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No. 32. From P. GRANT, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th November 1858, No. 134.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 12th August 1858, No. 512.

Dated 30th March 1855, (herewith returned)

SIR,

In reply to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated May 1st 1855, accompanied by a copy of a letter from G. F. Edmonstone, Esq., Secretary to Government of India, written by directions of the Most Noble the Governor General, and transmitting a copy of a Petition from N. Bandary and Ramachundery Bandary of Tellicherry, with its enclosures, praying for a Provision from Government on account of Services rendered by their Ancestors, and calling on me to search my Records and report whether they contain any information of the services on which Petitioners found their application for assistance from Government, who they are, and what their present means of livelihood are.

Petitioners are the direct lineal descendants (Grandsons) of Daverdi Bandary and Timappa Bandary, brothers, on account of whose services they pray for the favorable consideration of Government.

Father.	*Father.*
Daverdi Bandary.	Timappa Bandary.
Son.	*Son.*
Madaven.	Oopendra.
Grandson.	*Grandson.*
Naraina.	Rama Chundra.

Both Grandsons are now employed, Naraina Bandary as a Shroff in the Huzzoor Treasury, on a salary of Rupees 20 per mensem, and Rama Chundra Bandary in the Civil Court of Tellicherry as an Acting Goomastah, on a salary of Rupees 28 per month. Of his Grandfather (Timappa Bandary) I have not been able to trace any mention on the Records, but repeated allusion is made to the names Davarsi Bandary and his Son Mahdava Bandary, the father of Naraina Bandary. In the Diaries of the Commissioners' correspondence regarding Malabar during the years 1797, 98 and 99, they are noticed as individuals in whose integrity much reliance was placed by the British Authorities and whose services were frequently and extensively employed by the Governor of Bombay and the Commissioners in Malabar, in carrying on negotiations, collecting Revenue and settling disputes of a Political nature with the disaffected Rajahs of Cherikul, Cotiote and Pychy at a time when hostilities were threatened by Tippoo Sultan, previous to the conquest of Seringapatam. Had these Rajahs maintained a position of open hostility to the Company's Government it would have been impossible for our Troops on the West Coast to have co-operated with the Army which was advancing on Seringapatam. Perhaps the best way to convey an idea of the nature and importance of the services in which the Bandaries were engaged will be to give Extracts from the Official Records.

" CALICUT, 16*th November* 1797.

" At a Meeting, Present

" John Spencer, Esq.,—*President.*

" Major General James Hartley, and
" John Smee, Esq. } *Members.*

" Re-perused our Proceedings of yesterday.

" The President lays before the Board, a letter received this morning from the Honorable the " Committee of Government in reply to his of the 14th Instant, advising that they had before " heard of the Acts therein imputed to the Pychee and Padnihar Cotiote Rajahs; that Devers " Bhundary, who is now in Cotiote, will have an opportunity of ascertaining the truth of these " Reports."

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"To JOHN SPENCER, Esq.; President of the Commission."

"SIR,

"We have received your letter of the 14th November with the intelligence therein mention-
"ed. The Acts therein imputed to the Pychee Rajah the Governor had before heard ascribed,
"in part, to the Perinjar Rajah of the Zamorin family, or rather to some Rajah of Calicut, who
"was concluded to be that Chieftain; but as Devers Bhundary is now with the Pychee Rajah, in
"Cotiote, he has the best opportunity of ascertaining the truth, and he has been written to accord-
"ingly, and you shall be informed of the result."

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We are, &c.

TELLICHERRY, 15*th November* 1797. (Signed) JONATHAN DUNCAN,
(„) J. STUART,

5th December 1797.

"Colonel Dow was not sent to-day to the Colatery from certain explanations, that were
"last night expected to take place between Variacara Chandoo, and the young Rajah's Vakeels
"not having had effect; because Variacara declined to state what his claims were, and which
"Devers Bhundary had been desired to hear and report, excepting before the Colatery Rajah;
"whither he accordingly invited Bhundary to pay a visit, which the latter however declined un-
"til he should be authorized. As it is essential to know what Variacara aims at, in conjunction
"with the Colatery and other Rajahs, Bhundary was desired to go thither this evening, and to
"let them all plainly know, that the management must continue unimpaired in the hands of the
"young Rajah, according to the custom of Chericul, but that, as to other inferior points, he was
"ready to listen to what they might have to represent."

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6th December 1797.

"Devers Bhundary having had an interview last night with the Colatery Rajah, reports that
"he appears willing to relinquish his demand to be put in possession of the management of the
"country, fixing his and his adherents' claims to the following points."

