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No. 16. From E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th December 1857, No. 72.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward a translate of address from the Inhabitants of Colligcal Talook in this District, a *bonâ-fide* Native production, from a distant locality, where few Europeans frequent.

2. The amount of Subscription raised by them for the relief of the sufferers in the North West will be remitted to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., as usual.

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,
Collector.

Translation of an Address to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, by the Inhabitants of Colligal Talook in the District of Coimbatore.

Before the British rule was established in the Province in which we live, Hindoo Rajahs and Tippoo Sultan reigned. The iniquity and injustice with which their administration was marked caused the people to undergo hardship and oppression, none had the liberty of wearing good apparel or valuable jewels, the property of those who wore such, and of those who were thought to be rich, was plundered by the rulers. Some of us have personally experienced the hardships arising from the tyranny of the Native Rajahs and Tippoo Sultan; whilst others have heard of them from our ancestors. The people were in a wretched condition under the above rulers.

Since the English rulers have taken possession of this Province, their Government is marked with justice and equity, and under it the Ryots, Merchants, and others, are become wealthy in proportion to their respective professions, freed from all restrictions, and enjoy happiness and tranquillity, and we all pray that the English Government should last here.

While thus situated, we hear with much regret that some rebels in the North Western Provinces and Bengal have attacked the English, unjustly murdered some people, and taken possession of some country from the just Government of the English rulers. This occurrence is the more repugnant to us, especially when we call to our memory the hardships which the people experienced before the British Rule, each of us offers his earnest prayers to his favourite God, that the country now taken away from the British rule, may be restored to it, that the people there may enjoy the same happiness and tranquillity as we do here, and that the rebels may soon be ruined.

We have raised a small amount of subscription as far as our circumstances have permitted, for the relief the distressed English Troops, who have suffered by the rebellion, and remitted it to the Collector of Coimbatore, we respectfully request that the same may be accepted and appropriated for the purpose for which it is intended. Signed by 768 persons, Ryots, Merchants and others.

(True Translation.)

20th November 1857,

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,
Collector.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 1058; dated 17th December 1857.

1. Resolved to publish this Address in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

2. The Collector of Coimbatore will remit to the Treasurers of the Bengal sufferers' Fund, the sum of money raised among the Memorialists, assuring them of the high satisfaction the Governor in Council has received from their address and the good feeling they have exhibited.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.