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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 11th January 1859.

No. 14. Read the following letter from WILLIAM FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Honore, 13th December 1858, No. 75.

SIR,

My letter of the 3rd Instant, forwarding transcript of a letter addressed to Brigadier Fitzgerald, on the subject of breaking up the North Canara Field Force, contained a statement of my views on this matter. On the 11th Instant, I received the Brigadier's reply, and heard later in the day, that he had probably reached Sedashigur. I determined therefore if possible, to see him at once, and yesterday morning I had an opportunity of discussing the question at issue with Colonel Fitzgerald.

2. Accompanying is copy of a letter subsequently addressed to the Brigadier; and with the information before me that he was able to supply, I have the honor to state that I no longer think it desirable to press on the Goa Government the necessity of sending the Sawunts to their ultimate destination, as General Jacob has offered them the means of at once meeting the wishes of Government.

3. The Brigadier's reply to my letter of the 3rd, did not satisfy me that the promises of the Goa authorities would be carried into effect, with that promptitude, which I think necessary; as a man-of-war on which the Sawunts were to embark, had only been sent for, and the quarter from which it was expected, was not even known. As however, the difficulty is removed, or the excuse, if it is one, must fail in its object, in consequence of the step taken by Brigadier Jacob. I see that the arrangement proposed by me is now uncalled for, though I cannot think the objects of this Government will be fully attained, until the rebel leaders are removed from the soil of India.

From W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate; to Brigadier J. FITZGERALD, Commanding Malabar and Canara, dated Sedashigur, 12th December 1858.

SIR,

I had prepared a reply to your letter of the 8th Instant, received yesterday, when I learned that you were probably at Sedashigur.

I then determined, if possible, to meet you, and having now had the advantage of personal communication on the subject matter of the correspondence going on, I feel quite certain from what you have told me, that every thing has been done to convey to the Portuguese authorities, the anxious desire of the officers of this Government that the leaders in the late disturbances should according to promise, be deported without delay.

General Jacob having offered to place a vessel at the disposal of the Governor of Goa for the conveyance of the Sawunts to Timoor, His Excellency must have been sufficiently impressed with the idea of the importance, attached by the General, to the early fulfilment of his promises, for it would hardly be expressed more strongly by other means.

3. My wish to maintain the North Canara Field Force had, as I think my letter of the 3rd Instant stated, no reference to the supposed necessity of the measure in order to capture or destroy the few men still at large. It arose from the feeling that the presence of the Force afforded us the best means of showing the Goanese authorities the value set on the immediate fulfilment of their promises, as being in our opinion necessary to the restoration of confidence in that part of the country which had been most subject to the attacks of the Sawunts.

4. If the Governor General of the Portuguese territories does not avail himself of the offer made by General Jacob, it will not be from ignorance of the views held by the British officers with whom His Excellency has come in contact. An intimation that the Force on our frontier would not be broken up until the ends for which it was called together were fully attained, could do no more to express them, than General Jacob has already done, and with the

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information now before me, I have therefore the honor to request that your arrangements may no longer be postponed on account of the opinion expressed in my letter of the 3rd Instant.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. FISHER,
Magistrate.

No. 15.

ORDER THEREON, No. 17; dated 5th January 1859.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Forwards copy of a letter ad-
dressed to Brigadier General
and submits his views on the sub-
ject of breaking up the North
Canada Field Force and the
result of his interview with the
Brigadier regarding the
deportation of the Indians.

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