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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 13th October 1857.

No. 37. From Surgeon E. G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 3rd October 1857, No. 285 of G. A.

SIR,

On the 17th August last, I received the subjoined copy of a letter from Mr. Dykes, inquiring regarding one Ally Sultan, and I subjoin the subsequent correspondence, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. It will be seen that this person applied to, and got leave from the Dewan of the Durbar to proceed to Adoni, to the North of Bellary : but, instead of going there, proceeded due South from this, to Salem.

3. On his return, here, with the permission of the Dewan of the Durbar, he appeared before me, and his statement, then taken down by me and signed by him, after explanation, is as follows.

“ Meer Ally Sultan, states, took leave to Adoni but usually goes *vid* Vanembaddy, and Bangalore. I went to Salem, as my relations are there, to see them : only two days, difference between. Salem is near Tripatoor :—my relatives are there : I got two months' leave. It is 20 days to Adoni ; It is 160 puckah Coss. It is 22 to 24 days' Journey. Salem is 10 to 11 days Journey ; to Salem about 21 to 22 Villages : I often have gone to Adoni and twice to Salem. I have gone between Salem to Adoni. It is 14 days' Journey from Salem to Adoni. I had not arrived at Salem, when the endorsed Petition reached me. I left here on the 15 Zee-pool-huj : I arrived on 1st Mohurram. I did not go to Bangalore. My relatives in Salem are Gholam Russool, Serishtadar, also Sirdak Khan, Government Vakeel : I have other acquaintances. I intended to remain in Adoni for a few days. I remained four days at Tripatoor reckoning day of arrival and departure. I went to Vaniembady. I do not know any one there, I have two Sarhoos there (in Tripatoor), Fakhr ood deen Sahib, and Saroos Son Shums ood deen, &c. It is my custom to go *vid* Salem to Adoni. I have gone that route on this time. I always go *vid* Tripatoor and Vaniembaddy to Bangalore. I have gone *vid* Bangalore two or three times. I lived in the house of Gholam Russell. I did not see any one at Vaniembaddy. I remained in Salem six days, after receipt of Dewan's Petition. I left on the 8th of the month. I went to Salem because my relations have gone there, for the past 1½ year. I am 60 years of age and upwards, I had my son, aged 30 named Meer Zoolficar Ally, also my brother named Meer Abbass Ally : Son is Sircar servant : my brother is aged 40. I arrived on Wednesday the 9th Instant, I quitted Salem on the 8th but remained in a choultry in the outskirts for two days till the 10th. I am a Bekar :
* Declines to give his Mother's allowance Rupees 10. Son has Rupees 8 as Syed. I had many
name. such, as yomiah, and presents from late Nabobs, who diminished it, I have a Sister in Adoni : and a mother named,*
she lives in Girgul her age is above 70 or 80.”

4. The contradictory representations made in the above statement are very remarkable. I have not learned anything against this man and his son further than what the documents now sent, show ; but, coupled with the contradictions, I do not think it proper that conduct such as this, of taking leave 360 Miles to the North with no intention of going there, and going instead 300 Miles to the South, should be passed over.

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5. I have the honor to recommend
† *Meer Allee Sooltan Bacaur*.....Rupees 10-0-0 that the Dewan of the Durbar be instructed
‡ *Meer Zoolfukhar Allee Mohurum* to cease to pay any further allowances either
Syed " 8-0-0 to Ally Sultant† or his son‡ who accom-
panied him.

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

From J. K. B. DYKES, Esq., Joint Magistrate; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government
Agent and P. Mr. Carnatic Stipends, dated Salem, August 17th, 1857.

DEAR SIR,

I have the honor to request that you will kindly give me any information in your power
with regard to the character of one Ally Sooltan who is said to have been in the employ of the
late Nabob up to the time of his death.

I am further informed that he was employed to read the Hooseinee verses, or the adventures
and griefs of Hooseinee, was on a monthly pay of fifty Rupees, and is a native of Adoni, but
connected with Hyderabad.

I ask for information as to his character, because I hear that he and his son are coming to
Salem to pass the Mohorum.

Trusting that you will excuse my troubling you, I remain.

(Signed) J. K. B. DYKES,
Joint Magistrate.

From E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk; to J. K. B. DYKES, Esq.,
Joint Magistrate, Salem, dated Madras, 20th August 1857.

