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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again papers recorded in the Proceedings of Government of the 30th ultimo, No. 852.

Read also the following papers:—

From the Acting Joint Magistrate of North Arcot.

(Here enter 2nd June 1862, No. 34.)

From Samsain-ood-Dowlah.

(27th and 29th May 1862, No. 1,068.)

ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1862 No. 875.

In the Proceedings of Government under date the 30th ultimo, the Acting Joint Magistrate of North Arcot was directed to enquire and report in communication with Mr. Blair how far the statements which had been made to the Government Agent at Chepauk and had been published in certain Hindustani newspapers at Madras were correct with reference to the procession celebrated by Samsain-ood-Dowlah Bahadoor Nazim Jung on the occasion of the late Ramzan festival. In the statement referred to it had been represented that notwithstanding the previous warning given to Samsain-ood-Dowlah by the Joint Magistrate (Mr. Blair) in his order of the 25th March last, the procession was conducted with an assumption of pomp and state which according to Mahomedan customs is restricted to Royal processions. This account, it was observed, tallied with what had appeared in several Mahomedan newspapers and the main parts stated in it were for the most part admitted in Samsain-ood-Dowlah's letter of the 23rd ultimo, in which however he endeavoured to show that there was nothing in the conduct of the procession inconsistent with his position. The Acting Joint Magistrate was instructed to report whether or not he considers Samsain-ood-Dowlah to have infringed the orders given to him by the Joint Magistrate under date the 26th March last, and whether Samsain-ood-Dowlah should be permitted to have another procession on the occasion of the approaching Bukreed festival.

2. The Acting Joint Magistrate replies to this requisition in his letter of the 2nd instant. He states that from the enquiries he has made he is "decidedly of opinion that the account given in the newspapers of the processions at Vellore on the occasion of the late Ramzan festival was substantially correct. Samsain-ood-Dowlah Bahadoor Nazim Jung appears to have gone decked out with jewels in a Palauqueen, attended by a large retinue mounted on horses and carriages and accompanied by Elephants, Peons and Chobdars, in fact it would seem that the whole affair was an imitation of a Royal procession."

3. The Acting Joint Magistrate submits a letter from Mr. Blair who writes as follows: "I am unable to state from my own knowledge, whether on the occasion in question Shams-ood-Dowlah assumed insignia and performed acts which by Mahomedan custom are considered to be the prerogative of none but Royal Princes. My attention had not been directed to these particular points when I passed my Order of the 26th of March, and I therefore confined myself to withholding my sanction for an armed guard to take part in the procession about to be celebrated at the Ramzan festival and to informing Shams-ood-Dowlah in general terms that the procession must be conducted with less pomp and ostentation than had been exhibited on former occasions. With a view to carrying out this object, I wrote to the Arnee Jagirdar and requested him not to lend Shams-ood-Dowlah any Elephants, Camels, Horses, Chobdars, &c., as he had been in the habit of doing, but I have since learned that Shams-ood-Dowlah borrowed some from a "Guru" who was here at the time and that they took part in the procession. In this point he certainly did not conform to my orders, and the admissions made in his letter to Major R. S. Wilson of the 21st ultimo show that in his whole manner of conducting the procession he deliberately infringed their spirit."

4. The Acting Joint Magistrate states that the Ramzan procession last month "does not appear to have been celebrated by Shams-ood-Dowlah with more ceremony than former processions, but both it and former processions appear to have been conducted with an amount of pomp and display that could never have been intended when leave was granted and are most impolitic when considered with reference to the peculiar position and connections of the individual in question and the nature of the population of Vellore."

5. The Acting Joint Magistrate concludes by recommending in concurrence with Mr. Blair that such displays should be prevented for the future and that Shams-ood-Dowlah should not be permitted to have his procession on the occasion of the approaching Bukreed festival.

6. His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in this recommendation, and directs that Samsain-ood-Dowlah Bahadoor Nazim Jung be informed, through the Government Agent, that the processions which he has been in the habit of celebrating at Vellore must be discontinued, and that he will not be permitted to have one at the approaching Bukreed festival. It is clear from his own admissions that he has been in the habit on these occasions of wearing insignia, and assuming a degree of pomp and state, which according to Mahomedan usages are restricted to Royalty, and the assumption of which in a town like Vellore is calculated to lead to disturbances. It is also clear that on the occasion of his last procession, Samsain-ood-Dowlah violated the conditions on which he was allowed to hold it.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Government Agent at Chepauk.
„ Acting Joint Magistrate, Vellore.
„ Acting Magistrate, North Arcot.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Order thereon 4 June 1862. N^o 875.

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