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[Despatch Abstract.]

Transmitting copy of a letter from the Ag. Commissioner
of Police, Madras, giving description of Syed Abdullah.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
19th July 1872.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 21. From J. NUGENT, Esq., Acting Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Judicial Department, to the Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bombay Castle, 26th June 1872, No. 2562.

In continuation of my letter, No. 2203, dated 15th May 1872, I am directed to inform you that reports have recently been received from the District Superintendents of Police of Surat, Poona, and Sholapore in reply to the communications made to them directing them to institute inquiries whether any person answering to the description of the Mahomedan Preacher Syed Abdoolah contained in your letter, No. 600, dated April 23rd, 1872, had within the last few years visited the above-mentioned districts, and, if so, what had been his conduct and mode of life, and who had been his associates.

2. Captain Birdwood, the Superintendent of Police, Surat, states that, as far as he can ascertain, about 8 or 10 years ago a Syed Abdoolah visited Surat. This person who went by the name of "Syed Roomee" (*i.e.*, of Room or Constantinople) used to associate with persons of all classes, but more especially with the wealthy Mahomedans. When he first arrived in Surat he was in extremely indigent circumstances, but he soon became possessed of money, and was then very extravagant in his mode of living, and was especially fond of using and giving away attar. He is said to have led a sensual life whilst in Surat. He kept with him a number of Arabic books and professed to be an alchymist. He was never known to have preached sedition.

3. The Superintendent of Police, Poona, Lieutenant-Colonel Henderson, reports that no person answering to the description of Syed Abdoolah given in your letter, ever preached in any of the mosques at Poona. Some five years ago a Mussulman bearing that name, and "short and thick set in build" came to Poona but remained there only a short period. He was quite alone, had neither money nor friends, and spent his time loitering about the mosques, but never preached in any mosque.

4. Lieutenant Hay, the Superintendent of Police, Sholapore, writes, that five or six years ago, a short stout built, Mussulman calling himself Moulvie Abdool Kureem arrived at Sholapore, and gave out that he had come from Surat, *via* Poona. This man put up in the mosque in the cantonment for four or five days, when he is believed to have preached the Wahabee doctrines, and then proceeded on to the Nizam's dominion. After a short absence he returned to Sholapore and took up his quarters in the same mosque as on the previous occasion. On the evening of his return Kazee Sooltan of the Jumma Musjeed in Sholapore visited him, but as (he alleges) Abdool Kureem made use of disrespectful language towards Mahomed, he left the mosque and was followed by most of the people present. On the following day Abdool Kureem left Sholapore accompanied by two young men named Hoossain Khan, a Pathan, and Mahomed Khan, Pugreewallah. After the lapse of about five months Hoossain Khan and Mahomed Khan returned to Sholapore, and began to give expression to Wahabee doctrines in the Jumma Musjeed. Kazee Sooltan remonstrated with them for so doing, and subsequently they built a separate Musjeed. Ten or twelve persons, mainly small merchants and weavers, now attend this mosque. Abdool Kureem when he left Sholapore

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5. I am desired by His Excellency the Governor in Council to request that this Government may be informed whether the Syed Abdoolah, whose proceedings at Tinnevely gave rise to the reference to this Government, has, as far as is known, ever evinced a partiality for attar as in the case of the Surat Syed Abdoolah, and whether he has the long beard and very thick wrists which *inter alia* distinguished the Moulvie Abdool Kureem who visited Sholapore. I am also to request that the name of the father of the Syed Abdoolah who preached at Tinnevely may be stated, and that if possible a few photographs of Syed Abdoolah may be forwarded to this Government to assist the Police Officers in their inquiries.

6. Inquiries concerning him are being prosecuted in Sind, but the result has not yet been reported to this Government.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, for report.

OOTACAMUND,
1st July 1872.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 22. From the Acting Commissioner of Police, to the Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 15th July 1872, No. 50.

With reference to accompanying endorsement on the letter of the Under Secretary to Government, Bombay, dated 26th June last, I have the honour to report as follows: Syed Abdoolah, the Mahomedan Preacher of Tinnevely, was about 40 years of age, short, fair, thick set, with thick wrists, beard scanty, something like what is usually worn by Lubbays. He was well dressed and his head-dress was generally a Cashmere shawl. His father's name is not known, and we have no photograph of him.

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No. 23. To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Judicial Department, dated Ootacamund, 19th July 1872, No. 963.

Referring to your Under Secretary's letter, dated the 26th ultimo, No. 2562,

* Dated 15th July 1872, No. 50.

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(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Bombay Castle
26th June 1872
J. Under Secretary to Government

Approved the Commr. of Police, Madras.
for report. L. A. D. V. S.
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1.7.72.
Secretary to Govt.

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

No. 50

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Madras Police,

15th July 1872.

FROM

Major G. B. Bowen
Commissioner of Police,

Madras.

TO

THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

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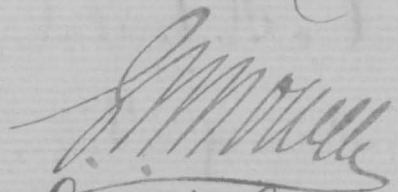
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The Civil Judge of
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To, The Chief Secretary
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Fort Saint George

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Bringing to the notice
of Government certain
facts relative to the
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Chutukina against
the Civil Judge of
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With an Order

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J. F. Smith Esq. Madras }
Capt. W. Guthrie Madras } 29

These papers will be referred to Mr.
Smith, and to Captain Guthrie for
such explanation as they may wish
to submit to Govt.

R. Ellis
Chief Secretary.