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## Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 25. 6. ~~10~~ 1839

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No. 3. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chettapore, 10th June 1859, No. 161.

Para: 1. I have the honor to submit for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council copy of a letter addressed by me to the Commissioner of Cuttack regarding the levy of a tribute from the Khond Malias of Boad. I had been informed by the Deputy Magistrate of Boad in an Oreya Yadast that he was privately sounding the Khond Chiefs of Boad as to their willingness to pay a tribute to the British Government.

I suggested to the Commissioner that such a step appeared to me to require careful consideration and that if undertaken at all it would be necessary to take steps to carry it out simultaneously in the other parts of Khondistan which are nominally subject to our rule. Further that the opinion of the late Commissioner Mr. Russell had been strongly adverse to any attempt to tax these tribes and that the Agents for the suppression of human sacrifices had always proclaimed this latter to be their sole object in visiting the Country. The matter is doubtless open to discussion but it is not for me to move further in it without the instructions of Government with which I trust I may be favored at an early date as it is doubtful how these overtures of the Deputy Magistrate of Boad will be regarded by the other Khond tribes when the news reaches them.

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From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector; to the Commissioner of Cuttack, dated Chetterpore 9th June 1859, No. 70.

I have the honor to enclose a communication received from the Deputy Magistrate of Boad stating that he had been privately sounding the Khond Chiefs of Boad as to their willingness to pay a tribute to the British Government. I do not clearly gather under what instructions the Deputy Magistrate was acting; it seems to me however of importance that any contemplated measure of the kind he alludes to, should be well considered in reference to other tracts of Khondistan attached to this Agency and that of Vizagapatam, and that there should be simultaneous action whenever it is considered that the time has come to attempt the collection of a Revenue from these tribes. Mr. Russell the Commissioner during former Gumsur disturbances was of opinion that any revenue we could expect would be insufficient to repay the difficulty of collection and the risk of exciting resistance among people whom it would be a very expensive undertaking to coerce. It is not my object however in addressing you at present to discuss the question but merely to suggest that any steps such as those taken by the Deputy Magistrate should be preceded by some communication from yourself and that the matter should receive previous consideration as the Meriah Agents have hitherto impressed upon the Khonds that the measures of the British Government had sole reference to the suppression of human sacrifices and were not in view to collecting a Revenue.

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No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1859, No. 379.

Resolved that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India, and that a copy of it be furnished to the Collector of Ganjam in reference to his letter of the 10th Instant.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

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No. 5. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INEIA, IN THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, dated Fort Saint George, 25th June 1859, No. 380.

SIR,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Government of India the accompanying copy of a letter from the Government Agent in Ganjam,

*giving cover to a letter which* he has addressed to the Commissioner of Cuttack on the subject of measures taken by the Deputy Magistrate of Boad towards the levy of a tribute from the Khond Malias.

2. This Government continues to hold the opinion expressed in the letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated the 2nd October 1856, No. 329. It appears to them that our true Policy in relation to semi-barbarous, semi-independent states of this description, is to have as few irritative questions with them as possible, and to confine ourselves to the exercise of a general beneficial influence over their proceedings. The Governor in Council are persuaded that such tribute as it would be possible to obtain from them would be more than counterbalanced by the liability to periodical military expeditions consequent upon our interference. In this case, also, in addition to the general question of Policy, expectations were held out to these tribes by the highest local authority as stated in the letter above adverted to, that they would not be subjected to any burden by the British Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd, A. P. W. Begbie.

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for his information
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Fort St George
25 June 1839.

Govt. of Bombay
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To The Secy: to the Govt. of India. F. D.

Dated 25 June 1859.

Rd. 1st Aug. 1859.

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Forwarding with this Govt. opinion the letter from the agent in Gunjam giving Cover to one addressed to the Commr. of Cuttack on the subject of measures taken by the Dt. Magte. of Boad towards the levy of a tribute from the Khond Chiefs.

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