

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

24th June 1862.

No. 188. Read the following letter from A. M. MONTEATH, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 5th June 1862, No. 2,814.

Home Department.

Referring to the communication from this Office, No. 2,489, dated the 18th December last, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Madras Government the accompanying copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 28, dated the 8th of April, relative to the abolition of the Special Agency for the suppression of Meriah Sacrifice and Female Infanticide in the Hill Tracts of Orissa.

From the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES WOOD, Bart., M. P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated London, 8th April 1862, No. 23.

Public.

I have considered in Council your letter dated 31st December, (No. 98) 1861, and, concurring in the opinion that it is no longer necessary to maintain the Special Agency for the suppression of Meriah Sacrifices and Infanticide in the Hill Tracts of Orissa, I have to express my approval of the abolition of the Agency, and the transfer of the duties of the Agent to the several Officers administering the several Districts within which the different portions of the Hill Tracts are respectively situated.

2. I shall expect to receive in the proper Department a Statement of the additions which it may be found necessary to make to the existing establishments in consequence of this transfer of duties, as well as of the comparative expense of the past and of the new arrangements.

3. At the same time I desire that the effects of the abolition of the special Agency for the suppression of the Meriah Sacrifices, and other crimes, be carefully watched, and that every precaution be adopted that the Khoonds, now that they are released from the vigilant supervision of Officers specially selected for the duty, do not relapse into their former habits, and the advantage we have gained at a large sacrifice of life and money be lost.

4. I notice with much satisfaction the testimony borne by your Government to the good services of Captain McNeill, while he has held the Office of Agent for the suppression of Meriah Sacrifices.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1862, No. 985.

Communicated to the Government Agents in Ganjam and Vizagapatam and to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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No. 83.

FROM

THE RIGHT HON'BLE SIR CHARLES WOOD, Bart., M. P.,
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR
GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,

Dated India Office, London, the 31st October 1862.

Para. 1.—I HAVE considered in Council your letter dated 5th June (No. 52) 1862, reporting that, subject to further consideration on receipt of the General Police Budget for 1863-64, your Government have sanctioned the arrangements proposed by the Government of Madras for the supervision of Jeypore and the Highlands of Goomsoor, in consequence of the abolition of the special Agency for the suppression of Human Sacrifices and Female Infanticide in those tracts.

2. I observe that the cost of the new arrangements, which is estimated at Rupees 33,700 per annum exclusive of certain travelling allowances, and subject to temporary increase, should necessity arise, exhibit a large saving as compared with the special Agency which has just been abolished. I trust that the arrangements in question will be found effectual for preventing a revival of the barbarous practices which the special Agency has been the means of repressing; but, as observed in my Despatch dated 8th April (No. 29) 1862, constant vigilance will be required on the part of the Madras Government, and the Officers connected with the Administration of the Khond District, to guard against a relapse of the inhabitants into their former habits.

3. Periodical Reports as to the working of the new arrangements should be required and forwarded for my information.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,
(Signed) C. WOOD.

No. 7/31

Copies of the above Despatch forwarded to the Governments of Bengal and Madras with a request that they will report on the working of the new arrangements early next year.

Also to the Foreign Department whence a similar Report will be called for from the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.

HOME DEPARTMENT;

The 24th December 1862.

Alfred Smith
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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From
The Under-Secretary of the
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The Govt. Agent, Banjans.
" Inspector Genl. of Police. Viragapataam.
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From Mr. J. H. 102 102-5-9.

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