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7th December 1797.

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"Devers Bhundary having told the Governor yesterday that the person called the Perpenaad
"Rajah, or Teroopaad, had offered to exercise his influence with the young Rajah, to bring
"every thing to a speedy conclusion, if he were invited thereto by the Governor."

"He was accordingly spoken to to this effect to-day, and has promised to act accordingly,
"and thus the Rajah and him take their leave for to-day."

9th December 1797.

"Soobayen, the Vakeel of the young Cherical Rajah, came to-day and said, the Perepnaad
"Rajah has settled all the disputes, except that which relates to the Nambyars having resisted the
"old Rajah's coming out of the Fort, which the young Rajah is therefore desirous that Devers
"Bhundary should by the Governor be sent to speak to the old Rajah about and get him to pass
"over, the Governor accordingly desired Bhundary to proceed to the Colatery and to make it if
"necessary a request on the part of the President, that he would look over what had thus passed."

"To JOHN SPENCER, Esq., President, and Commissioners for Executing the Office of Sup-
"ervisor and Chief Magistrate in the Province of Malabar.

GENTLEMEN,

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"An answer to the Pychee Rajah was dispatched by the elder or Devers Bhundary, who was
"further instructed to enquire into the state of particulars on the spot with a view to a definite
"arrangement and to adjust with the Pychee Rajah an allowance for his support.

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"Upon consideration of all these particulars, we acquiesced in a suggestion offered by Dev-
"ers Bhundary and his son Mahdoo, that the latter should go out to Perimul accompanied by
"Ishrut, Dyroo, and some other of the principal Nayrs and Nambyars of Cottiote, who had pro-
"posed to remonstrate with the Pychee on his temper and to assure him that if he inclined to
"renew disturbances they would no longer take part with him. Mahdoo Bhundary was also
"commissioned to endeavour to get into his possession, the originals or copies of any letter or
"correspondence that might possibly have passed.

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We are &c.
(Signed) JONATHAN DUNCAN.
(„) JAMES STUART.

"TELLICHERRY, *Saturday Evening*, 18*th November* 1797.

"Mahdu Bhundry is directed to write to his father, that he must be the best judge, in
"what way to bring every thing to a happy conclusion, but that as the Governor shall stay here
"till the first or second of next month, he sees no disadvantage in his remaining at Tellicherry,
"giving both the Rajahs good advice, till the nine days elapse, upon which taking a receipt from
"the Pychee Rajah, he may give him either a written or verbal assurance, on the part of the Com-
"pany, for the 6,000 Rupees per annum, and he should also get the collections set a going or write
"why they are not so, and what may be desirable in consequence and to keep on good terms
"with the old Rajah with a view to the maintenance of his authority and to the fixing of good
"dispositions in him and to take care that the Pychee Rajah do not delay longer than the 5th
"Wrischigom, 27th November 1797, in coming in and to ascertain and report upon the alleged
"enlisting of the Sepoys."

A True Copy.
(Signed) J. A. GRANT,
Secretary.

"To JOHN SPENCER, Esq., President, and Commissioners &c., &c."

GENTLEMEN,

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"and as we already in our instructions of the 3rd of last month acquiesced in the discontinuance
"of the Bhundaries' Agency under the circumstances therein mentioned, we cannot on the same
"general principles but be satisfied that Colonel Dow, who is entrusted with local management,
"should, under your sanction and approbation, have the selection among the natives who must
"assist him of those persons he may himself prefer; at the same time that, in justice to the
"younger and elder Bhundary, we see nothing of the least weight in the Cotiote Rajah's ola to
"Colonel Dow of the 11th of Coombum, for not employing them, but rather the contrary, as far
"at least as we can understand the reasoning it contains, which seems indeed to be at variance
"with its object, since these Bhundaries exaggerating the funds of the District seems unconnect-
"ed and even adverse to their promoting (as the Rajah would insinuate) the Company's loss; with
"regard therefore to this family, it will probably be consistent with justice and policy to dispense
"with their Agency in Cotiote with as little apparent humiliation to them as possible, which may
"also enable you to have again recourse, on any future necessary occasion, to such influence as
"they may possess in the District, and tend, in the meantime, to prevent its operating against the

"present system, which we are still hopeful may, through a continuance of Colonel Dow's zeal-
"ous and unremitted exertions, accomplish the effectual establishment of the Company's authori-
"ty in Cottiote."

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Acting Collector.

No. 33. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, the 22nd November 1858, No. 771.

Sir,

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From do 27*th July* 1858, „ 2590.

Dated 9*th November* 1858, *No.* 134.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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