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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
25th March 1861.*

No. 58. Read the following letter from C. U. AITCHISON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 5th March 1861, No. 965.

Foreign Department,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward, for communication to Mr. Maltby, of the Civil Service, the accompanying copy of a Despatch, No. 9, dated the 24th January last, from the Secretary of State for India, relating to Mr. Maltby's removal from the Commissionership of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

From the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated London, 24th January 1861, N. 9.

1. I have had under my consideration in Council your Excellency's letter of the 22nd of October (No. 145) relating to the removal of Mr. Maltby of the Madras Civil Service from the Commissionership of the Assigned Districts of Hyderabad, together with all former papers bearing upon the same subject.

2. Mr. Maltby having been appointed to the Honorable and responsible Office of Resident at Travancore, an appointment abundantly testifying the confidence reposed in his zeal, ability and integrity, by the Government of Madras, I had hoped that it would not be necessary for Her Majesty's Government to express any opinion respecting the unfortunate conflicts of authority in past years, which rendered it expedient, in your Excellency's opinion, that he should not resume the duties of Commissioner in the Assigned Districts on his return to India.

3. As Mr. Maltby, however, subsequently to his appointment to the Travancore Residency has again pressed for the decision of Her Majesty's Government on his case, and as I am now in possession of your Excellency's final remarks on the subject, I have to inform you that upon a full consideration of all the circumstances of Mr. Maltby's official conduct as Commissioner of the Assigned Districts of Hyderabad, whilst I fully recognize his zeal and ability, and do not doubt that he honestly interpreted, according to his convictions, the original instructions received from your Government, (which in some parts appear to have been not very distinctly worded) I am of opinion that after the discussions which had taken place, there was no prospect of the restoration of that harmony which ought, at all times, to exist between the Resident and the Officer in Civil charge of the Assigned Districts and I am satisfied therefore that the interests of the Public Service required that the Administration of these Districts should be placed in other hands.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. U. AITCHISON,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 59.

ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1861, No. 165.

Ordered accordingly to be communicated to Mr. F. N. Maltby.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order there on 25 March 1861, No 165.

Ordered accordingly
to be communicated to Mr. H. R.
Matthey.

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To H. R. Matthey Esq. } Dep^d 26-3-61.
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