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No. 8. Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Magistrate of Nellore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th June 1861, No. 31.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, as per margin,* I have the honor to forward translation of a letter, dated the 29th ultimo, from the Kalahastri Zemindar, part of whose estate formed the old Pamuru Police Division, and is now divided between Taluqs of Udayagiri and Kanigiri in this District, requesting that he may be allowed to retain one Cannon, which is used for firing salutes on ceremonial occasions at the Pamuru Pagodas, and that he will dispose of three other Cannons at present in his keeping, in such way as may be ordered by Government, and to recommend that the Zemindar's request may be complied with, and he be allowed to retain the one Cannon at Pamuru, as solicited by him, as provided for in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 15, dated the 13th April 1861.

3. The other three Cannons said to be unserviceable, I would recommend, should be burst on the arrival of the Warrant Officer appointed for the purpose of taking charge of the Venkatagiri Zemindar's Cannons, after that duty has been performed.

To J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Magistrate of Nellore.
SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 27th September 1860, calling for a list of all Cannons, &c., as are in our Zemindari, under the Proceedings of Madras Government on Act No. XXXI of that year, and that these Cannons, &c., should be delivered up to the Government, unless should we wish to retain them in our possession, a license on payment of a fee of 50 Rupees is obtained, &c., we have to represent that we always wish the British Government may prosper, and behave ourselves in entire obedience to their orders, and not otherwise.

2. There is one Cannon in use from a long time during the festivals and processions observed for Dasra and Sankramanam at the Pagodas at Pamuru, and another at Sitarampuram for the safety of the Treasury of the Pamuru Taluq of our Zemindari.

3. There are two Cannons, one in Sitarampuram, a place inhabited by rich merchants, situated near the Ghauts, and frequented by robbers; and the other at Viruru where there is a Fort. These were placed there by our ancestors, and are quite rusty and useless, as well as the one at Sitarampuram.

4. The villages of the Pamuru Taluq being situated along the Ghauts, and surrounded by jungles, the Muskets, and other small Arms for which a license was granted by you at our request, by letter, dated the 16th November 1860, are required for the safety of the unthreshed grain heaps in the fields, of property in Pagodas, of remittances from the village to the Taluq Kacheri, and thence to Kalahistri, &c.

5. Thus there are no other large warlike Arms in our keeping, besides those used on ceremonial occasions, and for the safety of the Treasuries; as besides that in use on ceremonial occasions at the Pagodas, the other three are unserviceable, and we will dispose of them as you deem proper.

6. As it is a well known fact that the Government and yourself were kind enough to spare all the things used towards the divine services, we believe and request that it rests with you to be pleased to grant without any fee a license for the one small Cannon in use in the divine services.

7. We beg in conclusion to request, that you will take into your favorable consideration the contents of this letter, and recommend on the facts of our being the well wishers of the Government paying a large Peishcush, of our not being in possession of any warlike arms; of our yielding ready and entire obedience to the orders of the ruling authority, and earnestly solicit your favor of obtaining permission to retain in our keeping the one Cannon used in

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divine services, and grant a license without fee, and trust that you will continue similar kind treatment towards all subjects of our welfare.

Seal of RAJA DAMARA KUMARA VENKATAPPA NAYADU,
Zemindar of Kalahastri.

29th May 1860.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES,
Magistrate.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1861, No. 850.

The Government are prepared to grant permission to the Zemindar of Kalahastri to retain one Cannon, to be used for firing salutes on ceremonial occasions at the Panuru Pagodas, but he must take out the usual License and pay the fee prescribed by Section IV, Act XXXI of 1860.

2. The three unserviceable Cannons will, as recommended by the Magistrate, be burst by the Warrant Officer appointed to take charge of the Venkatagiri Zemindar's Ordnance.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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