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No. 14. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Bellary; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd December 1857, No. 50.

SIR,

1. In conformity with the instructions contained in Mr. E. Maltby's letter, No. 779 of 16th September, I have been obtaining intelligence respecting the Rajah of Soorapoor, but up to this time nothing has occurred to cause apprehension from that quater, and I apprehend that the measures taken by the authorities of Hydrabad have led to the disbanding of the force that the Rajah was assembling.

2. There are a few Poligars in the Bellary District, who are connected by family ties with the Rajah of Soorapoor; and I have taken the precaution of sending for these persons, with a view to discover from them any thing they might know of the Soorapoor Rajah's proceedings. But they know but little; they speak of him as an extravagant foolish youth, who neither manages his Estate himself, nor commits it to competent hands.

3. It may not be here misplaced to inform the Government, of the relations and connections of this Rajah, who are residents in the Bellary District.

4. The Soorapoor Rajah is related with Poligar families in the following villages of the Bellary District.

Rutnagerry in the Talook of Modakah serah.
Pundiconah in the Talook of Punchapollem.
Peapully in do.
Doodacondah in do.

5. The Poligar of Rutnagerry, named Soorjapah Raz, receives a Pension from Government of 700 Rupees per year. His family has long been closely connected with the Soorapoor Rajah's family. The mother of the present Rajah of Soorapoor (now dead) was sister of Soorjapah Raz. Two daughters of that lady are married to nephews of Soorjapah Raz, and several members of his family hold Jagheers and have pensions under the Soorapoor Samustanum. Kustoory Rungapah Raz (son of a deceased brother of Soorjapah Raz) is married to the elder sister of the Rajah. Pootoosawmy (another of that brother's sons) is married to another sister of the Rajah; and these two Nephews of Soorjapah Raz have an allowance of 6,000 Rupees from the Estate. Pootoosawmy is also the Devan of the Rajah; Ram Raz, a brother of Pootoosawmy, has an allowance of 50 Rupees per month from the Soorapore Estate. Three younger brothers of the Rutnagerry Poligar Soorjapah Raz named Rajappah Raz, Rajappah Raz and Krishna Naik, receive pensions of 600 Rupees each for their support from the Estate. Soorjapah Raz himself generally resides at Rutnagerry, but the the other members of the family live at Soorapore.

6. Soorjapah Raz is related also to the Poligars of Pundiconah, Peapully and Davancondah in the Bellary District, to the Poligar of Choondee in the Nellore District, and to the Poligar of Chittledroog in the Mysore Country, and he is also connected with the members of the Soorapore family who reside at Deodroog in the Raichore Doab, and have a separate maintenance of 9,000 Rupees.

7. The Pundiconah Poligar named Yerrachemama Naidoo, in the Punchapollem Talook, has an annual Pension from Government of 1,137½ Rupees, and possesses rent free land to the extent of 1,104 Rupees' value. There are four brothers and they divide the income between them. There is not any close relationship between this family and the Soorapore family, but they are of the same caste; aud there is some intercourse between them. Chennamanaidoo's son Venkatapah Naik was lately at Soorapore, and seems to have obtained a kind of promise of a small Jagheer Village from the Rajah, but for what reason does not seem very clear. Venkatappah Naik was recommended to remain at present in the Bellary District, where he now is. Yerrachenama Naidoo himself was at Soorapore a few months ago, to be present at the consummation of the marriage that had been contracted between the Poligar of Choondee in the Nellore District, and the sister of the Soorapore Rajah; but the Choondee Poligar was not treated courteously and left in two days.

8. The Peapully Poligars are Chinna Condala Naidoo and Venkatapah Naidoo. They have a Pension from Government of Rupees 885-12-3 and land to the same amount; and the families are connected by marriage with the Soorapore family, and the other Poligars; and some relations of their's are residing at Soorapore.

9. The Poligars of Doodacondah are Venkatapah Naidoo and Peddachennama Naidoo. They have a Pension of 525 Rupees from Government. They are not related to the Soorapore family except by intermarriage with the Rutnagerry, Peapully and Choondee families.

10. The Poligars of the Bellary District are all poor with the exception of the Rutnagerry family, which is well off from its close connection with the Soorapore Rajah.

