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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 22nd June 1858.

No. 17. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalore, 2nd June 1858, No. 44.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by express, of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 29th May 1858, forwarding a letter from the Right Honorable the Governor to the address of the Governor General of the Portuguese Settlements in India.

2. This communication has been forwarded to its destination without delay with a letter* from me, transcript of which is enclosed.

3. The arrangements to be made regarding all operations for the capture or destruction of the rebels, should in my opinion be left altogether in Captain Schneider's hands, and I only aim at inducing His Excellency the Governor of Goa to place every confidence in that able Officer; as every thing depends on the extent to which confidence is reposed in Captain Schneider, and power placed in his hands. The Government are already in possession of Captain Schneider's notes on the conversation held during his interview with the Visconde de Torres Novas. They will easily infer from them that the Governor's Agents are not always trustworthy, and that His Excellency is not ignorant of their character; and it is therefore very important that Captain Schneider should have (as I believe is now the case) a confidential Officer in his camp, as the medium of communication with His Excellency, and with the Officers of the Portuguese service who may be ordered to co-operate with him.

4. By this time the Government are aware of the report (which has only now reached me) that the Goanese Troops have made an attempt to seize Deepoo Ranah and have failed in their object. It is something however to have captured the nephew of this man, and to have driven him into the jungle. He is now an open, instead of a concealed foe, and this new phase in the state of affairs will not, I am inclined to think, operate against us, unless apathy and want of conduct on the part of the Portuguese Officers, afford him time and opportunity to prove himself dangerous. This man is, I believe a large landed proprietor in Goa, and the owner of a portion of the country known as the Suthri Mál.

5. For some offence against the Government, this property was formerly attached, and for nearly two years Deepoo Ranah was a fugitive, supporting himself and his followers by raising forced contributions, and taking possession of any Government property that came in his way. Subsequently an arrangement was effected with the Government, and the attachment on the Ranah's property was removed. Since then nothing more has been heard of this individual, until he became the protector and supporter of the Sawunt brothers. The weakness of the Portuguese Government, and the perpetual dissensions amongst its Members and Agents enabled Deepoo Ranah to set them at defiance for a long period, and to make favorable terms for himself in the end. He is connected with some of the Dessais in Soopah, one of his sons, or a near relative having, I believe, been adopted by the Kodlay Dessai. I am only now writing (from memory) so much of this man's history as happened to come to my knowledge when Joint Magistrate of this District, but will furnish a correct account of his career as soon as it can be obtained from North Canara.

From W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to His Excellency the Governor General of the Portuguese Indies, Goa, dated Mangalore, 2nd June 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras, to the address of Your Excellency.

Under any circumstances I might have anticipated the cordial co-operation of Your Excellency's Government, in putting down the disturbances which have lately occurred on the frontiers of this Province, and of the territory under Your Excellency's rule, but being now aware of the warm interest personally expressed by Your Excellency to Captain Schneider in the interview accorded him; and of the measures taken by that Officer with Your Excellency's consent, it only remains for me to express a hope that you will be pleased to grant Captain Schneider permission to attack the Sawant brothers and those who may be found in their company, or in any way.

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affording them protection, within the Goa territory; and that Your Excellency will employ the armed force under your orders in co-operating with Captain Schneider, on whose ability, zeal and discretion, Your Excellency may place the fullest reliance.

A Portuguese Officer has I believe been placed in Captain Schneider's Camp, and I trust that this gentleman enjoys Your Excellency's confidence, and will thus be a valuable medium of communication with Your Excellency and with the Troops you may order to co-operate with those under Captain Schneider's command.

Whilst writing, information (which I trust will prove correct) has reached me of the capture of Deepooranah's nephew by the Portuguese Troops, and the retreat of that individual into the jungle. Whilst I regret that the principal offender effected his escape, I trust that the combined and vigorous efforts of the Officers in command of the Portuguese and British Troops will speedily effect the capture or destruction of the chiefs whose rebellious conduct has already inflicted so much injury on the peaceable and well disposed inhabitants on both sides of the frontier, common to the British and Portuguese territories; and that Deepooranah may at once be compelled to submit himself to Your Excellency's will and pleasure.

With assurances of my distinguished consideration.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) WM. FISHER,
Magistrate.

No. 18.

ORDER THEREON, No. 800; dated 16th June 1858.

The Government concur with the Magistrate of Canara, that arrangements for all operations within the Bombay and Goa limits for the capture or destruction of the rebels referred to in his letter, should be left to Captain Schneider.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

*Copy to Magistrate of Canara, Dated 10th M.S.
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To Chief Secy to Govt.
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Chiefs should be left al-
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& gives a short history of
Despoa Ranah.

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