

No 181

H. H. the Maharajah's College
Shivandrum 6th July 1892.

To

The Dewan of
Shivaneore

Sir,

* herewith
returned

With reference to your letter
No 4422 dated 15th Uthiro and its
enclosure, I have the honor to inform
you that Mr Sundaram Pillay is
willing to assist as far as he can in
ethnographical research in Shivaneore.
I enclose a letter in original I have
received from him on the subject.

2. I may also mention that if
any anthropometric measurements
or data be required I should myself
be glad to assist in their collection,
provided the proper apparatus (details
of which I can furnish to Government
if desired) be supplied.

3. If His Highness' Government
wishes the matter to be gone into
further by Mr Sundaram Pillay or my-
self, I would be obliged if as a
preliminary

preliminary step, they would obtain for our use from the Government of India, either one or possibly two copies of Mr. Risley's Ethnographical Glossary (two volumes each).

I have &c
(signed) A. Brichtow Mitchell
Adj. Principal.

Travancore
3² July 1892.

My dear Sir,

In returning herewith the papers sent along with your note of the 1st Instant I beg to say I have always taken a deep interest in the Ethnology of the Southern Districts of this Presidency, and should be most happy to render what humble service I can in the cause of that science in Travancore, as far as my other duties and circumstances would permit. From its peculiarly fortunate historical circumstances and equally peculiar geographical isolation, Travancore promises a rich field of inquiry in every department

department of Archaeology. Among its varied Dravidian population, are sure to be found innumerable customs, manners & traditions described in ancient Tamil treatises, but no longer current in Districts that have been all along exposed to greater and more effective foreign influences. It was but 2 or 3 months ago, I was able to identify what is called the 'bruthe' or village feast performed to this day in these parts as a charm against small-pox, with a similar ancient but extinct institution among all the Dravidians from Mysore to Ceylon, attributed in Tamil classics, to an event that is believed by scholars to have occurred in Madura, about 2000 years ago. I have already applied privately to the Census Commissioner in Travancore for certain statistics & particulars.

particulars to help me in my inquiries and he has kindly promised to favor me with them as soon as the final results are fully tabulated. Under such circumstances I should be only thankful, if I could have the guidance of eminent European scholars like Mr. Risley.

As for anthropometric measurements, I believe, they might be easily made if the requisite instruments are obtained.

I am &c
/s/ P. Sundaram Pillay M.A.
Dr. A. Brighton Mitchell

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(True copies) /s/ K. Rama Rao
Deewan.

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Resident's Office,

Tirunelveli 15th July 1892

From

J. C. Manjappa Esq.
Resident in Travancore and Cochin,

To

The Hon'ble J. F. Price

Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George

Re,

I have the honor, in reference to Government Order 24th November 1891, No. 989, and 10th April 1892 No. 220, to state that I learn from the Dewan of Travancore that Dr. A. Crichton Mitchell Principal of the Maharaja's College, and Mr. P. Sundaram Pillay M. A. Professor of Philosophy in the same college are willing to assist in Ethnographical research in Travancore.

I forward copies of letters to the Dewan from these gentlemen, and would suggest that their proposals be submitted to the Government of India.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most obedt. Servt.
Manjappa
Resident.

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From

The Resident in Travancore & Cochin.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

Dated

15. July.

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Noting that D. A. C.
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P. Sundaram Pillay
of the Travancore
College are willing
to assist in Ethno-
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in Travancore and
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proposals be sub-
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the willingness of Dr.
A. C. Mitchell & Mr. P.
Sunderam Pillay of
the Government College
to assist in Ethnogra-
phic Research in
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