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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 4th January 1859.

No. 53. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 17th December 1858, No. 78.

SIR,

I have the honor to report to Government my intention to proceed to Jeypore early in next month.

2. Jeypore has I believe never been visited by any European Civil authority, but each succeeding Head of the District has fully recognised the necessity of such visit on every account.

3. Fear of fever the prevailing epidemic of the hills and by repute in particular of Jeypore and its neighbourhood has heretofore deterred the Agent from personally acquainting himself with the abuses known to exist in those parts and in consequence any attempt at their reform has been almost impracticable as an interview with the Zemindar in view to a full and proper representation of those abuses must be a preliminary step to the adoption of measures for their remedy and correction.

4. The abuses to which I refer require no detail here. They are already partially known to the Government. They affect the well-being and prosperity of the country as well as the security of both the lives and property of the inhabitants. Traffic is comparatively stagnant under the operation of a system of taxation levied as duties on salt and other articles of trade passing through the Jeypore country. These transit duties are very generally farmed out to renters, thereby leading to oppression and all the numberless evils inseparable from the system. They are not moreover confined to a single payment on entering the territory but are levied as well on quitting it, and frequently in passing through some of the intermediate Talooks.

5. Crime is unchecked, robberies and murders are perpetrated and remain undetected. There is no Police whatever and no Local authority to whom the people can look for redress. It is true at Goonoooorum just below the hills there is a Head of Police and a few peons, but it is only necessary to advert to their inefficiency to perform the duties devolving on them in their own immediate jurisdiction to shew how utterly unequal they must be to cope with crime at a distance and beyond the range strictly assigned to them. Thus politically and socially the territory of Jeypore demands, I think, some radical reform commensurate with the magnitude of the evils to be put down.

6. The object of my proposed visit is therefore to lay the foundation of that reform after ascertaining by personal observation the actual extent of the prevailing evils and their real nature, and then to confer with the Zemindar on the best measures to be adopted for applying the most fitting and effective remedy.

7. I have reason to be sanguine of considerable success, and after obtaining every information regarding the country, its wants and its internal management, I shall be in a position to lay before Government some definite proposal that at all events may be accepted as the ground work of the reformatory measures to be hereafter adopted, and in the carrying out of which it is essential to secure the Rajah's willing co-operation and aid.

8. Besides the foregoing important objects, my visit would appear also timely in reference to the age and infirmities of the Zemindar. His two elder sons are at variance and considerable rivalry exists between them, the eldest lives with his father, the other at Goonoooorum, enjoying a small monthly stipend. That serious disturbances may be expected on the Rajah's death I have little doubt, owing to the state of feeling between the brothers and to other circumstances connected with the social position of the family generally, each is prepared to contend for the share in the country to which he believes himself entitled and each has his partizans ready to aid the cause of their respective chiefs. I purpose to set at rest these feuds and these differences and to come to some definite adjustment between the brothers so as to avert contests and bloodshed on the contingency to which I have adverted by timely interference and endeavours towards reconciliation.

9. I would not recklessly incur risk even if prompted by graver considerations than those I have stated, but since in any other part of the Province similar causes would necessitate the personal intervention of the Agent, I have felt that my duty is plain and that I ought not to be

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deterred; and having myself little fear of fever I am desirous of proving to the people at large how falacious in reality is the spell which at present operates so powerfully to make the hill country in those parts a sort of "terra incognita" to all classes.

10. I do not purpose to compel any of my establishment to accompany me, I have simply called for volunteers, and to those who answer the call I propose to give a special allowance. Difficulties also exist in regard to carriage and to obviate them I have secured the services of Elephants to carry the tents and baggage &c., and should the sum sanctioned by Government in Minutes of Consultation in No. 308, Revenue Department, dated 27th July 1855, prove insufficient, as it probably will, I shall take on myself to advance whatever further amount may be required, submitting for sanction the detailed particulars of all additional charges that may be incurred.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, No. 1; dated 1st January 1859.

