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No. 69. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Special Commissioner, North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary, Fort Saint George, dated New Goa, October 30th, 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt last night, of a Telegraphic Message from you, informing me that Brigadier Fitzgerald was to take command of all the troops on the frontier engaged against the rebel Dessais, with power to act with the Portuguese, &c., and of the receipt by the same post of Extract Minutes Consultation, under date September 30th, 1858, No. 1346.

2. I should have been doing my best on the frontier at present to press our late success to the utmost; but as already intimated, left on the 25th, expecting to find General Jacob and Brigadier Fitzgerald here, I am still waiting their arrival. Before starting, I directed all possible efforts to be made to get information regarding the movements of the Dessais; and am confident that should any be afforded to any of our officers at the out-posts, it will be acted on in the most prompt manner.

3. The Governor informed me yesterday that he had just sent anew instructions to Colonel Alves, Commanding the Portuguese Field force, to use his best efforts against the two Sawanths, and the few of their followers who are still out, and also to take steps to inform them (as I suggested) that if they did not come in, in a few days, the offer of their lives if they surrendered would be peremptorily withdrawn.

4. I confess it is difficult to understand the principles by which this Government is guided, indeed, it does not appear to be guided by any. Yesterday was the anniversary of the birth-day of the late king of Portugal and according to custom, there was a levée at Government House. To my surprize, I saw Deeparana, the late rebel, to whom no terms whatever save his life were to be granted, and who has done nothing of any sort or kind to expiate his offences, take his place with other loyal subjects, evidently perfectly satisfied that he was entitled to that position and, what is more strange, treated in every respect, by the Governor and others, as if he was.

5. I mention this significant fact to show that it rests with us to take care that those who have so grievously offended us, meet with some retributive justice; for if the Portuguese allow one, a third time rebel to their Government, to escape without semblance of punishment, it is not likely they will, unless watched, pursue a firmer course with others, who (I do not say rightly) are looked upon perhaps rather as our enemies than their's.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, No. 1620; dated 16th November 1858.

To be recorded.

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From
G. A. Ballard Esqr.
Spl. Comr. of South Canara

Rd. 30 Oct.
Ans. 6 Nov.

No. 2000

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Acknowledges receipt of
a Telegram informing him
that Brigr. Fitzgerald was to
take Command of all the
Troops on the Frontier engaged
against the rebel despair
ados power but with the
Portuguese &c and that
all possible Assistance
should be given to Col. Jervis
respecting the movements of
the Detachment to be Recalled
WHB