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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 22nd September 1857.

No. 43. From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Canara, to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd September 1857, No. 38.

SIR,

1. I have much pleasure in forwarding through you, for the perusal of the Right Honorable the Governor, the enclosed loyal Address signed by the principal Christian public Servants and residents of this place.

2. Leaving the Address to speak for itself, I would only observe, that so far as this Province is concerned, there happily exists no necessity for the formation of such a Volunteer Corps as that which these gentlemen out of a laudable sense of loyalty and affection towards the Government under which they live and serve, propose to enrol.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

To the Right Honorable LORD HARRIS, Governor of Fort Saint George, dated 1st September 1857.

MY LORD,

We the undersigned native Christian inhabitants of Mangalore on our own behalf and in behalf of the Christian community, feel it to be our imperative duty now openly to come forward and avow our loyalty to the Government under which we exist. Also to tender our services to your Lordship's Government to aid the local authorities in whatever way your Lordship may be pleased to direct that may tend to the public safety and the preservation of the peace of the country.

We cannot but express our horror, my Lord, at the atrocities committed by the dastardly faithless rebel Sepoys; and our sympathy for the surviving sufferers from their ruthless barbarity. But we trust in God that ere long a just retribution and signal vengeance will overtake them, and that the fiends will be exterminated from the face of the earth.

Our fidelity to the British Government is on record, my Lord. It was displayed during the Coorg insurrection, and on various other occasions. It was in consequence of their attachment to the present ruling power that eighty thousand of our ancestors were led captive to Seringapatam by Tippoo Sultan, seventy thousand of whom perished there. But at this critical time, my Lord, it is not by words, but by deeds that we can exhibit and prove our loyalty.

The Christian population of this province numbers about 50,000, from which if, it pleases your Lordship, 1,000 or 2,000 able bodied young men may be selected to form a Local Militia, or Military Police Corps to garrison this Province for one year, or till such time as peace is finally restored to India. By this arrangement, the troops now stationed here may be drawn off for active service. And the Militia Corps, if subsequently approved of, may perhaps be permanently established.

We further propose that the Corps, my Lord, if established, be subject to a wholesome system of military discipline, but not to martial law, as laid down in the Articles of War. We shall find the men, the remainder rests with your Lordship's Government.

We remain, my Lord,

MANGALORE, } Your Lordship's faithful and obedient Servants,
1st September 1857. }

(Signed) J. COELHO,
and 53 Inhabitants of Mangalore.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 800; dated 19th September 1857.

The Acting Magistrate will be directed to assure the Subscribers to this letter of the gratification the Government have derived from a perusal of their loyal Address. His Lordship in Council is happy to believe that the formation of a Corps of the nature alluded to is not called for in the District of Canara, while at the same time he highly appreciates the good feeling which has prompted the offer.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Forth S. 19th Sept 1857.
To the Lt. Govt of Canara
D. 19th Sept.

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