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From

E. MALTBY, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George,

To

A. M. RITCHIE, Esq.,

Solicitor.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a communication received by this Government from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Department, and to request that you will explain the circumstances on which the address to the Government of India, which appears to bear your signature, was founded.

But if you should not be connected with the paper in question, I request you will be good enough to return to me the enclosures to this letter.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, }
11th September 1857. }

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Acting Chief Secretary.

From the Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 27th August 1857, No. 3404.

Foreign Department.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit for disposal the accompanying copy of a letter dated 26th June last, from a Mr. Ritchie, of Madras, respecting the alleged conduct of Dr. Balfour, Government Agent at Chepauk, towards the servants of the late Nawab of the Carnatic.

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,

Secretary to the Government of India.

From A. M. RITCHIE, Esq.; to the Chief Secretary, the Government of India, Fort William, dated 20th June 1857.

SIR,

Concerned as we are in view of the present crisis of disaffection throughout India, which tho' would not be a matter of success, but will effect some injury and endanger lives of the Community, I reflect myself that nothing can be more prudent and advisable than securing peace however by some satisfactory means.

Although in spite of other Presidencies, Madras is in a state of quite peace and all is well here, but the unforeseen and inconsiderate conducts of Dr. Balfour the Government Agent of Chepauk animate our apprehension that the order of this Presidency will be destroyed and ruin shall spread through and through; for the said Gentleman at such dreading time which requires rendering best satisfaction and attracting the hearts of the Community, treats the servants of the Nawab of the Carnatic 15,000, in number, with cruelty, harshness and contempt and does not seem to show a least tenderness towards them merely to extinguish the fire of their disaffection: and the Madras Government appears admitting all his operations both right and wrong without making proper enquiry into the matters of those creatures. There can be no doubt that the party oppressed by the hands of Dr. Balfour should positively seek an opportunity to set up an open mutiny and give up their lives in this way than expiring in wants.

Should the Supreme Government without losing time propose to appoint another Gentleman in place of Dr. Balfour it would be more advisable and suppress all ill wills and strifes. My feeling for the good of our religion prompted me to write this to you, and hope that you will bring it to the notice of the Governor General of India and do the needful.

(Signed) A. M. RITCHIE.
(True Copy.)
(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secretary to the Government of India.
(True Copies.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

Memo

to Govt with explanation
to be asked from Mr. Ritchie
about this paper.

From its wording it seems
a lecture note to which per-
haps he attached his signature
to give it authenticity.

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Gift of the
with letter &
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Fort St. George,
Sept 11th, 1857

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Copy made - I have seen
the original of the same in
the MS. of Govt of India.
Perhaps Mr. Malley will require it.

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To
C. H. M. Christie Esq
Boston

2/11/14 Date 1887.