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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 2nd March 1858.

No. 51. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bramawer, 18th February 1858, No. 14.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter of the 16th, I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that I have received information from Mr. Robinson, under date the 15th Instant, to the effect that, the General Commanding the Division has prohibited the despatch of troops from Dharwar to Jugglebett in this district, every available man being it appears required. Mr. Robinson has under these circumstances, applied to the Officer Commanding Sedashigur for aid, and the arrangements reported on the 16th will therefore have been opportune. The officer at Sedashigur will have received warning from me, and the local authorities will, according to my instructions, have made every arrangement for the transport (by boat) of the Detachment to the foot of the Unshi Ghaut, and for their further progress towards the scene of disturbance.

2. Mr. Robinson will now I trust be able to defend our frontier, and prevent supplies being levied by the insurgents. His letter of the 14th to your address will have put Government in possession of such information as to the state of matters, as Mr. Robinson had been able to collect up to that day; and I have nothing further to add.

3. It will however be observed that Hanamuntha Sawunt and his followers are not apparently molesting the people of this district, but have for the present betaken themselves altogether to the Belgaum country.

4. The Detachment at Sedashigur is I fear very weak, and will hardly be able to act on the offensive, except in co-operating with any force that may be sent from Belgaum or Dharwar, against the insurgents, and I hardly know where to look for further assistance, so weak is the Regiment at Mangalore, (the Rifle Company being in Bengal) and so scattered in Detachments is both this Regiment and I believe that at Hurryhur also.

5. In any case, Mr. Robinson being nearer than I am both to Hurryhur and Sircy, will make any arrangements regarding troops from those stations should he require them, which I trust however will not be the case, as Hunamantha Sawunt's conduct shows pretty clearly that his object is not to create a disturbance in this district, to which he would only return, I imagine, if driven from his stronghold, and unable to escape in any other direction.

6. I feel pretty confident that the career of the insurgents will be short, and that little more will be required on our part than measures of defence, which the presence of a very small Military force will, I trust, enable Mr. Robinson to organize with success. Sedashigur will be speedily occupied by a portion of the Honore Detachment, which will again be relieved from Mangalore almost in the usual course, as the annual reliefs take place after the inspection of the Regiment by the Brigadier, who is expected to reach Mangalore on the 20th Instant.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 275; dated 2nd March 1858.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Lxd. F. Cartledge.

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Reporting in Continuation
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