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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT

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Dated 23-12-~~1929~~

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No. 30. Read the following letter from WILLIAM FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalore, 16th December 1859, No. 55.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Government (Judicial Department) with the Order thereon, dated 3rd December 1859, No. 1631.

2. The translation of the Portuguese letter forwarded being very inaccurate, I beg to enclose a more correct rendering of its contents, and to state for the information of Government, that I believe the Portuguese officials are for some cause unwilling or unable to act effectively against the gang of robbers who have of late infested the frontier.

3. Driven out of Canara, and fearing to re-enter the district, they have lately, I understand, taken to robbing their own friends, and hence the complaints of His Excellency the Governor of Goa.

4. Since His Excellency's letter was written, Lieutenant Drever has apparently again attacked the bund with success, and this time in the Goa territory. A few days ago, a hurried note addressed by that Officer to the Joint Magistrate and Commissioner mentioned the capture of three noted bund leaders, and the death of one of their followers, and stated that he would have secured the whole party, had the Portuguese troops done their duty. The fact of the capture of these robbers (already officially reported to Government) sufficiently proves, that there is no want of co-operation on the part of the Superintendent of Police of North Canara, who would speedily dispose of the whole gang, if adequately supported by the Portuguese authorities.

From General Viscount de TORRES NOVAS, Governor General of Portuguese India; to the Illustrious and Excellent Sir CHARLES TREVELYAN, Governor of the Presidency of Madras, dated Nova Goa, 24th November 1859, No. 160.

The parties of plunderers who wandered about in the Canara District having been lately joined by some deserters and fugitives from justice, came to commit robberies in the Portuguese Province, Embarbacem.

I have sent sufficient forces to pursue them, and it is probable, that they may retire towards the British territory, in case there should not be an effective force on the frontier to apprehend them.

They must be allowed no rest whatever, but must be pursued from one part of the frontier to the other.

It is to be presumed, that these men have now taken this desperate resolution on the supposition that the British Government would take no notice of them.

I trust that by a combination of the Portuguese and British forces, these evils may be rooted out.

(True translation.)

(Signed) W. FISHER,
Magistrate.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1859, No. 1714.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From Magistrate
of South Canara

To
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

Dated 10th December 1859
Rec'd

No 2084 No 35

Encl: 1.

States with reference
to Government Ors dated
3d Dec 1859 his opinion in
regard to the complaints
made by the Goa Governor
of plunder committed
by the British subjects
in his territory & forwards
a more correct translation
of the letter from the Goa
Governor on the subject -

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Judicial Letter to Engd dd 10th
January No 3 of 1860.

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Your most [illegible]

Wm Finlay
Magistrate