11. In the event of any serious disturbances affecting the Bellary District, these Poligars could from their local influence collect followers and commit depredations, but nothing has transpired to lead to any well grounded suspicion that they have been communication with the Soorapore Rajah, or any one else, with an ulterior view of taking advantage of the present disturbed state of India.

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Collector and Magistrate.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 1057; dated 17th December 1857.

The Magistrate of Bellary will at his discretion warn the Pensioned Poligars referred to in the above letter of the consequences which will ensue if they be found to have been implicated in disloyal proceedings.

He will also communicate with Mr. Seton Karr, Agent in Belgaum, on the proceedings of the Bedars in the Southern Mahratta Country.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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He is consequently looked up to by all the Carlep tribe for protection

The Bedars form the bulk of the Cultivating Husbandmen in Chitaldroog & the Eastern Districts of Raichore Doab & the N. part of Mysore.

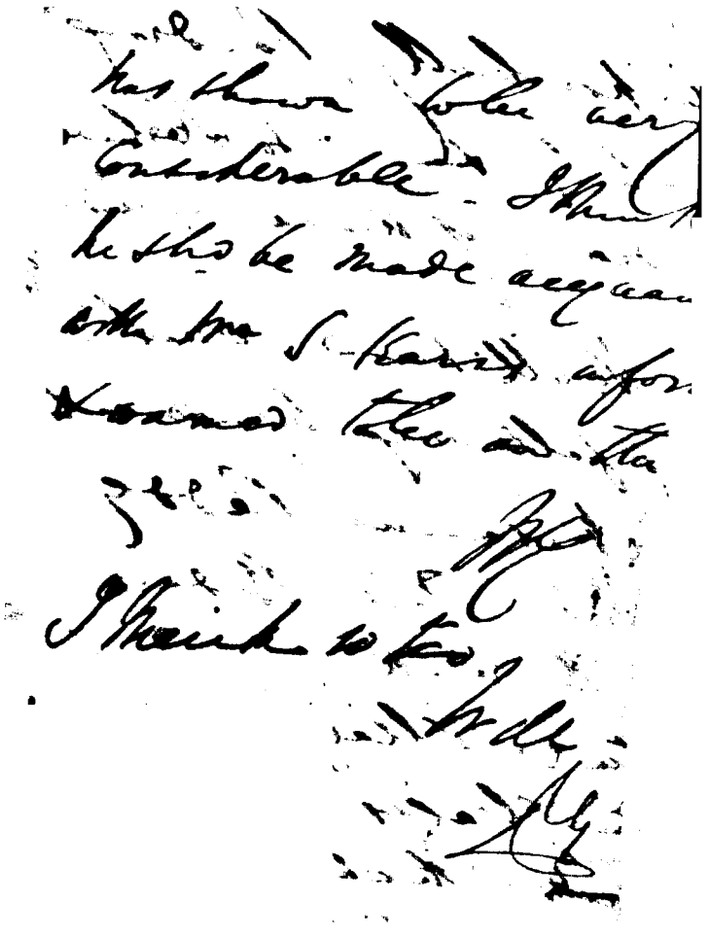
The Bedar Rajahs were Poligars, & are the Chitaldroog Poligars & many of them in the Eastern districts as far

of the Pondicherry Country

Rajahs of Sheleve are many of them in Cudapah.

We all know that strong following turned out with Nawaub Haidar in 1846. These Bedars form the bulk of the local militia or village peons & all the Villages of from the vicinity with them. They joined the Observe Poligar of Anik on that occasion & may judge how much more readily they will flock to the standard of a more distinguished Chief whose relations with Bellary

Mr Pelly



No 105

Fort St George
17 December 1857

To
Agent to the Governor
Bellary

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit herewith for your information a Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department, No 1 dated the 3rd instant, and to request that you will cause the Pensioned Policars referred to in that Letter to be apprized of the consequences which will attend their misconduct, should any one of them be found to have been implicated in the disturbances which have occurred in the Southern Mahratta Country.

I have &c

(Signed) Charles Trevelyan

Secy to Govt

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From
The Collector of
Bellary
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Political Department
Fort St George

Dated 2nd December 1857.
Rd 7th
No 1157. 50

With reference to
Mr Maddox's letter
of 16th September last
reporting that he had
been obtaining intelligence
respecting the Rajah
of Sorapore but there
is no cause to suspect
upon from that Quarter
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