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Political DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
5th October 1863.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from J. T. WHEELER, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 10th September 1863, Circular No. 396.

I am directed to forward to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Agent to the Governor General for Central India, No. 4, dated 16th April last, and with reference to the 1st paragraph thereof to request that, should any orders or rules be forthcoming in your office for regulating the Insignia of the nature alluded to, you will, with the permission of the Governor in Council, submit a copy of the same for the information of His Honor the President in Council.

COPY.

(No. 4 of 1863.)

From Major R. J. MEADE, Agent to Governor General for Central India; to Colonel H. M. DURAND, c. n., Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor General, dated Indore Residency, 16th April 1863, General No. 39.

I have the honor to request the favor of your informing me if any orders have ever been issued by the Government of India, limiting or defining the Insignia (Muratib) in use with the dependent States subordinate to its authority, or laying down any Rules regarding the assumption or exhibition in public, of such Insignia, by such States.

2. The immediate cause for my being forced to solicit information on this subject, is a serious dispute thereon between the Chiefs of Rutlam and Sillana, which has been going on for some time; the former objecting to the assumption by the latter of certain Insignia which Rutlam asserts Sillana has never been authorized to bear, and his arrogation and public use of which he regards as an insult to himself, as the senior branch of the family.

3. Sillana, on the other hand, maintains that he has an equal right with Rutlam to use the Insignia objected to by the latter, while he denies the Rutlam Chief's pretension to dictate to or interfere with him in any way, whether in this or any other matter.

4. The dispute is a delicate one to adjust, owing to the conflicting nature of the evidence adduced on either side, and the well-known extreme tenacity with which Rajpoot Chiefs and their people cling to usages and distinctions of the nature under advertence, and still more to the peculiar relative social and local position of the two Chiefs, their villages being intermixed, while they have mutual claims on certain branches of each other's revenues. But for these circumstances, the simplest plan would be to interdict either party's intruding on the other's territory, till they came to an understanding on the question at issue between them, or till it was otherwise adjusted; and this I have enjoined on both of them, so far as compliance therewith is practicable.

It is, however, very necessary, that the case should be authoritatively decided, as, till it be so, there is constant risk of the dispute leading to open violence.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. T. WHEELER.

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 16. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, Fort William, dated Fort Saint George, 5th October 1863, No. 302.

In acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Assistant Secretary Wheeler's letter of the 10th ultimo, I am directed by the Governor in Council to inform you that there are no orders or rules on the records of this Office for regulating the Insignia in use with Native States subordinate to this Government.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Political Department.
No. 302.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

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For S. George
5th Oct. 1833

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