The Government observe that the Agent should have informed them of his wish to proceed to the Jeypoor country in time to have received their instructions on the proposed measure, before his departure.

As it is, they sanction his visit on the understanding that it is to be one of enquiry only and conference with the Rajah, and that he will take no active steps without their previous knowledge and approval.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Visagapatam Government.
Agents Office 17th Decr. 1858.

From C. W. Peade Esq.
Agent to the Govr of Vizagapatam
To T. Pycroft Esq.
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To C. R. Meade Esq
Agent to the Governor
in the District of Coorgapatana

(Letter addressed by the Lieutenant of Mysore dated Thursday the 11th of the Quera Sing Moon, month of Jaisim, of the year Kala gookti, or June 1858)

I beg to bring to your notice that Mr. Shottell had written me saying that if I kept Coonoor, Royghada and five Talooks of my Samstanam, under his administration he would in the course of three years liquidate all my debts and make me happy. Although I refused and wrote to him in reply that I would not place my Talooks under his management but would rather retain them under myself, yet Mr. Shottell sent at once Generala Harvington as an Agent for the five Talooks of Coonoor, Royghada, Kulasacotta, Alamundah, and Harraimputrum - and he is now acting under your orders. I had sent my eldest son Sri Prada Saogaraux to Coorgapatana to have my Talooks released from gift, and after he had staid there for some days, Mr. Shottell told him that he had addressed to Government on the subject and that the Talooks shall be released on receipt of their answer, and then sent

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signed J. S. West h. J.

him back once saying that his stay at
Ozang a talano would necessarily entail
much expense, and that he might leave
as "Narain buthee Pantroodo" there to speak
in his behalf. I have since addressed several
letters for the release of the gift on the said
Talooks but without any effect. Of the
said Talooks, Goojose and Raggada
which bear a list of 50,000 Rupees had
been under the management of Goojoodum.
"Catehmanarain Putuait" who having
contracted loans from certain Sowars
alleging that they were on my account made
them proper complaints before you without
himself having even accounted true for
the amount so received on the Collections
of the said two Talooks, or produced
the Accounts, and he is now at your
Huzoor to cause the said debts to be
paid out of the Assets of my Talooks
remaining in your Treasury. I therefore
beg that you will not at all pay off the
loans contracted by "Catehmanarain
Putuait" from the Revenue of Goojose,
unless he shall have produced the Accounts
in question true. I would further
beg that you would send up the said
"Catehmanarain Putuait" with orders
to attend before me. Further parti-

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culars will be known from the accom-
panying letter with regard to the said
Sowars. I have sent "Narain buthee
Pantroodo" to your Huzoor, and I hope
that whatever he shall represent to
you touching the aforesaid loans will
be credited and relied upon. I have
lately solicited you to settle the
Accounts of "Booranaishwarapraharie"
and pay the balance which may be
found due to him, but I now request
that you will send to me through the
said "Narain buthee Pantroodo" a
Statement showing the Settlement
of the said Accounts as I wish to
examine it and report about its
correctness. I have deputed the said
"Narain buthee Pantroodo" to trans-
act on these matters with the
drawal of the gift on my Talooks;
about my loans and my Son & see
Machga Doogaraunze; about the vil-
lages which are taken forcible
possession of by the Zemindar of
Kustan, and the dispute between me

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and the Zemindar of Panchetentato
 respecting the boundaries of our
 respective Zemindaries, and I would
 solicit that you will admit all that
 he has to represent about my affairs
 as being correct.

Seyapore. / Signed thus /

/ True Translation /

Charles R. R. R.
 Agent to the Gov.

By
 of H. Clerk.

Enclosure C.
 Letter addressed by
 the Zemindar of Panchetentato
 at 11 June 1858 signed
 my his request to the
 Govt. Agent to give the
 5 Talukhs of Panchetentato
 to me released from the
 9th Dec 1859. &
 in 1863.

Mr. R. R. R.

