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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 7th July 1857.

No. 1. Diary of the Residency of Travancore, from Monday the 11th to Sunday the 17th of May 1857, Inclusive.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

11th May 1857.—From the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, No. 331, dated 29th Ultimo. Minutes of Consultation, resolving to furnish Extract from the Resident's *Diary*, to the Public Works Department, and to call for a report on the objections urged by the Dewan of Travancore to the construction of an Anicut across the Arrataur River.

From the Officer Commanding 2nd Regiment N. I. Quilon, No. 101, dated 9th Ultimo. Requests to be allowed the services of the Residency Surgeon, in behalf of Dr. Lloyd of the 2nd Regiment who is in a precarious state of health.

From the Superintendent of Police, Quilon, No. 87, dated 7th Ultimo. Submits a correspondence with the Public Staff Officer on the forms of address to the Military Authorities at Quilon. That he submitted the whole of the correspondence to Colonel Congdon, but his letter was returned with a simple endorsement from the Staff Officer stating that all communications for the Commanding Officer should be submitted through the Staff Officer. Begg therefore the Resident's support.

From Mr. Robert Hobkirk, Alleppy, dated 6th Ultimo. Reports his arrival in Travancore and solicits permission to reside in the Country as a Merchant or Planter.

From Mrs. M. A. Phillips, Anjengo, dated 7th Ultimo. Forwards a Bill for acceptance.

13th May 1857.—From the Officer Commanding Nair Brigade, Trevandrum, No. 8, dated 9th Ultimo. Reports that no additional Guards were furnished during the past week.

From Surgeon J. Reid, 47th Regiment N. I. Bellary, No. 49, dated 27th Ultimo. Returns the Certificate forwarded by the Resident specifying the 5th April 1856, as the date of his delivering over charge of the Office of Physician to the Rajah of Travancore. That the Certificate is incorrect and "none other will be received than one bearing date the 12th April." Begg for a revised Certificate.

From Mr. T. Clark, Cochin, dated 9th Ultimo. Forwards a Bill for acceptance and begs it may returned to Mr. P. Phillips' at Anjengo.

15th May 1857.—From the Magistrate of Tinnevely, No. 144, dated 8th Ultimo. Advertises to Resident's letter, No. 665 of the 8th Ultimo, and forwards a sketch shewing that the Goods and parties were seized within the Company's limits. Requests therefore their delivery.

16th May 1857.—From Lieutenant Colonel Congdon, Commanding Quilon, No. 176, dated 13th Ultimo. Forwards a letter on the subject of the Police system in the Quilon Cantonment for transmission to the Chief Secretary to Government.

LETTERS ISSUED.

11th May 1857.—To the Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George, No. 24. Report on Petition to Government: No. 546 of 1857.

To the Officer Commanding, Quilon, No. 850. Forwards copy of a letter, No. 87 of the 7th Instant, from the Superintendent of Police and requests to be favored with an explanation of the grounds on which that Officer's letter was returned to him merely with an endorsement on it by the Public Staff Officer.

To do. do. No. 851. Express regret that Dr. Barker being now in attendance on the Resident and the Residency Establishment in the South of Travancore, his services cannot be spared.

To the Collector of Jaffna and Joint Magistrate of Cochin, Nos. 853-54. Forwards for publicity Notices inviting Tenders for the supply of Jaffna Tobacco.

To Mrs. M. A. Phillips, Anjengo, No. 855. Returns a Bill accepted.

13th May 1857.—To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, No. 25. Report on Petition to Government, No. 550 of 1857.

To Mr. P. Phillips, Anjengo, No. 866. Returns accepted Mr. Clark's Bill.

To Surgeon J. Reid, No. 868. Acknowledges letter, No. 49 of 27th Ultimo. on the subject of the Resident's Certificate of the date on which he delivered over charge of the Office of Physician to His Highness the Rajah. The Resident can give no other Certificate than that already granted, viz. that he, Dr. Reid, delivered over charge on the 5th April and that Assistant Surgeon Waring entered upon Office on the same day.