MY DEAR SIR,

Ally Sooltan (called Meer Ally Sooltan, son of Meer Mukdoom) is not of high character,
and was never employed by His Highness the late Nabob on an allowance of Rupees 50 per
mensem: But his name has entered amongst the Beycar or not doing duty on a charitable allow-
ance of Rupees 10 per mensem: and his son Meer Zoolfigar Ally, also, is entered in the list
amongst Mohurum Syeds on an allowance of Rupees 8 per mensem. He and his sons (2nd son
called Meer Moonawar Ally) read elegaic verses, in the Mohurum, and persons inviting him
for that purpose, used to pay one or two Rupees or present a basket of sweetmeats: Ally
Sooltan declared here that he was about to proceed to Mysore, as the Rajah had sent for him
with Rupees 300 for defraying the expenses of his Journey. His brother named Meer Aulum
is here. Ally Sooltan is a native of Adoni and the Dewan gave him leave to go there, I enclose
his Petition and the Dewan has ordered on its return, please let me be informed of all that
you know or hear of him.

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR.

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From J. K. B. DYKES, Esq., Joint Magistrate, Salem; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Govern-
ment Agent at Chepauk, dated Salem, 29th August 1857.

MY DEAR SIR,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant with its enclosure, an
endorsed petition for and from, Sooltan Ally.

The petition has been given to him through my Sheristadar with whom he is staying and I
am much obliged to you for the information. He is I believe a friend of the Sheristadar.

(Signed) J. K. B. DYKES.

From E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk; to MUDAR-OOO OOMRAH
BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 1st September 1857, No. 250 of G. A.

SIR,

I enclose for your information a letter from Mr. Dykes, Collector of Salem.

On the re-arrival of the Sircar servant, in Madras, I beg that he may be ordered to attend
at the Agency.

I would be glad to have the favour of your attendance on that occasion.

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

From MUDAR-OOO OOMRAH, Dewan of the Durbar; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Govern-
ment Agent at Chepauk, dated 3rd September 1857.

SIR,

In returning the enclosed letter from the Collector of Salem received in your letter of the
1st Instant, I beg to state that when the Sircar servant, Meer Ally Sooltan, alluded to in the let-
ter, reaches Madras, I will send him to the Agency as desired, and I will also have the pleasure of
attending with him.

(Signed) مدامرلا

MADAR-OOO OOMRAH,
Dewan of the Durbar.

From E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chepauk; to MADAR-OOO OOMRAH,
BAHADOOR, Dewan of the Durbar, dated 12th September 1857, No. 264.

SIR,

I suggest that you do not disburse the salary of Ally Sooltan until I can refer the case to
Government.

(Signed) E. G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

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From MADAR-OOL OOMRAH, Dewan of the Durbar; to E. G. BALFOUR, Esq., Government Agent at Chempauk, dated 14th September 1857.

Sir,

As suggested in your letter of the 12th Instant, I will not disburse the Salary of Meer Ally Sooltan until you permit me to do so.

(Signed) مدار الامر

MADAR-OOL OOMRAH,

Dewan of the Durbar.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) EDWARD BALFOUR,

Government Agent.

No. 38.

ORDER THEREON, No. 878; dated 12th October 1857.

The Government resolve, as a mark of their displeasure at the conduct of Meer Ally Sooltan and his son Meer Zoofukhar Ally, which has been brought to notice in the foregoing letter, that the allowances of these two persons shall be forfeited for the period of their absence from Madras, and direct that they be warned against a repetition of similar conduct.

- For Orders -

- There has nothing occurred at Salem or its neighbourhood to show any meditated disturbance, ^{during the absence} or that this old man had criminal designs.

The offence imputed to him is that he asked leave to go to Adoni ^{which is to the North but per-} ceeded to Salem, which D. Balfour describes (P. 4) as being 300 miles to the South, or in

an exactly ^{200 miles} contrary direction - But Salem is ^{200 miles} to the West of Madras, & the Penman shows that having relations there he sometimes proceeds by ^{with} Madras & Bangalore to Bellary - on the present occasion he expressly made known his intention before he left Madras, of proceeding to Mysore as appears from D. Balfour's letter to Mr. Dyer dated 20 August.

To take away his pension & that of his son seems therefore a harsh & unnecessary measure

E. G.

I think some track of diophanes should
be shown in this case - & would recommend
that the pay of this man's wife should
be forfeited for the period of his absence
& that he should be cautioned against
any recurrence of similar conduct

I think there are reasons at least
least this measure of punishment

[Signature]

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