Received
 1859
 by a letter from the
 Agent to the Govt.
 at 18 July 1859.

To C. W. Peade Esq.
 Collector of Miragapatam

Sir, Though not successful in
 my application to rent the Golecondah
 Talook, I am still desirous if possible to
 rent a Talook and have turned my atten-
 tion to the Gornospore Talook which
 belongs to the Seypore Rajah but at pre-
 sent under the management of Govern-
 ment.

I am in hope that you may
 take a more favorable view of my
 proposition to rent this Talook, than
 you were able to do regarding Golecon-
 dah, as in a country so little known
 as the Seypore country, my residence
 there. I cannot help thinking would be
 beneficial to the country and my ser-
 vices of use to Government in that part
 of the country, should Government think
 fit to accept them.

If you approve of my proposi-
 tion may I beg of you to give me your
 support with Government and also in
 obtaining the Talook from the Seypore
 Rajah for a lease of 15 or 20 years, which,
 should you do I believe I should
 have no difficulty in obtaining the
 Rajah's consent to rent it to me

Walter 24
 November 1858

I have &c
 Signed / J. Flint Captain
 38 Regt N. I.

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Vizagapatam Govt Agents
Office 25 November 1858

From C. W. Meade Esq.
Agent to the Governor
Vizagapatam
To Capt. J. Flint
38 Regiment N.I.
Maltair.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date proposing to rent the Taluk of Gonnospooram attached to the Jeypore Zemindary but at present under my management in trust for the Rajah.

2. I am able to give your proposal my support in the belief that your residence in that part of the District will in every respect be of advantage to our own Government, to the people and to the Zemindar himself.

3. I will of course consider your scheme more fully in all its bearings when I have the leisure; there are however reasons why the location of a European Officer in those parts is extremely desirable and it is the opinion I have long entertained to this effect which enables me at once to express my concurrence in your plan of settling there, at the same time there are difficulties which it is possible have suggested themselves or have been suggested to you having reference rather to the peculiar position of the Jeypore family but I

I am not aware they are of an insuperable nature, on the contrary I am sanguine that by judicious management on your part the good will of the Rajah might be obtained to the scheme. All or mainly all necessarily depends on his being favorable to it.

4. I contemplate visiting Jeypore early in January next and if convenient and agreeable to yourself I think your presence with me on the occasion of my visit might further your views and the opportunity would seem a good one for coming to some definite understanding and arrangement with the Rajah with whom I would also advise on the subject and thus matters would be placed in such a state that while on the spot I might have it in my power to submit the project to Government backed with my support.

5. I will therefore at present only add that as soon as my plans are definitely fixed I will inform you of the particular date when I purpose setting out on my tour to the Jeypore Country.

I have &c &c

I signed C. W. Meade
Agent to the Govt.

True Copies

Charles Meade
Agent to the Govt.

2^d J. Luffin
Asst. Secy.

From
Capt. James Flint.
38th Regiment N.I.

To
C. W. Peade Esq.
Collector of
Viragapatam.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose a translation of the Buddapath I gave the Rajah of Seypore. The couple he has signed is word for word the same, but of course he addresses it as coming from him to me. The letter the Rajah has addressed to you will have informed you of his wish, the five Salooks may be given back to him as he has rented them to me.

Should Government permit me to take the Salooks it is my intention to apply for permission to retire from the service on receiving Government's reply.

I have &c &c.

/Signed/ James Flint Capt.
38th Regiment N.I.

To

S. S. S. Vikramahadavoo Maharajoo
Lemindar of Seypore Territories
I /Captain James Flint/ belonging
to the Madras Army, do hereby /this day
the 8th February 1859/ agree to rent five
Salooks.

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New York
In a letter from the
Agent to the Governor
Viragapatam dated
18 February 1859.

Enclosure
A & B.

Enclosure. The letter to be
forwarded to the
Governor. Salooks
and the Agents reply.
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in 1859.

Talooks in your Demindary Viz Goonoooomun,
Kylasahotah, Narrainpatun, Almunda,
and Poyagadah, on the following terms.

