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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th September 1857.

No. 56. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Canara; to H. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to Government Fort St. George; dated Mangalore 17th September 1857, No. 40.

SIR,

* To Government 23d June 1857.

From do. 31st July "

† From the Ag. Agent of the Steamer dated 15th September.

To do. 16th do.

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With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin,* I have the honor to state for the information of Government that the hired Transport Steamer "Pioneer" touched at this port late in the evening of the 15th Instant with provisions for the relief of the Laccadive Islands. I beg likewise to forward transcript of some correspondence† that passed between myself and the Acting Master and Agent of the vessel, from which you will be able to gather what arrangements have been made in connection with this transaction.

From A. CARNCROSS, Esq., Acting Master and Transport Agent; to the Collector of Canara, dated 15th September 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to report the arrival of the hired Transport Steam Vessel "Pioneer" having left Bombay on the 8th Instant, and Cannanore on the 15th.

Accompanying is a copy of my sailing orders from Commodore G. G. Wellesley, C. B. R. N. Commander-in-Chief Indian Navy.

By Commodore G. G. Wellesley C. B. R. N. Commander-in-Chief Indian Navy.

On receipt of this, and having embarked the provisions intended to be shipped by the Commissariat Department, it is my direction that you put to sea in the hired Transport "Pioneer" and proceed to Cannanore, where you will land such portion of the provisions as may be consigned to that place.

2. Having so done you will proceed to Mangalore, where you will endeavour to communicate with the Collector of Canara for the purpose of ascertaining at which of the Laccadives Islands it is desired you should deposit provisions.

3. A communication has already been made to the Collector of Canara desiring him in the event of the weather and surf being such as to prevent your vessel's boats from effecting a landing at Mangalore, to send off the required information by a Massula Boat, or if that be impracticable, to make it known by means of Marryat's signals.

Chillat.....500 Bags.
Keltan.....500 "
Aumie.....} 500 "
Cudmat.....}

4. The names of four of the Islands at which it has been ascertained you are required to call, are given in the margin, but it may so occur that relief may be required by the inhabitants of others.

5. Having accomplished the above service you will return hither with all practicable expedition, calling at Quilon and Mangalore for any Treasure the Authorities at those places may wish to ship for Bombay.

Given under my hand at Bombay the 7th day of September 1857.

(Signed) GEORGE G. WELLESLEY,
Commandr. in Chief I. N.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Acting Collector.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Canara; to A. CARNCROSS, Esq., Acting Master and Agent Steam Vessel "Pioneer" Mangalore Roads; dated 16th September 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at 8 P. M. of your letter of yesterday's date with accompaniment, and in reply to inform you, that the Karkoon (Monegar) and a Peon attached to the Islands will be ready to embark at any hour, you may name. I am sorry, that my

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செப்பனிகுபவர்காக எடுத்தக் 11/2006.
கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள்.

செப்பனிகு முடிந்த நாள் 3/2007

சுரபார்க்கும்
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information in regard to the necessities of the Islands is too vague, and incomplete to enable me to indicate to you the easiest and most direct mode of distributing the supplies, you convey for their relief, but the Monegar is an old and experienced servant, and will on your arrival at the group place himself in communication with the Headmen, and ascertain how this can be best effected. The quantities of rice entered in the 4th para. of your sailing orders, represent my estimate of the probable requirements of the more necessitous Islands of the group, but you may find on arrival that considerable modifications are necessary.

The Monegar is unacquainted with English, but speaks Hindoostanee, in which language you will probably be able to hold conversation with him.

To prevent future confusion and facilitate the ultimate adjustment of accounts, you will no doubt have a care, that accurate statements of the quantities of rice left for distribution and other particulars are forthcoming on your arrival at Bombay.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector; to A. CARNCROSS, Esq., Acting Master and Agent Steam Vessel "Pioneer"; Mangalore Roads, dated Mangalore, 16th September 1857.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter of this morning and with reference to a recent conversation, I have the honor to add for your information that it is very probable, that you will find on arrival at Ameenie (the point apparently most central and easiest of access) that intercommunication is already open between the several Islands of the group.

