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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 10th to 16th September 1859.

No. 23. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector and Agent of Ganjam; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chetterpore, 20th August 1859, No. 202.

I regret to report that a serious collision took place during the Mohorum between some of the Orissa Agency Sibundies and the Sepoys of the 43rd N. I., stationed at Russelcondah. The affray has, however, fortunately occasioned no loss of life, and the excitement consequent on it, has quite subsided; I should not have considered it necessary to mention the matter to Government except in connection with the proposed withdrawal of the 43rd N. I. from Russelcondah.

2nd. The arrangements I had the honor to recommend in reference to the removal of the Regiment and to Military establishments in Goomsoor, were explained in my letters of the 21st April, 30th May, and 4th and 9th June last, to the effect that a second in command and a Medical Officer would be required, and that both the Orissa and the Ganjam Sibundies should be at the disposal of the Officer Commanding the latter body in the event of their services being required.

3rd. The feeling between the men of the 43rd and the Sibundies under both Agencies seems to me to be any thing but amicable, and I think that the description given of the affray in a letter (No. 2) from Colonel Macleane, to Captain Macneill, which I enclose with other correspondence, supports this conclusion, though a different opinion seems to be entertained by Colonel Macleane himself. My object in addressing the Government on this occasion is, to recommend that the arrangements to be made on the withdrawal of the Regiment, should not be delayed, and that the 43rd should march as soon as it may be found convenient to remove them. Should they remain during the Dasarah festival, I shall take stringent precautions to keep the rival processions apart from each other

4th. I have thought it best to forward the letters which passed between the Officer in Command of the Sibbundies and the Colonel of the 43rd as well as Captain Lane's reports to me of the affair, in order to shew how it presented itself to these gentlemen at the time, and I cannot but think that the impression conveyed by this correspondence will be unfavourable to the confidence expressed by Colonel Macleane as to the future maintenance of a good understanding between the parties. I have certain information that there was some previous expectation that collisions would take place, and I may add, that on a former occasion (May 1858,) a similar affray was with difficulty prevented.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1859, No. 1231.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department.

2. With regard to the arrangements referred to by the Government Agent in paragraph 2, he will learn from the enclosed papers that the Government do not approve the union of the Ganjam and Orissa Sibbundies under an Assistant Agent, who would have charge of the operations for the suppression of Meriah sacrifices and female infanticide in addition to his Agency duties, and that they have recommended to the Supreme Government that the Meriah Agency be maintained as a separate Department for that exclusive duty.

Letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Home Department, 22nd July 1859, No. 937, with accompaniments.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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To the Military Dept with the enclosures
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