1st I agree to pay for the said five
Talooks a fixed Dowle, or amount for each
year of Rupees 66,000 sixty six thousand,
and also agree to rent the said five Talooks
for a fixed period of 10 years, to commence
from the 1st July next or the beginning of
July 1769 and that the above fixed Dowle,
same and except the charges as hereunder
set forth, shall be paid three times a year
Viz September, December and February
into your Treasury by me free of all charges.

2nd That on such delivery a receipt
shall be given to me, bearing your own
signature.

3rd That all the Charges, as particu-
larized in the margin, shall
be paid by me, as heretofore,
by the Government, and the
receipts obtained by me from
the respective recipients, shall be for-
warded from time to time or on the occa-
sion of the delivery of the Revenue.

4th That I agree to bear all the
management expenses.

That

16000 Rs	Paishkush to Government
2400 "	Annuity to Mud: dea Doozarazoo.
180 "	Tahul's Salary.
18580	

5th That during the lease of 10 years,
as above agreed, all repairs and every ex-
pense under the head of "Marumut" shall
be borne by me, the entire advantage
thereby accruing being solely and entirely
my own.

6th That during the above lease of 10
years as above agreed, neither you or your
people, shall interfere in my management,
but all disputes concerning casts that may
occur among the Ryots of the Villages under
my lease, may be settled, as heretofore,
by the people appointed by you.

7th Should any complaints occur in
collecting the arrears of Revenue from any
Ryot, or any Ryot evade the payment of
his sist of the present year, which would
compel me to apply to the authorities, I agree
before doing so to inform you of the cir-
cumstances.

8th The above mentioned dowle on the
said five Talooks, shall be paid to you
after deducting the charges as mentioned
above, and I promise not to pay the amount
to any of your creditors, without your order.

9th Should any of the above mentioned
instalments not be paid by the fixed
time, I agree to your sending one of your
own people to collect and receive the
money

money due on the instalment in arrears and if any of the dowl be in arrears after the termination of the Tudy to which the arrears belong, I agree to your cancelling the lease and taking charge of the Salook.

10th The vasaties and Villages devoted to Temples, The Charitable Agraharums, Mirasy Maniums, Enam lands, Mokhasas rent free, Maniums of Village Maidoos, and all the gardens in the five Salooks, save those which in the Gounoosporum Salook are included in the Seroyathy dowl, shall be under you, the same being so on my renting these five Salooks. I have no power over the Tanaka Maroories, Mokhasadars and Bearers that enjoy vasatie lands. I will pay the expenses of the Temples and the servants in the different Salooks from the dowl agreeably to the List that may be given to me bearing your signature. I have power over and can claim the services of all the servants in the above five Salooks.

11th Should the Government make any alterations in the conditions now existing between yourself and them, I am neither to receive any benefit by it, or to lose by it.

This

12th This lease or agreement shall only have force and effect from the 1st of July next, provided the Government shall confirm and approve of the same; otherwise to be null and void.

13th I will subrent no portion of the Salooks under my management to S. Mad-dea Doogaranyoo or any of his people.

14th Should you at any time think proper to give to any one Seroyathy land not exceeding, in the aggregate, Rupees 700 seven hundred, I will agree to issue such Mokhasas and to deduct the value thereof from the fixed dowl of Rupees 66,000 sixty six thousand.

/Signed/ James Flint Captain
38th Regiment B.I.

/Signed/ by Witnesses

1. Lieut Dobrie 43rd Regt B.I.
2. Bapaniak Criminal Javobinif in the Collector's Cutcherry and others.

/True Translation/

/Signed/ James Flint Captain
38th Regiment B.I.

/True Copy of Translation/

Charles Frank
Agent to the Governor

sd L. Griffin
W. H. C.

Demand Collection of Goonpoorum Parganahs.

