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meetings of his adherents at night in

8. From Cuttack, Colonel Owe
"here, I have been on the look out for
"Cuttack was about to assist me with
"detected preaching seditious language.
"missioner here suspects the man has
"conspirators."

9. Colonel Nott, of the 19th Regt
Masulipatam and Samulcottah, writes
Rangoon and again in Calcutta, in 1858 and

10. The above narration, we thin
Mahomed Ismail Khan is an unsafe person,
restrained, until doubts are thoroughly
a clear inference may be drawn as to his objects, can be procured.

11. It is not easy to deal under existing law with a man of this character.
Ostensibly he preaches the pure Deism, the Wahabee doctrine, and impugns the
traditions and corruptions of Faith, which is held amongst the great majority of
this religion in India; and probably in the assemblies, his teaching goes no
further. Of course, many of the old Mahomedans are ready enough to
give evidence against such a zealous reformer, for causing dissension, &c., and
preaching unsound doctrine; but there is positively no legal evidence procurable
of his inculcating sedition and "Jehad," and criminal design against the State,
amongst his more intimate and initiated followers or adherents, although there is a
very general belief that he *does so* zealously; and even respectable Mussulmans
admit that it is highly probable. In fact, the only evidence that can exist on this
point would have to be sought amongst his pledged adherents in the Regiments he
has visited, and they are not likely to make revelations which would imperil the
teacher. If Mahomed Ismail Khan be the promoter of sedition he is generally be-
lieved to be, he is an experienced one, and is not likely to commit himself openly.

12. In the meantime, the Superintendent of Police has been instructed to place
Mahomed Ismail Khan before the Assistant Magistrate at Berhampore, by whom he
has been required to furnish security, under Section 295 of the Indian Procedure
Code. The man has not and probably will not attempt to produce sureties, and
thus time will be given for further inquiry, with a view to ultimate disposal.

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ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1866, No. 80.

To be recorded.
(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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1866.

No. 139. Read the following letter to the Governor in Ganjam, and of Police, to the Chief Secretary Russelcondah, 11th December

We have the honor to report, with reference to your telegram, dated 21st November 1865, the steps taken in regard to the Wahabee Missionary, Mahomed Ismail Khan Maulvee, recently arrested, who is habitually inculcates sedition and "Jehadments."

2. We have communicated confidentially with the Commandants of two Native Regiments (37th and 19th), in which the man is known as having caused dissension and trouble, and we have placed ourselves in confidential communication with several authorities who may be able to aid us in securing further information, with reference to the following narrative of information obtained in regard to Mahomed Ismail Khan.

3. No papers, save nominal lists of adherents, were found on Mahomed Ismail Khan when arrested; but he had a follower and adherent who accompanied him, about whose escape he evinced some anxiety. The man unfortunately eluded the Superintendent of Police, and may have papers with him.

4. Mahomed Ismail Khan Maulvee is a Sepoy in the 37th Regiment, and was, we are informed, discharged (year unknown) at Secunderabad. He was a troublesome character in the Regiment. We have heard incidentally that he has a brother in the same Corps still.

5. We are inclined to think that he has since devoted himself to the calling of a Missionary of Wahabee, teaching to the Native Regiments and Military Pensioners of Madras Army, and has worked chiefly in the Northern Circars.

6. He has visited all the Military stations and places where pensioners reside in considerable numbers. He has been in Masulipatam, Gunttoor, Ellore, Samulcottah, Vizagapatam, Vizianagrum, Chicacole, Berhampore, &c., and was on his way to Cuttack when arrested. He has had considerable success amongst the Mahomedan soldiery, &c., and we believe has gained not a few adherents. He is evidently received and known as a man of some mark. Wherever he has been, he has caused dissension and disturbance amongst the sects of Mussulmans, and his conduct has excited suspicion and distrust in more places than one.

7. He has, for some time, been known to some of the Magistrates and Police of the Northern Division, as a person in regard to whose loyalty grave suspicion may be entertained; and he has twice been brought to the notice of the Civil Magistracy by the Officer Commanding the 19th Regiment. In 1864, Captain Stuart, Superintendent of Police in Ganjam, privately drew the attention of the Adjutant of one of the Regiments stationed at Vizianagrum to what he had heard of the suspicious doings of this man in that Cantonment. The warning was not perhaps received quite in the same spirit in which it was offered, and Captain Stuart submitted the letter he had received to General Browne, who happened to be in Ganjam, on tour of inspection, at that same time. The General took the letters with an observation to the effect "you are quite right Stuart; I know all about it, and will answer the letter myself". Captain Stuart has not since heard what

THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Agent
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We have the honor to be
Sir,
Yours most obedient servants.

Thornhill.

Acting Agent.

Robinson
Esq.

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