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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,  
13th November 1869.*

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Read the following papers:—

No. 86. From the Acting Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chetterpore, 22nd October 1869, No. 99.

With reference to the Government Order, No. 1369, of the 2nd instant, I have the honour to report that the Sowrahs residing in the hill tracts of this district are perfectly quiet, and that I do not, therefore, apprehend any obstruction from them in the prosecution of the survey of these hill tracts by Colonel Saxton's party within this district.

2. I am, however, unable to speak so confidently of the Sowrahs of Puttasingy valley on the borders of the Vizagapatam Hills, and beg to enclose copies of two letters received from the Acting Principal Assistant Agent, and the Acting Superintendent of Police on the subject.

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ENCLOSURES 2.—Copies of letters from the Acting Principal Assistant Agent and Acting Superintendent of Police.

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No. 87. From Colonel G. H. SAXTON, Deputy Superintendent, No. 3, Topographical Survey Party, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 29th October 1869, No. 136.

I have the honour to request that I may be favoured with instructions with reference to my letter, No. 114, dated 17th September ultimo, regarding the state of the Sowrah country. I have been in communication with the Inspector-General of Police, and with the Collector and Governor's Agent in Vizagapatam, and am not satisfied that the question of prosecuting or deferring the work should be left for my own decision. Mr. Minchin thinks the survey might be carried on, but he would rather prefer that progress should be made in the survey of Jeypore proper. The local Police Superintendent thinks that no hinderance would be shown by the Sowrahs. These opinions are coupled with doubts especially on the part of the Inspector-General, and it appears that disaffected men, though amnestied, have not come in, or accepted the offered pardon. Under these circumstances, if the question is left to me, I shall not send my Surveyors into that portion of country for the present, (they can be equally well employed elsewhere,) but would myself go there and complete the preliminary triangulation, which would be much more conveniently done a season before the detail is commenced. Even if disturbed by any untoward conduct on the part of the hill tribes the consequences would not interfere with my party getting a good outturn of work. I would therefore, unless advised to the contrary, proceed myself for triangulation into the Sowrah country; but unless the Police Department can decidedly guarantee my detail Surveyors against hostile hinderances, I will not send them there, but employ my whole party in Jeypore proper.

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*13th November 1869.*

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No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1869, No. 1553.

Resolved that Colonel Saxton be informed that the Government approve of his proposal to defer, for the present, sending his Surveyors to the Sowrah Hill country, and that he should himself go there and complete the preliminary triangulation.

(True Extract.)

*Chief Secretary.*

To Colonel G. H. Saxton.

To the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Vizagapatam.

„ Do. do. in Ganjam,  
„ Inspector-General of Police.

Camp Berhampore  
14<sup>th</sup> October 1869

N<sup>o</sup> 426

From

Lt. W. H. St. A. Milton  
Acting Superintendent of  
Police, Ganjam

To

The Agent to the Governor  
in Ganjam

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo N<sup>o</sup> 93 of the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant together with the Order of Government N<sup>o</sup> 1369; and in reply thereto to inform you that the Sourah population throughout the Hill range of the Ganjam District is in a perfectly undisturbed state.

The unsurveyed portion of the Sourah country in Ganjam commences about Patros, and extends through the greater portion of the Parla Nimidi and the whole of the Parla Nimidi Hill range to the Puttasinghy valley, which is the Vizagapatnam boundary. I am confident that the Sourahs living in these parts of the Ganjam Hills, all of whom are quiet men and well disposed towards the Patros and Bisoyes, to whom they are subservient, will neither be able nor inclined to offer any obstruction to the prosecution of Col. Saxton's proceedings.

Patros of  
"Ramgiri"  
"Noagadda"  
"Hardango" &c &c  
Bisoyes of  
"Georghe"  
"Goomah"  
"Waziganah"

I am unable to speak thus confidently about the Sourahs of the Puttasinghy valley, (our boundary on the Vizag side) and much fear that they are by no means so peaceably disposed.

I have been  
Signed: W. H. St. A. Milton  
Superintendent Police  
Ganjam

True Copy

Chatterpore  
22<sup>nd</sup> October 1869

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To

GEORGE H. SEXTON  
Agent to the Governor

Dated November 13<sup>th</sup>

Recd.

G. O. 13<sup>th</sup> November 1869 No. 1553

NOVEMBER.  
Nos. 86-88.

