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from 18th to 27th May 1859.*

No. 53. Read the following letter.

TRANSLATION.

From General VISCOUNT of TORRES NOVAS, the Governor General of the State of India ; to His Excellency Sir CHARLES TREVELYAN, Governor of the Presidency of Madras, dated Nova Goa, 5th May 1859, No. 68.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS AND MOST EXCELLENT SIR,

In reply to your Excellency's letter, No. 567 of the 26th of last month, I beg to say that I have nothing more to add to what I have already mentioned in my letter No. 61 of the 18th of the same month, except that I am very sorry that your Excellency led away by Mr. Robinson's most inaccurate informations, in not doing the deserved justice to the Portuguese authorities, to whose efforts is owing the extinction of the rebellion of the Fondus Sauntos, who numbering one hundred and odd individuals have embarked to Timor on board the Steamer *Prince Arthur*. To the same authorities is also owing the capture of many implicated in the last rebellion and who have been delivered over on several occasions to the British authorities of the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, and to whose reports I would call your Excellency's attention, in order to see where they have been working with greater activity and energy, whether in the frontiers of Goa or Madras. I say again that they are utterly false the informations which Mr. Robinson has, that Dipu Ranes encourages these disturbances or that he has hand in them, as he is living very far off from the frontiers and in the Capital of the Province, watched by the Collector of the District.

In the frontiers there are continually moving about strong columns and guards of this State in pursuit of the robbers, and the Portuguese Officers have to their grief seen that there is not the least force in all the frontier that lies along the British territory, even a few guards who are there stationed at a distance from the frontier not at all moving about. These are the causes of the disturbances that are going on in the British and not in the Portuguese territory and not those mentioned by your Excellency in the 5th para. of the above said letter of the 26th April. I do not think that the best way to put an end to these robbers is the reciprocal reproaches to which one has often times recourse merely to cover the too little that he is doing towards putting an end to them but that it will be the good harmony and friendship which hitherto have existed both with the Bombay Presidency governed by Lord Elphinstone and with the Madras Presidency during the administration of your Excellency's predecessor.

I have given proofs during this critical period that I stand in no need of being awakened to afford all protection and help for the extinction of all the robbers who are disturbing both countries, to this end I have permitted and continue to permit the ingress of the British forces into the Portuguese territory and therefore it is easy for those Officers who give such informations to Mr. Robinson, to enter into the Portuguese territory in pursuit of the robbers who they so thoughtlessly assure go out from this territory in order to carry on hostilities in the British territory and return back to this to receive protection. Let them pursue the enemies into the Portuguese territory and to be sure they will find every where the Portuguese forces to help them to persecute the same. I have to observe also that almost all the robbers are British and not Portuguese subjects which I have now ascertained by the deposition of the notorious Bicu Gauncar of Indolem in the British territory who was lately captured by the inhabitants of the village of Caranzol in the Portuguese territory and whom I am about delivering over to the British authorities. This is the first individual who has been captured and I think that others shall also be if they enter into the Portuguese territory, and this will be the best way to contradict Mr. Robinson's informers. It is painful to me, it is true, but I can't help it, to say that in the late rebellion of the Fondus every thing went on wrong in the British frontiers of Madras until (after my many entreaties) the able and active Brigadier Fitzgerald came to assume the command of the British Forces.

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At this very moment I learn that the robbers have entered into a village called Cuntral in the Portuguese territory and plundered and taken away with them prisoners four individuals whose names are Bagina Narana, Rama Gauro, Nar Gauro, and Punom Gauro whom I request your Excellency will kindly recommend to the Commanders of the British Forces if they be found.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1859, No. 716.

Copy of this letter will be furnished to the Joint Magistrate of Canara for his information.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

My dear P. Croft.

The Govt says
nothing need be done
with the Goanese
affair, but
sending a copy of it
to the Commission of Enquiry
for his information.

Yours

18/5/59.

St. James

Pro of Govt 27 May
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From H. E. the Governor
General of Gov. Co.
21/5
24/19 May 1859
1857.

Replies to the letter
addressed to him on
the 26th ult. No 567 in
reply to the petition
bancos in North
Cauara. —

With an Order.

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The Magistrate of Cauara

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