

ORDINARY, MS.

Public DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED 10-12-93
No. 623.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Suppose my dear friend
India that the at-
tention made in the
proceedings for certain individuals
of known talent regarding
the handicrafts & museum
to which persons &
these are exposed but
not found within the
knowledge of the public
and it appears that a
large number of them
have not been to these.

Special Assistant Magistrate

Camp. Caliyam, 14th July 1892

To,

The District Magistrate
of Malabar.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter dated May 28th 1892 Ref No. 1156 of 98 I have the honor to report as follows:-

2. I have made personal inquiries among some of the signatories of the petition in question. I sent notices to a certain number of the petitioners, taking a few at random from each pancham. The result of my enquiries goes to show that a large proportion of the petitioners have not been to Mecca and that the facts mentioned in the petition are only known to them by hearsay. Those of the Moplahs however who have been to Mecca all agree in stating that the Turkish Government levy duty at Jeddah on the articles taken by pilgrims for their private consumption. The men whom I questioned differ as to whether any duty is levied on rice, but all agree that the spices,

spices, betel nut &c are taxed, however small the quantity may be and that each pilgrim has to pay a quarantine charge.

3. I have the honor to enclose some notes taken by me of the statements made by some of the petitioners. A large proportion of the men whom I sent for did not attend, probably because they knew very little of the contents of the petition which they signed, and were not prepared to be questioned about it. From the statements of those who did present themselves and also from what I learnt from others whom I questioned casually, I have no doubt that the duties mentioned by the petitioners are levied at Jadda by the officials of the Turkish Government, and that the Mohlah pilgrims find these impositions of these duties a considerable hardship.

4. The petition is herewith returned

I have &c.

Edw. A. R. Knapp.

Ag. Spl. Assistant Magistrate.

True Copy.

Arthur Bradley

Magistrate.

Enclosure to District Magistrate's
letter dated 20th July 1893 n^o 5382

Enclosure n^o 1

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Malabar Dist Magistrate Office
Calicut July 20, 1893.

From,

H. Bradley Esq.

District Magistrate of Malabar

To,

The Honble J. F. Price

Chief Secretary to Government

Public Department.

Sir,

With reference to the Endorsement
in G.O. R. N^o 426 n^o 682 dated April 10, 1893 upon a Com-
munication from the Government of India
dated March 28, 1893 and G.O. dated
May 16 1893 R. N^o 518 I have the honor
to forward a copy of letter Refon C ²¹/_{m.s}
dated July 14 1893 from the Special Assis-
tant Magistrate. It will be seen that most
of the Signatories of the petition, which
is returned herewith, have no personal
experience of the hardships complained of
by them, but that the Special Assistant
Magistrate is satisfied that their Complaints
are real.

2. I trust that this letter contains
all the information required by Government,
but unfortunately the Government Endorse-
ment of the 10th April 1893 n^o 682 which
was

was returned with my letter of the 10th April Report No. $\frac{1156}{m}$ was not again sent to me with G.O. dated May 16, 1893 R. No. 518. It is hardly worth while to delay this report any further.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedt servant.

Harold Bradley

By District Magistrate.

SECRET NO 3

Pub Dept

From

The Asst Secy
Malabar

Pub go no 518
4268 21-4-93
106-107 29-2-93

To

The Chief Secretary
Public
Govt Madras

SECRET
24 JUL 93
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 20-7-93

And
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Order.

The foregoing letter with its
enclosure and the petition from the Moplah
inhabitants will be forwarded to the
Govt of India Foreign Deptt with
reference to the letter from that Deptt
no 732. P dt 20th March 1893.

Encl. f. 3.

Forwarding a copy of the
Asst Secy's letter re the
petition of certain Moplahs
of South Malabar complaining
of the hardships they were ob-
liged to during their pilgrimages
to Mecca with remarks.

Madras office
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Re

Copy to the Govt of India
Foreign Deptt.

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Please see letter herewith
submitted. I regret I was
misled by G.O. 9-2-93 No 106
which I took as a precedent.
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[Faint handwritten notes in right margin]

C. No. 2003.

Letter 10 August 1893. No. 623.

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To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Foreign Department.

Sir,

with ^{IN} ^{N.S.} ^{translation}

In para 2 of Mr Williams' letter of 28th March 1892, No. 732 C. this Government was requested to report whether any steps had been taken to ascertain how far the Memorial from certain Moplah inhabitants of the Ernad Taluk in the Malabar District of this Presidency regarding the hardships and inconvenience to which pilgrims to Mecca are exposed, represented a genuine expression of public opinion and to what extent the signatories had personally ex-
-perienced them. In reply I am directed to say that from enquiries made by the Special Assistant ^{Magistrate} Collector, Malabar it appears that a large proportion of the Memo-
-rialists have not been to Mecca and that the ^{allegations made} ~~facts mentioned~~ in the Memorial are ^{not facts within their} ~~only known~~ knowledge but are merely based on hearsay.

W. J. G.

Memorial by the People
Inhabitants of Malabar
re banishment of
by Pilgrims to Mecca.

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