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No. 16. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th June 1864. [illegible]

General Department.

In case a petition of the character alluded to in this letter be presented to Government, I beg to forward the accompanying letter* relative to the refusal, by the Acting Superintendent of Police in North Arcot, to grant an escort of Police to a Guru of the Kuruba caste, recently a petitioner before Government.

* To be returned.

2. I agree in the view of the Superintendent. The presence of a Police escort would make this mendicant's visits even more oppressive than they probably now are, and the duty would quite demoralize the men who might constitute the escort.

From Lieutenant C. L. HIGHMOOR, Acting Superintendent of Police, North Arcot, through Deputy Inspector General, Central Range; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, dated Chittoor, 20th June 1864, No. 323.

I have the honor to report that a Guru of the Kuruba caste has applied to me for the services of two Constables for three months on payment, ostensibly for the purpose of protecting his property, &c., during his peregrinations.

2. He produces an original endorsement of Deputy Secretary to Government on a petition of his, requesting permission to employ Peons with belts, in which Government refuses to comply with his request; but adds that he can obtain a Police guard on application to the local Superintendent. As the life of this Guru is a continual procession, and as he and his followers live at the expense of the persons of their persuasion with whom they may temporarily reside, I consider that if two Constables were given him they would become utterly demoralized, even if they were not used by the Guru in other ways which are obvious.

3. Under these circumstances, I have refused to accede to his request without your express permission, and have deemed it right to inform you of my decision, as the Guru will most probably petition Government when he learns that he cannot obtain Police aid.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1864, No. 972.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch,

Petition No 2170 of 1264 of 1864

From

W. Robinson Esq
Respective Comd. 1 P.I.

to J. J. [illegible] Esq
Chief Secty to Govt
Fort St. Geo.

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