

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. *91*

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Dated *11 - 2 - 1861*

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

No. 23. Read the following letter from WILLIAM C. GIBSON, Esq., Colonial Secretary at Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd February 1861, No. 14.

An individual styling himself the Prince of Johanna having come here, and shown a Passport from the Madras Government, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that the Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council will be good enough to give any information they can afford about him, especially as he has made a further application for money, after having so recently received an advance from the Madras Government.

No. 24. To the Colonial Secretary at Colombo, dated Fort Saint George, 11th February 1861, No. 91.

* No. 14. In reply to your letter* of the 2nd instant, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to state that the individual therein alluded to arrived at Madras, from Johanna in the month of December last, by the Merchant Ship "Agincourt" on a mission to this Government from his Uncle the Sultan of the Comooroo Islands in the Mozambique channel. He brought credentials from the Sultan attested by the Captain and first Officer of the "Agincourt," and there seems no reason to doubt that he is the person whom he represents himself to be. The matter on account of which he was sent by the Sultan was one of which the Madras Government were not competent to dispose of on their own authority, and could only refer for the instructions of the Home Government and Government of India. The Prince was informed of this and advised to return to his own country. Sixteen hundred Rupees were given him by the Government to defray his charges here and the expenses of his voyage home. He left Madras by the last P. and O. Steamer for Ceylon, where, as he stated, he hoped to find opportunities of proceeding to Mozambique and thence to Johanna. It is believed that partly from his having somewhat needlessly protracted his stay at Madras and perhaps from some improvidence on his part, the money given him by this Government was nearly exhausted before he left this place. It seems desirable that he should be sent to Mozambique or Johanna by the first opportunity that may present itself.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Political Department

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I have &c.

Fort St. George,
11th February 1844.

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Postcard 1861. Rogers

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To

The Colonial Secretary
at London

11 February 61.

Furnishing, as
requested, information
regarding the Service
of Rogers who is
stated to have arrived
at Coligny -