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Judicial DEPARTMENT

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Dated 22—12—~~19~~1885.

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No. 9. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 9th December 1859, No. 122.

A Moplah named Johar, formerly a slave, of the Chermer caste, and a proselyte to Mahomedanism, arrived in Malabar, according to his own statement, about 3 months ago, from Hodeida, in Arabia, by the Ship "Mariana."

2. He says that he landed at the port of Quilandy, situated 14 miles to the north of Calicut; but the Ship's report in my Office shews that no one landed from the vessel, and as all the Sea Custom Managers have orders to report every Pilgrim, who lands, it is probable that if he did land there, he must have done so clandestinely, and this course appears by no means improbable when his subsequent conduct is considered.

3. He was formerly a private servant of the Tungul Seyd Fuzl, who was, in a great measure, the cause of Mr. Conolly's assassination, and it is more than probable that he is now in his service. We possess no certain information as to the names of all the parties who accompanied the Tungul when he left for Mecca, but there is every reason to believe, that this man Johar is one of those who left Malabar with him. On being caught in his village in Shernád Talúq some days ago, after a residence there of only 6 days, he gave a very unsatisfactory account of himself, and on coming before me he stated, that he had been in Calicut for nearly 3 months, that he knew neither the name of the person who tended him (although according to his own account he had been ill with fever most of the time,) nor the house in which he had lodged. On finding out however that I had instituted enquiries into the matter, he said that he thought he could point out where he had put up. A Peon was then sent with him, and it turned out that he had lodged in a hut adjacent to, and been fed from, the house of one Pudiá Múpilla Coya, brother-in-law of the Tungul Seyd Fuzl, the very place at which I previously suspected he had been received. The disclosure of this fact is to be attributed to fear and motives of policy, for it would certainly have been discovered, and then there was a danger of several parties being compromised.

NOTE.—*The Tungul was removed from Malabar by Mr. Conolly, and it is supposed that fanatical sympathy with his (Tungul's) causes was the exciting motive for his (Mr. Conolly's) assassination.*

4. Johar insists that he has been in Calicut only during his 3 months' residence in this country, and will not disclose anything further regarding himself.

5. From private information, which may be more or less depended on, I learn that he has paid visits to several of the leading Moplah Priests along the coast, this is natural enough, considering that he is a servant of the Tungul Seyd Fuzl, with whom he has no doubt been in Arabia for the last 6 years, and must consequently have much to relate regarding him, which would be most interesting to the Priests in Malabar.

6. The worst feature in the whole case is the secrecy with which all his movements have been attended, he may have been the medium of communicating some important information, or he may be the instrument by which some future act of revenge is to be carrried out. This no one can tell, but it is certain that no set of Mahomedans are of so fanatical a disposition as proselytes from another creed.

7. All circumstances considered, I certainly do not deem it safe or politic, to allow a man of Johar's description to remain at large in the Province. He is undoubtedly a servant of Seyd Fuzl, and is certainly supposed to have accompanied his Master when he left Malabar in 1852, to his cause he his bound and must sympathize strongly with him in every thing. I also think that Seyd Fuzl and his intimate followers should be made to feel that they are not for the future to expect to be permitted to return to Malabar. It is only by following up a rigid policy of this kind that we can hope to restrain the Moplahs, the lower orders of whom are ignorant, brutish and fanatical, and ready at any time, on an opening being offered to engage in any desperate acts against, in their eyes, infidels.

8. My recommendation therefore is, that Johar be allowed the option of leaving India on promise of not returning, or that he be deported under the provisions of Section VI, Act XX of 1859.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1859, No. 1702.

Under the circumstances represented by the Magistrate of Malabar in the above letter, the Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Moplah Johar being allowed the option of leaving India under the provisions of Section VIII, Act XX, 1859. If he consents, the Magistrate will give him any assistance of which he may stand in need for carrying out his agreement, and will clearly explain to him the penalties which he will incur by a return to India. If he refuses, Mr. Grant will report accordingly, when instructions will be sent for dealing with him under Section VI of the Act.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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