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No 35. From the Hindoo and Mahomedan Inhabitants of Sheally ; to the Right Honorable LORD HARRIS, Governor of Fort St. George, dated 18th September 1857.

MY LORD,

We, the Hindoo and Mohomedan Inhabitants of Sheally, in Combaconum *Z*illah, having heard, with surprise and pain, of the widespread rebellion in Bengal and the Northwest, feel it our duty to convey to your Lordship in this unhappy conjuncture, the sentiments of loyalty and fidelity which we entertain towards the British Government, and to manifest our deep and sincere detestation of the monstrous atrocities committed by the Bengal Native Soldiery and others. It is impossible to convey an adequate idea of the heartfelt sorrow and sympathy which we feel for the deplorable loss of life and property, caused by the rebels. We are impressed with a full conviction that the Government has not the least idea of attempting a subversion of our religion, or interfering with the rules of our caste ; and that the conduct of the mutineers is not capable of the slightest shadow of justification. We feel that they have outraged every sense of our Religion and profaned our Law, by committing such unprovoked and brutal deeds of blood. These wretches have fallen from the dignity of human nature ; and degraded themselves below brutes. In short, our indignation against them is so intense that it can only be equalled by the excessive joy which we shall experience, on hearing of their being overtaken by retributive vengeance.

Your Lordship will, we trust, do us the justice to believe that we fully appreciate the benefits of the British Rule. We are sensible that the British Government relieved us from a state of anarchy and misrule, raised us in the scale of Civilization, and greatly ameliorated our condition in every respect. We are fully convinced that our happiness is intimately connected with the existence of the British Supremacy in India, and that its downfall (which God forbid) will seriously endanger the security of life and property, which we, at present, enjoy, place us at the mercy of foes, both internal and foreign, and expose us to all the evils of revolution. We therefore beg to assure your Lordship of our firm and unshaken fidelity to the British Government, and to express our earnest hope that the insurrection in Bengal and the Northwest may be speedily suppressed, and that the Almighty who controuls every event, and by whom " Nations and Empires rise and fall, flourish and decay," may be pleased to bless us with a continuance of that Government, with which we identify our happiness.

We beg leave to subscribe ourselves.

My Lord,

Your Lordship's Most Obedient,

and Humble Servants,

கையொப்பமிட்டிருப்பவர்கள்.

கடைக்கவிஞயகதலஞர ஓ. மி.சிதாரமபிள்ளை. கறிடக்கவிஞயகதலஞர செங்கியபிள்ளை

And other Inhabitants.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, No. 827 ; dated 28th September 1857.

Resolved that the Address of the Inhabitants of Sheally in the Province of Tanjore be published in the Fort St. George Gazette, and that the Acting Collector be instructed to assure those whose names are attached of the high degree of satisfaction the Government has felt at this expression of their loyalty.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Fort St. George,
28th September 1857.

To the Hon'ble [illegible]

[illegible] Secretary to Govt. with the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 28th Septr. 1857.