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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 9th April 1858.

No. 29. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Sadashigur, 24th March 1858, No. 27.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of the 19th Instant, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that I sailed with Captain Taylor, I. N., on that night and reached Sadashigur on Tuesday the 23rd, bringing up Lieutenant Miller of the 16th Regiment, and 20 men to re-inforce this post. We failed in getting up the river to Mullapoor on that day; but I left for that place in my own boat yesterday afternoon, having sent forward (as I thought) certain parties, who from their position, would be likely to obtain information as to the movements of the rebels in the neighbourhood of the Nushy Ghaut. On nearing Mullapoor, I found that these people had not preceded me as I thought, and I returned during the night in order to collect others here who can obtain the information I require.

The ryots in this neighbourhood are much alarmed, and all the more wealthy portion of the community near the Ghauts, have removed their families to the coast, or into the Goa Territory. From what I have been able to learn, the rebels are in possession of several of our frontier Custom Houses above the Ghauts, and they levy duty on all goods passing them. This means of supply must be cut off, and as Mr. Robinson is, I find, rather weakened than assisted by the Bellary Detachment, which consists chiefly of siege train and Cavalry, both equally useless in such a country as Soopah, and against such a foe as Hanamuntha Sawunt, I have sent off an express to Major Hodson, requesting him to proceed with all disposable men to Sadashigur, if Mangalore is provided for by the Brigadier Commanding Malabar and Canara, according to my request. The enemy are strong enough to attack our posts. They have proclaimed the Peshwas' Government and have offered a reward (in mockery perhaps) for the heads of Europeans. The force from Bellary is not only useless I fear in such a field as we present to them, but the cause of no little trouble, as they must be supplied with food in the jungle, which Native Troops do not require.

I must observe, that I am making these statements on the strength of some observations of Mr. Robinson in a letter to Mr. Binny, which has been sent on to me, all direct communication being cut off, and none being possible except under escort. It was my intention to recall Mr. Binny when Mr. Ballard took charge of the Sub-Collectorate; but circumstances made me determine to keep him at Yellapoor for the present; and I now find that on a requisition of Mr. Robinson, he has started for his camp. Mr. Robinson is, I fear, feeling the consequences of continued exposure, anxiety and over-fatigue, and it is therefore well that I determined to come up here, as I may possibly have to take his place.

Major Hodson will, if relieved, be able to bring up 200 men, and with this force he could cut off the supplies now obtained by the rebels from traders, and open communications with the Troops in the neighbourhood of Tinni. This seems the more necessary, as the spirit of disturbance has extended so much, that the Native Troops now in Soopah, seem able to do little more than hold a certain additional number of posts and defend themselves when attacked. The nature of the country and the tactics of the insurgents make it very difficult to strike a blow which they would feel; but a strong body of Troops if marched through the country along the back of the Ghauts would detach sympathisers, and enable me to trace out the more active among them. I am now inclined to think that a large portion of the men with the brothers Sawunt, belong to this District, and that the rapid movement of a considerable body of Troops through the Ghaut country would have the best possible effect, as more villagers serve the rebels from fear than inclination.

Under no circumstances can I expect Troops from Mangalore in less than a week, but if they do come, they would proceed without disembarking to Mullapoor, and one long march would then place them above the Ghauts.

If I cannot procure Troops from Mangalore, a portion of Europeans now in Soopah might be sent to relieve the Sircy Detachment; but until I have managed to communicate with Mr. Robinson, I hardly know what Troops have arrived or are expected, no official intimation having

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been received from any of the Military authorities regarding either the character or strength of the re-inforcements sent to us from time to time.

This is to be regretted, as either Mr. Robinson or I could have pointed out the uselessness of Cavalry and heavy Artillery in a hilly country covered with forests and almost without roads, though many were at one time commenced.

I proceed again directly to Mullapoor where Captain Taylor will have arrived probably, and take measures to obtain information and supplies in anticipation of being joined by Major Hodson.

Should Mr. Robinson find himself unequal to further exertion which I fear may be the case, I hardly know what course to take. None of our people speak Telugu or Tamil, and an Officer who knows no other language is nearly powerless for a time. We must have some one who knows Canarese or at least Hindoostanee, and if I take up the place, I fear Mr. Robinson may be compelled to vacate, all business must fall into arrears. I shall exert myself to the utmost whatever course I find it necessary to take, and trust that I shall meet with the continued indulgence of Government under the circumstances in which I am placed.

