioner at Jeddah and Commanding H. M. S. *Cyclops*, dated 21st October 1858, No. 454.

Secret Department.

SIR,

In the year 1852, one Seyed Fuzl, the Tángul, or spiritual leader of the Moplahs of Malabar, was expelled from India, in consequence of his suspected complicity in the Moplah out-break.

2. The Moplahs I may mention, are Mahomedans, inhabitants of Malabar and Canara, numbering about 100,000, they are of Arab descent and are remarkable for their violence and fanaticism.

3. Seyed Fuzl being known as an intriguing desperate character has therefore been an object of interest to the Government of Madras, and I have, at the requisition of that Government, for some years past, watched and reported his movements.

4. My information was obtained chiefly from Mr. Page, and since that gentleman's death, I have had none.

5. It is suspected in India, that Seyed Fuzl is again intriguing with his people in Malabar ; the Government at Madras are very anxious that his movements should be closely watched and particularly that he should not be allowed to quit Arabia.

6. When I last heard of him, he was residing at Taif, but he sometimes visits Mecca, and about a year ago was at Medina, but I could not learn that he was in any way engaged in politics.

7. It is however absolutely necessary, that a person of his character and influence should not be lost sight of, I therefore address you on the subject, in the hope that you may procure some information respecting him, and also that you may put the new Consul on his guard, and request him to communicate to me from time to time any intelligence which he may obtain of the Tángul.

8. It would be well to know what are his means of subsistence ; he is said to be supported in great affluence by the contributions of his co-religionists in Malabar, and this is probably the fact, though it has been also asserted that he derives his subsistence from a higher source at Constantinople, but in any case, it is necessary, that he be watched, and I am sure you will pardon me for requesting your efforts to that end.

From Brigadier W. M. COGHLAN, Political Resident and Commandant, Aden ; to Captain PULLEN, R. N., H. M.'s Commissioner at Jeddah, and Commanding H. M. S. *Cyclops*, dated 23rd October 1858, No. 455.

Secret Department.

SIR,

Since my letter No. 454, dated the 21st Instant, was posted, I have accidentally heard from a trust-worthy source, that of late the conduct of Seyed Fuzl the Moplah Tángul, has been of a

character highly dangerous, and tending to foster the spirit of disaffection which is at present, unhappily so prevalent in India.

2. You are aware that the Moplah race is notorious for the fanatical spirit with which they have on numberless occasions resisted our authority in Malabar, and over this sect, Seyed Fuzl's influence is unbounded. He affects the character of a martyred saint, and to such, Mahomedans of all classes are ever ready to render their sympathy and assistance.

3. Since the massacre at Jedda, Seyed Fuzl has paid frequent visits to Mecca, from Taif, where he habitually resides, and he has, as I now learn, in the most open manner expressed his hatred of the British, and inculcated the necessity of all "true believers" resisting their authority and exerting every means in their power to expel and destroy the Kafirs, &c. &c.

4. I need not point out to you the danger of such conduct in a place like Mecca, where Mahomedans from every part of our eastern possessions flock in great number, and whence they return to their homes, imbued with the baneful doctrines which they have there acquired, and ready and willing to propagate them still further.

5. I would therefore suggest for your consideration, that the present appears a favorable opportunity to move the Turkish authorities either to surrender Seyed Fuzl to the British, or to deport him to some remote part of the Turkish dominions, where his evil influence would not be felt.

6. Of course the former, if practicable, would be the more preferable course ; were he once in our custody, he would be confined for life in some fortress, remote from his Native country.

7. I apprehend that you would be perfectly justified in demanding the removal of this dangerous character, at a time when Mahomedan fanaticism has cost us so much, and I am sure that by doing so, you would render a very important service to the Indian Government.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. M. COGHLAN, Brigadier,
Political Resident and Comdt.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, No. 1613; dated 15th November 1858.

Resolved that copies of the foregoing letter, be furnished to the Government of India and the Acting Magistrate of Malabar, for information.

2. The Governor in Council fully approves the proceedings of the Political Resident and Commandant at Aden, as reported in the above letter. That Officer will be requested to communicate to this Government any further intelligence he may obtain in regard to the Tángul.

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

Ordered that the following letters be despatched.

No. 60. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 15th November 1858, No. 1614.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a communication from the Political Resident and Commandant at Aden, dated 25th October, No. 457 of 1858, respecting the Moplah Tángul Seyed Fuzl, who was deported from Malabar some years ago. The Government fully approved this Officer's proceedings as reported in this letter; and requested him to communicate any further intelligence he may obtain respecting the Tángul.

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

No. 61. To the Political Resident and Commandant at Aden, dated Fort Saint George, 15th November 1858, No. 1615.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th October, No. 457 of 1858, and to state in reply, that Government fully approve of your proceedings as intimated therein. The Government request that you will be so good as to communicate to them any further intelligence you may obtain in regard to the Tángul.

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

For Orders

I suppose we might inform Brigadier Coghlan that the Madras Govt fully approve of his proceedys & request he will communicate to them any further intelligence he may obtain as to the Touzal

Also send copy of Brigadier Cs letter to the Govt of India for information

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Judicial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 15th November 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Political Resident &
Commodant at Aden.

(Rec'd entn 25 Oct 1858 № 457)

Resolved that copies of the
foregoing letter be furnished to
the Government of India and
the Actg. Magistrate of Ghalada
for information.

2. The Governor in Council
fully approves the proceedings
of the Political Resident and
Commodant at Aden as reported
in the above letter. That Officer
will be requested to communi-
-cate to this Govt any further intelligence
he may obtain in regard to the
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3. Ordered that the follow-

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Disp.d 19th

Judicial Department

No. 1614

To The Secretary to the Govt. of India

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward for the information of the Govt. of India the accompanying copy of a communication from the Political Resident & Commandant at Aden dated 25th Oct. No 457 of 1858 respecting the Mopplah Serjeant Seyed Tangul who was deported from Malabar some years ago. The Govt. fully approves this officers proceedings as reported in this letter; and requested him to communicate any further intelligence he may obtain in respecting the Tangul.

Fort St. George,
15th November, 1858.

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To The Secy. to the Govt. of India
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To The Pol: Resident & Comdt at Aden
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Copy to Magistrate of Malabar. Disp.d 19th "

Recd 17th

Judicial Department

No 1615.

To

The Political Resident & Commandant

at Aden.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th Oct No 457 of 1858, and to state in reply that Govt. fully approve of your proceedings as intimated therein. Govt. Government request that you will be so good as to communicate to them any further intelligence you may obtain in regard to the Tangul.

Fort St George
15 November 1858.

Recd 15th Nov 1858
Ans. 15th Nov. 1858
Judicial Dept No 1615

No 1615

To

The Secretary to the
Government of
Madras.

Dated 15th Nov 1858

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Ans. 15th Nov. 1858
No 1615

Vide Sec. to Govt. 15th February
No. 7 of 1859 Para 5.

In Jud. Dept. Nos. 16 Nov. 1858

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No. 1615.

To,
The Political Resident
and Commandant
at Aden.

Dated 15 Nov. 1858.

Acknowledging the
receipt of his Letter
No. 1157 of
1858. & stating in
reply that Govern-
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of his proceedings
in regard to the
Mofalah Sangal
by Fleyt.

Ent. No. 2089.

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