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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 11*th March* 1861.

No. 16. Read the following letter from H. L. ANDERSON, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Madras, dated 2nd March 1861, No. 892.

I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Government of Madras, the accompanying copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel C. P. Rigby, Her Majesty's Consul and British Agent at Zanzibar, dated the 26th November last, No. 77, relative to a native of Johanna calling himself "Prince Abodon."

2. In forwarding this communication I am desired to intimate that the statement made by Lieutenant Colonel Rigby is perfectly correct.

From Lieutenant Colonel C. P. RIGBY, Her Majesty's Consul, to the Secretary to Government, Political Department, dated Zanzibar, 26th November 1860, No. 77.

A few days ago I received intelligence from Johanna that a native of that Island, who calls himself "Prince Abodon," but whose real name is "Abdallabin Allawee," and who is a complete swindler, has recently left Johanna and proceeded to Madras.

2. As he will in all probability endeavor to obtain pecuniary assistance from the Madras Government, I beg to inform you of what I know regarding him.

3. Abdallabin Allawee, *alias* "Prince Abodon," is a young man who speaks English remarkably well, he has a very plausible manner, and usually dresses in richly embroidered cloth jackets. Some years ago he got into trouble from being concerned in the slave trade at Johanna. He then went to La-Kinmon, and afterwards to Mauritius. He there applied to the Government for pecuniary assistance, a reference regarding his position and character was made to Her Majesty's Consul for the Comoro Isles, and the reply being unsatisfactory, he left the Island, having before his departure swindled a merchant, a friend of the Consul, out of a sum of one hundred and ninety-six Dollars.

4. He next appeared at Bombay, where by his false representations he induced the Government to allow him five Rupees a day, and he also imposed on the Missionaries by pretending to be converted to Christianity. He remained at Bombay for several months and then was forwarded to Kurrachee en-route to Johanna; he remained at Kurrachee for about a year receiving five Rupees a day, and then was sent to Muscat—on his arrival there he induced the British Agent to give him money and returned to Kurrachee; he was again sent to Muscat and provided with a passage to this Port. I made him an allowance whilst here and paid his passage to Johanna, and a few days after he left, I discovered that he had swindled a British subject here out of one hundred and fifty Dollars, under the pretence of procuring the release from prison of the man's brother, who had been convicted of selling five females into slavery.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. L. ANDERSON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1861, No. 142.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter and its enclosure be forwarded by the next Steamer to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, the Government of India, and the Government of Ceylon, in reference to past correspondence regarding the mission of the party alluded to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
11th March 1861.

No. 18. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated Fort Saint George, 11th March 1861, No. 143.

With reference to my letter dated the 17th December last, No. 4, Secret Department, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to transmit for the information of the Government of India a copy of one and its enclosure from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay regarding the position and character of the person styling himself Colonel Abodon, Prince of Johanna, who recently visited Madras on an alleged mission from the Sultan of that Island.

Dated 2nd March 1861, *No.* 892, *with one from Lieut.-Colonel Rigby, dated 26th November* 1860, *No.* 77.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 19. To the Colonial Secretary at Colombo, dated Fort Saint George, 11th March 1861, No. 144.

From the Colonial Secy. at Colombo, 2nd Feb. 1861, *No.* 14.
To do. *11th* „ „ „ 91.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to transmit for the information of the Government of Ceylon a copy of a letter and its enclosure from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, regarding the position and character of the person styling himself Colonel Abodon, Prince of Johanna, who recently visited Madras on an alleged mission from the Sultan of that Island.

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The Secretary to the Govt of India.
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