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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 30th March 1858.

No. 7. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Camp Tinay Chowky, 11th March 1858, No. 153.

SIR,

In continuation of former correspondence, I have the honor to submit for the information of Government, transcript of a letter yesterday addressed by me to His Excellency the Governor of Goa.

2. Leaving this communication to speak for itself, I would only observe that so far as my recollection goes, there is nothing in the nature of the proposition therein made, opposed to the instructions conveyed some years ago in a Despatch from the Court of Directors, on the subject of the extradition of fugitives into a foreign State.

3. Unfortunately, in the hurry of my departure from Sircy, the papers connected with this subject were left behind among the other records of less recent date, and I have not therefore had the opportunity of consulting them, and ascertaining the exact tenor of the instructions then given. My impression however is that the extradition of any fugitive, whose term of residence in a foreign State falls short of 6 months, may be claimed and conceded.

4. The position of matters in this neighbourhood has not changed since I last had the honor of addressing you; nor until our Military out-posts are fully occupied, can any return of confidence or material improvement be looked for. I am in hopes of hearing to-day that the Hurryhur Detachment has reached Hullial, and will be quickly followed up by the Bellary reinforcements.

5. The Belgaum Head Quarters crossed my frontier yesterday, and are now encamped within 2 miles from this place. With their presence and co-operation, I hope to be able, on arrival of our own reinforcements to occupy the country as well bordering the frontier as that further inland, in such strength as will overawe the enemy and enable us to commence active operations with the Irregular Corps now available for service here and in the camp of our allies.

6. The resolution of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th Ultimo, No. 266, was communicated by me to His Excellency the Governor of Goa.

7. We are without any intelligence whatsoever of the recent movements and present position of the main band of the insurgents, but I am inclined to think they are not far off, and are taking advantage of some lax arrangements on the part of the Goa Government, to visit and provision themselves from Sonally, their former settlement.

8. It seems highly probable that many of the more marked members of the main band are seeking safety and escape from future identification in dispersion, and that the outrages committed further inland are the handiwork of freebooters and other desperadoes, who are taking advantage of the general consternation, to pillage and enrich themselves.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to His Excellency Governor General of Portuguese Indies, dated Camp Tinay Chowky, 10th March 1858, No. 148.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to request your kind assistance and co-operation in a matter connected with the disturbances now rife on our common frontier, which will greatly tend to bring to a prompt and satisfactory conclusion, a struggle, in the success of which it appears to me, we have an equal interest.

I have it both from direct and indirect sources of information, that the majority of the fugitive villagers of Paldah, Vinjolly, Tinay, Anamode, and the Kooveshy neighbourhood, are now residing within your territory, accompanied by their families and households. As this part of the country will within one week from this time be fully occupied with strong Military out-posts, and immediate danger removed, there does not appear to be any impediment to all well-disposed persons returning to their respective homes and villages. Up to this time there have unfortunately been sufficient grounds for alarm and consternation, but now that provision has been made for the general security in the manner above described, it becomes necessary both for purposes of intelligence and to enable us to discriminate between the ill-disposed and the orderly portion of the population that the villages and hamlets be re-occupied as early as possible.

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My respectful but earnest request now is that in the event of the villagers, on being informed of the provision thus made for their security, still declining voluntarily to return with their families to their respective homes, you will, on applications submitted from time to time, by the British Officers employed on this service, naming or indicating certain parties, direct your subordinate officers to hand them over to such agents as may be deputed to receive them. These persons should then be distinctly informed that they are not claimed as prisoners or malefactors, but simply for purposes connected with the re-establishment of good order and tranquillity in their respective villages and parishes.

In the hope that my views on this subject do not militate against those entertained by your Excellency, and that we may still rely on your courteous and cordial co-operation, and assuring you of my distinguished consideration.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Joint Magistrate.

No. 8.

ORDER THEREON, No. 391; dated 24th March 1858.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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*From the Joint Magistrate
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*In continuation of former
correspondence on the subject
of the disturbances, submits
for the information of Govt.
transcript of a letter addressed
by him to H.E. the Governor
of Goa, proposing certain
measures for bringing
back the inhabitants of the
deserted villages and hamlets,
and soliciting His Excellency's
co-operation.*

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