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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th January 1862.*

No. 95. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Home Department, under date the 18th December 1861, No. 2,489.

Read again the undermentioned correspondence relative to the future supervision and administration of the Tracts now under the special Jurisdiction of the Agency for the suppression of Meriah sacrifice and female infanticide.

Letters to the Governments of Madras and Bengal, Nos. 1,268 and 1,237, dated 23th September 1855.

Extract to the Foreign Department, No. 1,284, dated 28th September 1855.

Letter to the Government of Bengal, No. 1,197, dated 28th September 1855.

Ditto from ditto, No. 1,324, dated 29th October 1855, and Enclosure.

Extract from the Foreign Department, No. 4,149, dated 23rd November 1855.

Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 1,532, dated 26th December 1855, and Enclosure.

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 139, dated 9th February 1856, and Enclosure.

Ditto from the Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa, No. 54, dated 3rd March 1858.

Ditto to the Government of Madras, No. 617, dated 16th April 1858.

Ditto from ditto, No. 945, dated 12th July 1858.

Ditto from the Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa, No. 73, dated 22nd March 1858, and Enclosure.

Ditto to the Government of Madras, No. 718, dated 5th April 1859.

Ditto from the Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa, No. 124, dated 17th June 1859, and Enclosure.

Read letter from the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 987, dated the 22nd July 1859, with Enclosure, on the same subject.

Read letter from the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 931, dated the 20th July last, in which, with reference to the Police arrangements proposed for the Districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam, the question of the continuance of the existing Agency for the suppression of Meriah sacrifice is discussed.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is of opinion that the abolition, as a distinct Office, of the Agency for the suppression of Meriah sacrifice is expedient, and resolves that the necessary steps be taken for carrying the abolition into effect, the duties hitherto performed by the Agent being transferred to the several authorities within whose jurisdictions respectively the several portions of the Hill Tracts are situated.

2. The question of the expediency of transferring the Khond Mehals of Boad to the Agent of Ganjam, instead of to the Commissioner of Cuttack, was discussed in 1855-56, and the Governor General in Council, in now determining that they should be placed under the latter authority,

has had regard to the objections which were then shewn* to exist to the former course.

These objections had reference mainly to the inexpediency of placing the Highlands and the Lowlands of Boad under separate jurisdictions. The Boad Khonds, although not to any great extent dependent on the Raja, are yet connected with his rule by allegiance and mutual associations of long standing, which it was considered would go far towards augmenting the influence of the Cuttack authorities over them, and facilitating intercourse with them.

3. Under the arrangement now decided upon, the portions of country under the jurisdiction of the Agent, which are within the limits of Vizagapatam and Ganjam, will be brought under the Agents in those districts respectively, subject to the orders of the Madras Government. The portions which are within the limits of Cuttack and Chota Nagpore will be brought under the

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Commissioners of those divisions, subject to the orders of the Bengal Government; and the portion lying within the limits of Nagpore will be brought under the local authority of that territory, subject to the orders of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.

4. It will devolve upon these several authorities to arrange for the supervision and Police administration of the tracts to be transferred to them, and reports shewing the nature and cost of the arrangements which are deemed necessary should be forwarded to the Government of India for consideration and orders as soon as possible.

5. The attention of the Bengal Government and of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces should be directed to the views expressed on this subject by the Commissioners of Cuttack and Chota Nagpore, and by the Commissioner of Nagpore respectively, in the correspondence which took place in 1855, and to which reference has already been made.

6. It is desired that the new arrangements should come into operation by the 1st of May 1862 at latest; and no delay, therefore, should be allowed to occur in the preparation and submission of the reports above referred to, so as to admit of their being considered and disposed of previous to the above mentioned date.

7. The Governor General in Council is disposed to believe that, as far as the territories to be transferred to Bengal and the Central Provinces are concerned, no arrangements involving an increase of expenditure will be necessary, it being possible, he believes, to provide for the Police in these tracts from the means already available.

8. The case will be different in respect to the large tracts to be transferred to the Jurisdiction of the Madras Government, but His Excellency in Council trusts that, in considering the additional establishments which will be required, the Government of Madras will endeavour to confine them to the narrowest limits consistent with the objects of maintaining order and suppressing crime in the Khond Mehals. In constituting the new Police, it is very desirable that any members of the existing establishments who may be fit should be employed. In reporting the new arrangements which may be proposed, the Government of Madras should submit a statement showing their financial effect, and in doing so it will be convenient to include under the head of "Existing Establishment" the whole of the cost of the present Agency, irrespective of the employment of a portion of it in territories the future management of which is to be provided for by the Bengal Government and the Administration of the Central Provinces.

9. To facilitate the completion of the new arrangements, it will be necessary that Captain McNeill should furnish fully and promptly all the information and assistance which it may be in his power to render to the several authorities on whom the work will devolve. He will also arrange, in communication with the Madras Government, or any Officer authorized by that Government, for the discharge of all existing establishments whose continued employment may not be desired; gratuities being granted under the rules to those who may be entitled to receive them.

10. The Governor General in Council desires to record the entire satisfaction of Government with the services of Captain McNeill while in charge of the Agency. The operations of the Agency have been carried on with energy and good judgment, and have been successful in keeping the tribes to their promised abstinence from human sacrifice, and also in checking the practice of female infanticide.

Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governments of Fort Saint George and Bengal, and to the Agent of the Hill Tracts of Orissa, for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy be sent for the same purpose to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.

Ordered also, that a copy be sent to the Financial Department, and one to the Foreign Department, for information.

(Signed) W. GREY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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No. 96.

ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1862, No. 64.

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be furnished to the Agents to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Ganjam and Vizagapatam, and to the Inspector General of Police.

2. The Agents will consider in communication with each other, and with the Inspector General of Police, who is about to visit the Northern Circars, the arrangements which should be made for the supervision and Police administration of the tracts which are now to be transferred to them, and they will submit, as early as possible, reports showing the nature and cost of such arrangements. In so doing they will bear in mind the instructions conveyed in paragraph 8 of the Resolution.

3. The discharge of the existing Establishments which are no longer required, will be arranged by Captain McNeill in communication with the Agents within whose jurisdiction the men have been employed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Govt. of India.

/Here enter 18th Decr 1891/

Order thereon 14th Janr 1892

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

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Dated 14 January 1862

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Agent. Coimbatore
" - Vizagapatam
Captain McNeill
Major Genl. Police

with a copy
of the Resolution
No. 2489

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