Faslies	Collections				Balance between columns 2 & 3.
	Settled Demand	Current Fasly	Arrears	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6.
Fasly 1265-	60576811	59545311	36573	59910112	10315
" 1266-	62330110	57931110	780101	62574511	5866
" 1267-	6423661	6375981	308132	6406853	47614
Total	187193110	185098710	1454146	18655364	20949

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Parganahs

In a letter from the Agent
to the Governor Hyderabad
dated 18 February 1859

1859.

From

Capital of Fasly
38 May 1859.
To C. M. Head of
Collection of
Parganahs

Inclosing Copy of the
Courtbook in Counter
document presented by
him to the Fasly
Agent to the
Goonpoor Parganahs
1859. 8.
in 1859.

Statement shewing the Collections of *Goonpoom* & 5 *Parganahs* in each *fusly*.

<i>Fuslies</i>	Ordinary			Extra or		
	Current	Arrears	Total	inary	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<i>Fusly</i> 1265	595453	1136573	59910112	98859920	310	
1266	67793	1110780107	62574511	570210	6314489	
1267	63759	81308132	6406853	907311	6497592	
Total	185098	7101454146	18655364	1486155	18804059	
Anticipated Collections of 1268.	"	"	"	"	38	
Total					188043139	

Statement shewing the charges of the 5 *Parganahs* of *Goonpoom* & 5 *Parganahs* in the *Killah* of *Vezaga* putam in each *fusly* from *Fusly* 1265 to 67.

Sources	<i>Fusly</i> 1265	<i>Fusly</i> 1266	<i>Fusly</i> 1267	Total
1	2	3	4	5
Government <i>Pishchish</i> incl	2462612	16000	16000	5662612
Sing interest	3781	1155207	555821	9314810101
Charges collection	43299	1831311		81678
Allowance to <i>Narraen</i> son <i>Deo</i>	250	250	180	680
Wages to <i>Vakuls</i> & ca	37375	609554	10421	951689062
Debts of the <i>Soudagars</i> discharged	60			60
For building an <i>Amens</i> <i>Cuteherry</i>	1608103	21179	21177	5843103
Vasuties to <i>Inajomdars</i> <i>Peon</i> and Village <i>goddas</i>	12702105			12702105
Amount collected by the <i>Remindars</i> servants before the <i>Ku</i> ft.	308	35128	25	360128
Repairs of tanks & water Courses		1000	2400	3400
Allowance to <i>Shree</i> <i>Muddadargars</i>		4993127		4993127
Pond expences to <i>Pedda</i> <i>Dogars</i> & for coming to <i>Vezaga</i> putam		659	29136	9566
How to <i>Colles</i> who carried <i>Coco</i> nuts from <i>Goonpoom</i> to <i>Say</i> <i>poor</i>		581		581
For repairing houses.		33211211	62167	394336
Endowments to <i>Pagodas</i>		3070	1000	4070
For the marriage of <i>Muddadargars</i>			660	660
Allowance to <i>Keladance</i> <i>Suties</i> of <i>Croastackend</i> <i>Aradeo</i>			181	181
Amount refunded to <i>Inocadars</i> whose lands were restored.				
	44135	2542852410	39457139	1264455
Amount remaining to the end of <i>fusly</i> 1267.				859889
Grand Total				188043139

Charles R. de
Agent to the Governor

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In Dr. to Cons: 4: Jan'y 1859.
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 From
 The Agent to the
 Governor in
 Singapore
 To
 The Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Fort St. George
 Dated 17 December 1858.
 Recd. Nov 28 58
 Encl^s. N^o 48.
 Report of his intended
 visit to Seyoon
 early in January
 next.

With an order

14-10-09
 For Agent Vojay ^{in dep^t of M.S.}
 His previous knowledge & approval
 Jp.

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1859.
 Revenue & the private
 Jp.

in a letter from the
 Agent to the Govt dated
 18th Jan'y 1859.
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Statement showing the
 charges of the 35th
 years of Government
 in the rebellion of
 the Sepoys from
 1857 to 1865 to 1867.
 1867.
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