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From

E. MALTBY, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George

To

A. M. RITCHIE, Esq.,

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 11th Instant, and to point out that Government did not send to you the paper forwarded to them by the Government of India, from feeling any assurance that you had attached your name to it, or concurred in its contents ; Government were only making a general enquiry, to ascertain whether the petition was fictitious, or had proceeded from some party who felt aggrieved, in order that in the former case, the fact might be reported with certainty to the Government of India, and in the latter, that an enquiry into the cause of supposed grievance might be instituted.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16th September 1857.

I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant

Acting Chief Secretary.

From A. M. RITCHIE, Esq. ; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Madras, 11th September 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, together with its two enclosures, one the copy of a letter dated the 26th June 1857, purporting to be from a Mr. " A. W. Ritchie," of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, and one original letter from the Government of India to yourself, dated the 27th August 1857.

In answer, I beg to say, that I know nothing whatever of the letter, a copy of which you enclosed, and regret that amongst other residents of Madras bearing the name of Ritchie, I should be selected by address under your signature, to state whether such a production as the letter returned, which is both seditious and ungramatical, emanated from me. I deny most distinctly, that I ever wrote such a letter, or that the original of which a copy was sent in your letter, and is herewith returned, bears my signature.

(Signed) A. M. RITCHIE.

(True Copy)

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. H. Morgan.

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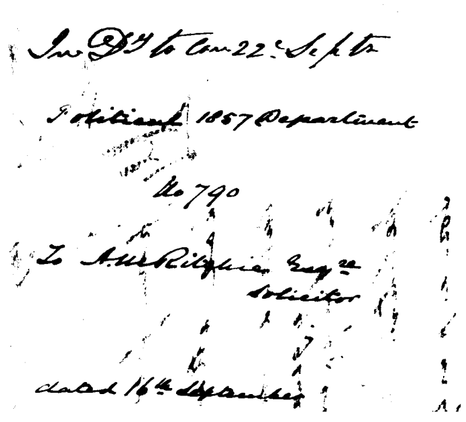
R. H. Ritchie Esqre

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 11th Instant, and to point out that Govt did not send to you the paper forwarded to them by the Govt of India from feeling any apprehension that you have attached your name to it, or concurred in its contents — Govt were only anxious to ascertain whether the petition was fictitious, or had proceeded from some party who ~~suspected~~ felt aggrieved. In order that in the former case the fact might be reported with certainty to the Govt of India &c. ~~the~~ in the latter that an enquiry into the cause of complaint might be instituted.

15th Sept

I have &c
(Signed) J. Hobhouse

Fort St George
16 September 1837


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To Mess.rs Rilston Esq.rs

Solicitor

dated 16.th September

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