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Read the following papers :—

No. 255. From the Magistrate of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 21st February 1866, No. 20.

I have the honor, with reference to G. O. dated 13th instant, to request that a Cantonment Magistrate may be appointed to Cannanore. Captain Stansfeld was appointed to act for Captain Clay, the late Cantonment Magistrate, "during his absence"; but the Brigadier General Commanding considers that Captain Stansfeld can act no longer, as the period of Captain Clay's privilege leave has expired.

No. 217.
Vide page 752 of the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 21st November 1865.

2. I have, however, expressed my opinion, that Captain Stansfeld should continue to act until a successor to Captain Clay is appointed and enters on his duties. If this is correct, I request a telegram may be sent to Captain Stansfeld to continue to discharge the duties of Cantonment Magistrate till further Orders.

No. 256. From the Magistrate of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 23rd February 1866, No. 22.

In continuation of my letter dated 21st instant, No. 20, I have the honor to state, that I have a Report this day from the Clerk of the Cantonment Magistrate's Office at Cannanore, informing me that Captain Stansfeld had intimated that he considered himself no longer a Magistrate, the 60 days for which he was appointed to act having elapsed; that he had returned the records, &c.; and that there was no one to grant even Remand Warrants for prisoners in cases pending. Captain Stansfeld, it seems, had left the station on leave.

2. Under these circumstances, I have written to the Acting Joint Magistrate of Malabar to conduct the necessary Magisterial duties in the Cantonment till the appointment and arrival of a Cantonment Magistrate.

3. Captain Stansfeld was appointed primarily to act, certainly by reason of Captain Clay's absence on privilege leave; but he was appointed to act during Captain Clay's "absence," and I think should have continued acting till duly relieved. His abrupt relinquishment of the office has caused some inconvenience, and to prevent like inconvenience again, I think it would be well that the right course to pursue on such contingencies should be authoritatively declared.

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1866, No. 301.

It is observed that Major E. N. Norton was appointed Cantonment Magistrate at Cannanore on the 23rd instant. It was clearly the duty of Captain Stansfeld to retain charge of the office until he was relieved.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Malabar.
" Commissary General.
" Military Department.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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