From W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to Major C. W. HODSON, Commanding Mangalore, dated Sadashigur, 25th March 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that from such information as I can collect it seems that the Hurryhur force is insufficient to effect the speedy capture or destruction of the rebels, whilst that from Bellary is of a character which prevents its being of much service in such a country as Soopah, and against such a foe as we have to deal with. It consists, I believe, chiefly of heavy Artillery and Cavalry, neither of which are required. On this subject, however, I will leave Mr. Robinson who is on the spot to speak, and will only now urge the necessity of clearing the back cutting off a source of strength now open to the rebels who tax all Merchandise passing up and down the Goa Ghauts. To effect this, the only force within my reach is that under your command, and if the Brigadier Commanding Malabar and Canara has thought it advisable to comply with my request and furnish Mangalore with a sufficient Detachment of Europeans to enable you to move, I request that you will with as little delay as possible proceed to Sadashigur with as many men as you can muster.

The Pattimars that convey the men will be able to bring them up to Mullapoor, where any spare Ammunition can be left under Captain Taylor's care, as he is surveying the river and has the "Pownah" at that place.

A long march thence will crown the Ghauts, and bring the Troops in contact with the insurgents, and two days would probably be sufficient to open a communication with the rest of the field force and secure all the frontier posts, from which it is in my opinion an object of great importance to drive the rebels.

I will thank you to reply by express. Pilots will await your arrival here so that no time will be lost in bringing the vessels up the river.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded by express to the Brigadier Commanding Malabar and Canara.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) WM. FISHER,
Magistrate.

No. 30.

ORDER THEREON, No. 439; dated 6th April 1858.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves the measure reported in the foregoing letter.

A telegraphic message having been received from the Government of Bombay, representing the inutility of Cavalry and heavy Artillery in the country now unfortunately the scene of revolt,

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the matter will be referred to the Commander-in-Chief for such orders as His Excellency may see fit to give, with a request that measures may be adopted for strengthening the force of Native Infantry.

3. In anticipation of the event of Mr. Robinson being obliged from failure of health to retire from the scene of activity and exposure in which he is at present engaged, the Government resolve to transmit a Commission to Mr. Fisher, authorising him to act under Act XIV of 1857, if he should find it necessary to do so.

4. Mr. Fisher may confidently rely on full consideration being given to the difficulties of his position, in case the ordinary duties of his office should fall into arrears in consequence of his presence with the force now in the field.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Seachipsum
25th March 1858.

My dear Sir,

You will be aware of my departure
from Mangalore before this reaches you, and with
it you will receive an official notification, my
proceedings - As far as I can learn the
Kannayam force is scattered at different
posts. That from Bellary is from its nature
unless in this country, and against such
a force we are contending with. On the
Bombay troops seem to think that Mr M
is requiring too much from them. At the same
time, I am informed that the force has
undoubtedly withdrawn its troops from the
frontier; and its reported belief that Kannayam
is about having promised not to molest
the few troops, or force sent, and acknowledge
the hospitality and protection formerly
received from the French, all active
measures against him are at an end.
The withdrawing of

of the troops from the frontier may have
given rise to the report alluded to, but
I must trust our neighbours, who are more
natives than Europeans in habit & character,
and may have their reasons for holding
back.

If they have really done so, our difficulties
will yet be considerable. I must, that
you will approve of the step I have
taken of sending troops from Bangalore.

We must try and clear the country
without further loss of time, and I
see no other way of doing it. Mr. Bury
will take Mr. Hobbes's place for a
few days, and give him a little rest,
which is absolutely necessary I fear,
to prevent a break down. As this,
I am afraid that a few days rest
may fail to afford sufficient
relief,

and in that case, it will I fear be
impossible to work the Act, unless
some one is sent, or I am released
from my duties. In the mean time
I will do the best I can, and if Mr.
He can take up my work in the South,
or I can relieve myself of routine duty
by sending Mr. Hallack down to Bangalore,
I will make whichever may prove the
best of these arrangements.

I am writing with rather an imperfect
knowledge of facts, and judging
more from the tone of Mr. Hobbes's
communications, than from his expressions;
but I will write again in receiving further
intelligence. I am now starting for
Mullapoor, to collect information
and make arrangements for the anticipated
arrival of troops.

I. H. H. H.

Yours very truly,
J. H. H.