To Lieutenant Colonel Congdon, Commanding Quilon, No. 869. Forwards a Petition from the Residency Treasurer, representing that he had been ordered to remove the Yams cultivated in the Garden of his house in the Cantonment a privilege hitherto allowed to such Owners provided the Occupants of houses themselves had no objection. If Owners of Houses attempted Paddy cultivation it may be objectionable but ordinary Garden cultivation would seem liable to none. Remarks also that no reply has been yet received to the Resident's letter of the 2nd Instant.

14th May 1857.—To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, No. 26. Submits copies of letters from the Master Attendant at Quilon, on the obstruction offered to the Sircar by the Inhabitants of Tangacherry in their legal endeavors to suppress the smuggling of Tobacco, also copies of letters on the subject of the Tobacco smuggling carried on at Anjengo, and in the numerous Company's Farms in the Sharettally District.

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To the Acting Collector of Madura, No. 879. Adverts to Mr. Parker's letter, No. 196 of the 5th March 1856, and intimates that the Dewan has ordered the Poothocottah Mettoo, to be removed to the top of the Mountains overlooking the low Country.

15th May 1857.—To the Officer Commanding Nair Brigade, Trevandrum, No. 881. Forwards Extracts from the Gazette notifying the grant of leave to Lieutenant Lawder and the appointment of Lieutenant Hare to the Nair Brigade temporarily.

16th May 1857.—To the Accountant General, Fort St. George, No. 885. Forwards a letter of credit with a specification of the sums paid on it.

To the Superintendent of Police, Quilon, No. 886. Forwards copy of Colonel Congdon's letter to Government and requests information of the several points adverted to in a Memorandum also enclosed.

To the Inspecting Post Master, Tinnevely Division, No. 887. Forwards a statement of the expense incurred by the Travancore Sirkar in the construction and repair of Tappall huts.

To the Secretary to the Government Savings Bank, Fort Saint George, No. 890. Forwards Bank Books for adjustment.

NATIVE DEPARTMENT.

LETTERS OR NOTES RECEIVED.

11th May 1857.—From the Dewan of Travancore, No. 698, dated 9th Ultimo. Forwards Notices inviting Tenders for the supply of Jaffna Tobacco and begs they may be published in Jaffna and British Cochin.

From the Appeal Court of Travancore, No. 60, dated 12th March last. Submit Abstract translation of the Proceedings in a Murdercase. From the Residency Treasurer, Quilon, No. 85, dated 8th Ultimo. Reports receipt of a Deposit for the Savings Bank.

From Cootty Pillay, Quilon, dated 8th Ultimo. Forwards a Bill for acceptance.

From the Dewan Peishkar, Madava Row, dated 6th Ultimo. On the usage of affording occasional gratuitous labour by the Ryots towards the partial repair of Main-roads, Village roads, bunds of Tanks, &c. Believes the usage to exist but that it has not been much required of late. Suggests an order from the Dewan.

13th May 1857.—From the Dewan of Travancore, No. 704, dated 11th Ultimo. Acknowledges Resident's letter, No. 356 of the 19th February last, and reports that the Poothocottah Mettoo has been ordered to be removed to the top of the Mountains overlooking the low Country.

From the Appeal Court of Travancore, No. 115, dated 12th Ultimo. Report the Proceedings of the Session Judge in the Trevandrum Court.

15th May 1857.—From Ansarjee Deojee Cochin dated 11th Ultimo. Forwards a Bill for acceptance.

16th May 1857.—From the Dewan of Travancore, No. 718, dated 13th Ultimo. Forwards a report on the Sirkar Monopolies and their effect in the Revenue and the probable results of their abolition and the impossibility of devising any substitutes.

From the Dewan of Travancore, No. 721. Acknowledges Resident's Memo: No. 716 of the 16th Ultimo, and explains that the representations to the Resident were incorrect. The pay of all the Departments has been disbursed up to Tye, and to several of them even up the Mouse, so that strictly speaking they are only one month in arrears, and which will also be paid up as soon as the Abstracts are received.

From do. do. No. 722, dated 13th Ultimo. Submits a Statement of disbursements made by the Sirkar on account of the construction and repair of Tappall Huts.

