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No. 53. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalore, 8th March 1858.

SIR,

My last letter made you acquainted with such information as I then possessed, regarding affairs on the frontier up to the 19th Ultimo. Until to-day I have been without further definite intelligence, but found letters awaiting me on my arrival this morning, and the post of the day brings me a further letter from Mr. Robinson, dated 2nd of March.

2. From the correspondence before me, I learn that the position of the rebels was attacked by the Bombay Troops, and their stockade found deserted: and that Mr. Robinson's Camp at Tinnay has been attacked in open day, but that the rebels succeeded in getting away through the jungle unpunished. Mr. Robinson's last letter informs me that a deloyet and peon had been waylaid and murdered within two or three miles of his Camp, and that a third man whose cloth was found near the bodies of his comrades, had been (it is supposed) carried off by the insurgents.

3. The plan of operations seems to consist in establishing lines of posts around the supposed position of the insurgents, which are occupied by regular troops, whilst the Irregulars act on the offensive, leaving it to the soldiers of the line to prevent the escape of the rebels, or the introduction of supplies for their use.

4. It would at first sight appear that the rebels had been dispersed by the Belgaum troops, but I fear that in reality Hunnamuntha Sawunt has only avoided a direct attack; and that his party if scattered, are so by design, and that he will continue to harrass the troops without giving them the opportunity of crushing him.

5. There can be little doubt that these people are showing a bolder front in this district than they did at first, being probably driven southwards by the operations of the Bombay force. There will be considerable difficulty probably in clearing the Soopah jungles, unless the Belgaum troops advance when they have secured the necessary positions within their own frontier, and co-operate with Mr. Robinson in his arrangements with regard to this district.

6. Of this, there seems to be no immediate prospect, and Mr. Robinson has, I think, rightly applied for a large reinforcement from the stations* of this Presidency. I trust the Government will sanction the steps taken and already made known to them, and that they will procure the co-operation of the Bombay force beyond their own frontier.

* Hurryhur and Bellary.

7. Mr. Binny is already at Sircy, and in charge of a portion of Mr. Robinson's work, and I have received a letter from Mr. Ballard, reporting his arrival at that station. As it is now highly improbable that Mr. Robinson will avail himself of his leave, and Mr. Ballard expresses his willingness to make himself useful in any way, even as a temporary Assistant. I have told him that I would make his offer known to Government, leaving him to apply to be appointed, as I can hardly see that I can make use of his services under existing circumstances.

8. I should be glad to have it in my power to recall Mr. Binny, and if Government see fit to appoint Mr. Ballard as a temporary Assistant, I should propose to place him in charge of the two southern talooks of the Balaghaut during Mr. Robinson's employment in the Soopah frontier.

9. Before closing this letter, I beg to state that nothing suspicious has been discovered against the Sondah Rajah, on whom however I am keeping a watchful eye.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, No. 367; dated 19th March 1858.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. P. Cartledge.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant
Wm Fisher
Magistrate.

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From Magistrate Fisher
To Chief Secy to Govern.t
Cape G.d Hope

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