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The commission
with a certificate
Bullard and
Wednesday will
any inconvenience
writing from
Robertson
but if the law
a commission can
be issued to
Lord Altham
with a message to
Lord Harris

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Saturday, to the effect
that the cavalry and
artillery sent to
the Cassin's from
Bassett's camp and
and last night
received a message
from G. Prescott, Esq.
saying we to obtain
a copy of the message
and reply that
one two would of

The service would be
withdrawn if it were
desired, and that G.
Robinson had authori-
ty to send them back
to Bellamy.

I sent both messages
to Colonel Brooke
for communication
to the Comd. in Chief,
from
Harris from I mean.
I need not say it would
be right to send any

riders mentioned and
in the Cao day and
cutting should be
sent -

Colonel Brown will
also communicate
with the Bangkok
Gov. on the subject

I am circulating
a notice from
the authorities of
Malacca regarding
the Police force. 100

7. Once he is prepared
to send to H. C. C. C.

I will telegraph to
him to act in the
matter as he may be
recommended by the Gov.
and by the Officer
Commanding in
Malacca & Tanjore,
and will send a copy
of the notice to Col.
Brown for his
criticism to the Milit.

Lawrence are invited

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This seems all that can
be done.

I've sent Mr. Fisher a
Commission to be used as
not as he may think necessary.

W. L.

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Monday, 1st of June
is Saturday.

My dear Elliot,

Will you be so good
as to write your opinion
on this Telegram from
Robinson. I'll I have
checked "for orders"
and send it to
Munich.

No further ex-
posed a wish that
all Political matters
should be referred

the said Act, No. XIV of 1871

reby

to him before we
will proceed. I can
be as good as to say
how far we consider
that his freedom of
moving free hands
is a political matter.

I need at the same
time 3 telegrams
regarding those
which you may wish
to see, and which I

will transfer to Colonel
Brown. Please see
- Leon Allen -

Very
A. G. Stevens

The Hon.

Walter Elliot.

Wherever urgency is required orders
must be given at once and
notin dubio to the Genl.

I think Robinson's Proposition
a good one & I can show it. It is
not however urgent & may be
submitted by telegraph to the
Board of Directors.
W. H.

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My dear F-
Should as E.
show it intimate
to Hester & what
we had done, &
to get that the
most accurate be
repeated by those -
I would not put it

I should not

to

was to convey the
idea, that we intended
to protect the possibility
of their not assenting
but yours etc

Wm. Mosehead
to Mosehead
by which there
be no prospect to a
monopoly - is it
a ridiculous Will

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My dear Mosehead,

I proposed to
elicit the question
- on of record
should be one
less council &
the other reply -

Yr
Wm Mosehead

I should be

Forbes & Co

Monday
5 April 1888

My dear Forbes
There will be
no formal luncheon
the Friday and that will
be along time to wait
I cannot agree in more
heads view. If the matter
had been settled in Com.
with the 1887 sum it is
we have been all very
well, but ~~we~~ took no
counsel with the men
I should

no pass

that our acts referred
exclusively to our own
Presidency.

The only other course
is to send to the Mr. Laoh
a notice of what we
have done & to let them
they are a liberty to
confirm the amt. pro-
posed here in their
own territory if they
think fit. Yours &c
W. H. D.

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To *William Fisher Esquire*
~~Session Judge of the Zillah of~~
Magistrate of Canara.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George,
under the authority vested in him by Section 7, Act XIV of 1857,
hereby appoints you Commissioner, for ~~certain of the purposes speci-~~
fied in that Act, within the limits of the ~~Zillah Court over which~~
you ~~preside~~ *Canara District.*

You are accordingly directed to try all or any persons or per-
son charged with having committed any offence against the State,
~~or business crime against person or property within the above described limits~~
who may be committed before you by the Magistrate, or other Officer
having power to commit for trial within the District, and upon con-
viction you are authorized to pass sentences of punishment in accord-
ance with the provisions of the said Act, No. XIV of 1857.

This Commission is hereby declared to be in force while you
continue to hold the office of ~~Session Judge of the Zillah of~~
Magistrate of Canara, or until the further orders of Government.

By order of the Governor in Council.

Fort St. George
5 April 1858

Initialed

Acting Chief Secretary to Govt.

H. D. D.

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BZ

Cop to the Mag of Canara - with } Despt 7
a Commission

" Military, Despt 8th

L. C. 10
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6-10-1831

Just received from the
Messrs. 1838 - Price 283
M. R. 11. 13. 12. 27. 10. 1
11 of 1838

And by the way. 9th April.
Inscribed 1838 as above

No 423.

Charles & Wm. of New York

26th April 1838

F. N. 845.

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