Approving of the course proposed by Col. Saxton to defer, for the present, sending the Surveyors to the Sourah Hill Tracts, and to send himself there and to complete the preliminary triangulation.

No 76.

Priv: exp<sup>tt</sup> Agents' Office  
Chicago 16<sup>th</sup> October 1869.

To  
 Es: H: Ellis Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Ag: Agent to the Governor  
 of Louisiana.

Miss,

27/69. 286.

Copy of letter from  
Mr. W. A. C. to  
Mr. W. A. C. dated  
1864. A. 126.

one else in the district, so perhaps it  
might be advisable to consult him.

I donot think that there would be  
any reason for Col: Saxton's Surveyors  
to dread unfriendly hinderances to their  
work, if the good will of the Rissoyes  
were secured before hand and this (if  
the work is resolved on) will be the care  
of myself and the manager of the Parla  
Kinedy Estate..

I have Y<sup>ea</sup> - Y<sup>ea</sup> - Y<sup>ea</sup>.

/Signed/ James Hope.

Ag: J<sup>o</sup>l. & J<sup>ett</sup>. Agent.

/True Copy/

James Hope

Acting Agent to the Governor.

Copied by J<sup>o</sup>l. by  
Mundaram { H. Johnson,  
3<sup>d</sup> Clerk. Head Clerk

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Enclosure No 2 is a letter  
from the H. Agent  
to the Governor re  
paying to the de  
partment to Government  
No. 2. Lord George  
dated the 22<sup>d</sup> Oct 1869  
M. 99

Copy of letter from  
the H. Agent  
to the H. Agent  
dated the 16 October  
1869. No 76.-

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From the Agent to the Governor  
of Fort St. George, Ganjam } H.E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1869, No 99.  
From the Dy. Supt. & Topo-  
graphical Survey Party } H.E. 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1869, No 156.

Order thereon 13 November 1869, No 1583

Resolved that  
Colonel Saxon be informed  
that ~~he may conduct the~~  
~~survey of the hill tracts~~  
~~as proposed in his letter~~  
~~above mentioned.~~

2/1583

The Govt approve of his purpose  
to defer <sup>for the present</sup> sending his surveyors  
to the Sownh Hill Country

10 Col. G. H. Saxon, Dy. Supt.  
Dy. Supt. & Topographical  
Survey Party, Orissa  
The Agents to the Governor  
in Vizagapatam & Ganjam  
The Chief of Police  
He should himself go there  
to complete the preliminary  
triangulation. P.M.

Memo for order.

He is to circulate a letter  
from Col Saxon in which  
he wishes the Govt to decide  
for him whether he should  
commence <sup>Survey</sup> operations in  
the Sownh hills - i.e. send  
the full staff of officers  
or merely go there himself  
to complete the preliminary  
triangulation.

The Agents at Vizagapatam  
& Ganjam pronounce  
the Sownh to be quiet  
& that there is no war -

preliminary to the survey  
at once being begun  
Major Hearn, whose  
note is enclosed, thinks  
that it would be better  
to defer this until  
the detailed operations  
2 let Col. Saxton carry  
out what he evidently  
prefers his own preliminary  
manipulation  
Although the Surveys

44 Nov: +

My dear Ellis

I send draft of  
my last letter to Col.  
Saxton. The local Police  
Officers seem anxious  
that the whole survey  
should be carried out  
this year - but Col. Saxton  
himself would evidently

prefer to complete before  
and I gather that Dr.  
Murchie W<sup>d</sup> prefers this  
also - Under these circum-  
stances I think it W<sup>d</sup> be  
better for M. S. to restrict  
his operations this year  
to the personal triangulation  
he speaks of - & to leave  
in his subordinate dis-  
posed next year - Mean-

while the Torralba will  
be prepared to compre-  
hend what the survey  
means. Altho' it is very  
improbable that any  
disturbance would result  
this year, yet it is possible,  
it is not time to fight  
when the purse is empty.

Yours truly  
C. L. Ham

are quit. They have  
had to receive the new  
Police parts - and a  
numerous parties of  
mourners going among  
them might be misin-  
-terpreted & lead to  
disturbances. On the  
whole I submit that  
Col Saxon may be left  
to do as he himself  
proposes - R.R.

Yours A.S.  
W.D.

10.11.2020

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