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No. 15. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore, to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 6th August 1857, No. 205.

Sir,

1. Enclosed, I have the honor to transmit an address which I have received from twenty four of the Officers belonging to the Regiment of His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore, offering their services and those of their Comrades in support of the cause of peace and order whenever and whereever those services may be required. Their offer is stated to have been made with the knowledge and approval of the principal Members of the late Rajah's family, but in the present state of Tanjore affairs, I am unable to verify the assertion.

2. The persons whose signatures are appended to the address, as well as all the other Officers and Privates of the Rajah's Regiment were borne, during the lifetime of the late Rajah, on the "Dowlut Lushker Puttuck" Establishment which was dissolved* under orders from Government of the marginal date.

1st January 1857.

3. I am not informed that they did much duty as Sepoys when the Rajah was alive. There was then no regular system either in the management or control of these men or of any other establishment of the Raj. The late Commissioner in his letter, † quoted in the margin, has referred to the confusion then existing, but it seems that subsequent to the Rajah's demise pains were taken to drill and instruct the men at that time considered to be Sepoys. They were not, however, taken out at any time to Ball Practice and at the best would now have much to learn. They are of various ages ranging from extreme youth to advanced senility. No regard seems to have been had to size, strength, or Physical fitness for Military Servitude, but it is clear to me that the Establishment had on its list many promising Recruits.

6th November 1856, *No.* 29, *Para*: 4.

4. It is, however, to be remarked that although when the Dowlut Lushker Puttuck was dissolved, there was a recruiting party here under the command of a fine old Soobadar of the 2nd Regiment N. I., who possessed great powers of talk and persuasion, yet that he did not succeed in enlisting a single man from among the 750, who were thrown out of employ. None have enlisted in any other direction since then, and I have yet to learn that the new Regiment about to be formed in the Southern Division will attract them to its Ranks.

5. The Government are aware that no advantage has been taken of the Pensions and Gratuities assigned to the Member of the Dowlut Lushker Puttuck. They have all preferred to attach their fortunes to those of the Senior Widow of the late Rajah and believe that if this Lady be successful in her Action against the Government, they will be called on to resume those positions about the Raj which they have filled by hereditary descent and a sort of prescriptive right.

6. I did not feel justified in laying the address before Government until I had ascertained whether the signature it bears were genuine. To this end, I sent for the 24 Memorialists, about a fortnight ago, and had personal communication with them and a large body of persons also belonging to the Dowlut Lushkee Puttuck, by whom they were accompanied when they waited on me.

7. After the interview, I had doubts whether I had properly elicited from the Memorialists, individually, an expression of what each had intended to convey as his own wish and expectations when he affixed his signature to the address. A few evidently desired to regain their former statues and the hereditary advantages belonging to it, so that their children might succeed to them, and this beyond a doubt is what they principally had and still have at heart. Some others stated their desire to do what the Memorial expressed.

8. Under these circumstances I resolved to see them again on the 31st Ultimo, when they once more waited on me at the Residency. On this occasion, however, the object of their application was unmistakeably known to all.

9. I therefore feel bound to communicate it to the Government for any orders they may deem necessary.

10. The Officers are intelligent men, some particularly so ; but a few are very old and quite past their physical efficiency. Their attachment to the Raj is very obvious whether it proceeds from respect and regard for the Widow of the late Prince, or from a recollection of the numerous benefits lost to them by the extinction of the Raj .Nevertheless, their material seems to me be such that if any means existed of taking advantage of their services, I am of opinion that they would be loyal and trustworthy. I must, however, confess that I am quite unable to suggest any measure by which at the present time and under existing circumstances, advantage can be taken of their willingness to serve the Government.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

To the Resident of Tanjore, dated 15th July 1857,

SIR,

We the undersigned Native Officers of the late Rajah's Regiment, having ascertained the willingness of all our Comrades, and with the knowledge and approval of the principal members of the late Rajah's family, beg repectfully to tender to the English Government the Services of ourselves and Comrades in support of the cause of peace and order, wherever and whenever those Services may be required.

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குப்புசுபேதார்
சமோகவளபெருமலு
வீராஉணகென்
ஷமஷேநலி மலகலி
மலகலிபம்மதலிகபேதார்
ஜமேதார்ருமசாமிநாய்க்கன்

பரிமணகபேதார் வெகடிநல்ல
ய்க்கன்
மமதகாமி ஜமேதார்
ஜமேதார்ஜெகன்னதகெ
பாக்குவன்முத்திகெ
சுபேதார் ஐயிஜலுய்க்கன்
வையாபுரிசுபேதார்
இக்ஞலிஜமாதார்

பாக்குவன்சபானஞ்சொனகே
சுபேதார் அழுருசதெரு
சமேதார் மஸ்தாசெப்பராவுசித்தின்
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ஆதப்சா
ஆடிமுத்
சுபேதார்சப்புராவு
ஜெயசகரடாச்

No. 16.

ORDER THEREON, No. 634; dated 15th August 1857.

The Commissioner is requested to make known the satisfaction with which Government have received this offer of their Services on the part of the Officers and Men belonging to the Regiment of the late Rajah of Tanjore.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Fort St George,
15th August 1857.

To the Comr of Tanjore 18th

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From The Commissioner of
Tanjore

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 6th August 1857
Rec'd 10th August 1857

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Political Letter to England
25th April No 5 of 1858

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Submits for any order he
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Has an Order