From do. do. No. 728, dated 14th Ultimo. Submits further correspondence between the Superintendent of Police and Public Staff Officer at Quilon. It will be evident that Colonel Congdon is now endeavouring to thwart Mr. Stevinage in the exercise of his functions by insisting on innovations in the forms of correspondence. Begs therefore that such steps may be taken in the matter as the Resident may deem fit.

From do. do. No. 729, dated 14th Ultimo. Acknowledges Resident's letter of the 25th Ultimo, and reports on the case of the Parsees therein adverted to.

From Kochenova Anseyar, Quilon, dated 13th Ultimo. Forwards a Bill for acceptance.

11th May 1857.—To the Dewan of Travancore, No. 848. Forwards for adjustment a Bill from the Accountant General for Military Stores supplied.

To Cootty Pillay, Quilon, No. 856. Returns a Bill accepted.

To the Residency Treasurer, Quilon, No. 867. Orders payment of 2 Bills.

To the Dewan of Travancore, No. 858. Forwards copy of a letter from Mr. Robert Hobkirk, requesting permission to reside in Travancore. Suggests sending the letter to the Commercial Agent for enquiry as to his precise objects, means of settling as a Planter, Strangers should be required to enter into reasonable engagements.

To do. do. No. 859. Forwarding the Dewan Peishkar Madava Row's letter on gratuitous labor. Observes that in the earlier years after the Resident's arrival in Travancore he noticed much gratuitous labor on the part of the Ryots whenever he went on Circuit, but that it seems to have been much omitted of late years although now when the Establishment of Pioneers is only $\frac{1}{4}$ of what it was formerly, such labor is more than ever necessary. Suggest its moderate revival.

To do. No. 860. Forwards Government communication on the proposed Anicut across the Arratar River and requests farther information.

To the Session Judge Nagercoil, No. 861. Requests to be furnished with a Statement of work done by him since he entered upon Office.

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To the Dewan of Travancore, No. 863. Adverts to the Police Register for last month work wherein 8 cases of Murder are inserted, but observes only 7 Prisoners recorded owing probably to the Charges not having been established. Requests particulars of those cases and explanations also of certain cases of Homicide, &c.

12th May 1857.—To Letchmy Bhoj Trevandrum, No. 864. Forwards a certificate entitling her to the estate of her late husband.

To the Appeal Court of Travancore, No. 865. Adverting to the proposed revision of regulations in regard to stamp cadjans, notices that in order to relieve the Dewan of the trouble of signing such cadjans the two Dewan Peishkars might have been authorized to sign all such Documents for the Districts under their respective control. Remarks also on the great establishment of Notaries Public more than 4 to every Property in the Country appears unnecessarily large. An establishment formed so long ago as 1821, may require revision.

14th May 1857.—To Athmaram Row, Trevandrum, No. 876. Returns 6 Promissory Notes. To the Residency Treasurer, Quilon, No. 877. Orders payment of interest on 6 Promissory Notes.

To the Dewan of Travancore, No. 878. Forwards for perusal Minutes of Consultation, No. 471 of the 25th Ultimo, holding out a prospect of protection to the Sirkar Monopolies.

15th May 1857.—To the Dewan of Travancore, No. 882. Forwards Mr. Silver's communication about the smuggled Pepper which was recently seized and which seizure he contends did take place within the Company's limits, the matter however can be easily determined by a reference to the recent Survey.

To Ansarjee Deojee, Cochin, No. 883. Returns a Bill accepted.

To the Residency Treasurer, Quilon, No. 884. Orders payment of a Bill.

16th May 1857.—To Kochenova Anseyar, Quilon, No. 885. Returns a Bill accepted. To the Residency Treasurer, Quilon, No. 889. Orders payment of a Bill.

Audience received and given, First &c.

None.

Occupation of the Native Princes and occurrences worth of notice at their Courts and in their Dominions.

Nothing has occurred worthy of remark

(Signed) W. CULLEN.

Resident.

Resident's Office, on Circuit, Oodagberry, 29th May 1857.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 505; dated 2nd July 1857.

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