In this case, it would, it strikes me, save time and expense, were you on arrival to ascertain through the monegar and headmen, what quantity of rice would be required and depositing the same at Ameenie, leave the people to effect its further distribution in their own vessels.

The Islands at Chitlat and Keltan are those, which demand our chief consideration, as they are the worst supplied, and most remote. It would be necessary, therefore, to ascertain, that they are accessible to native craft before abandoning the original design of visiting them severally in the "Pioneer."

My estimate of supplies required is, as I have already stated, a very rough one, you may therefore find on visiting the Islands, that this deficiency has been greatly overrated. In that case, and considering, that several of the storm-staid Koondries are already on the eve of return to the Islands with considerable supplies, it may not be necessary to deposit more than a small portion of the provisions, you have in charge, when the remainder might be brought back, and disposed of on the coast or at Bombay, as might be considered most advantageous.

The Monegar has been placed under your orders during such time, as you are in the neighbourhood of the Islands, and will grant you receipts for all rice delivered to him on their account.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Acting Collector.

From Mr. Acting Master A. CARNCROSS; to J. D. ROBINSON Esq., Acting Collector of Canara; dated Steam Vessel "Pioneer" 16th September 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a continuation of your letter of this day's date, and beg to inform you that, I shall act according to your suggestions.

The "Pioneer" will leave the port at about 2 A. M. on the 17th, so as to enable our arrival off the Islands at daylight on the following morning, having completed the service that is required at the Islands, I shall call at Quilon and Mangalore.

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Acting Collector.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, No. 1002; dated 29th September 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Collector's Office
Mangalore, 16th September
1857

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J. D. Robinson Esq.
Acting Collector of Canara

A. Carncross Esq.
Acting Master & Agent
Steam Vessel Pioneer
Mangalore Roads

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Signed J. D. Robinson
Off Collector

Mangalore 16th Sept 1857

A Carnarvon Esq
Sole Master and Agent
Steam Ship Pioneer.

Mangalore Roads.

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I have the honor to be,
Sincerely,
Yours,
J. Robinson

True Copy

J. Robinson

By Capt.

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From

Wm Acting Master A farmcrop

To

J D Robinson Esq

Acting collector of Customs

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Steam Vessel "Pioneer"

September 16. 1857

Chas J. A. farmcrop
By Master

Wm Robinson

Acting Collector

To The collector of Customs

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In a letter from the
Acting Master of Customs
at 17th Sept 1857.
J D R

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Copy of letter from N^o 1002. Date

Sept 15th 1857

Direct Transport S^t. Pioneer
September 15th 1857

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Sir,

I have the honor to report
the arrival of the Direct Transport
Steam Ship Pioneer having left Bombay
on the 8th Instant, and arrived
on the 15th.

Accompanying is a copy
of my sailing orders from
by J. W. M. Esq. C. B. Esq. Commander
in Chief Indian Navy.

To
The Collector
of Customs.

I have your
Obedient Servant
J. W. M. Esq. C. B. Esq.
Commander in Chief Indian Navy.

By Command J. W. M. Esq. C. B. Esq.
Commander in Chief Indian Navy.

On receipt of this, and
having embarked the provisions intended
to

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A letter from the
Collector of Customs
dated 17th Sept 1857
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to be shipped by the Company's
Departments it is my direction that
you put to sea in the Steam Transport
"Plover" and proceed to Cannanore
where you will land such portion
of the Provisions as may be consigned
to that place.

2. Having so done you will
proceed to Mangalore where you will
endeavour to communicate with the collector
of Amara for the purpose of ascer-
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3. Communication has already
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to prevent your Supply Boats from ef-
fecting a landing at Mangalore, to
send off the required information
by a Supply Boat, or if that
be impracticable, to make it known
by means of Mangalore signals.

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Pembay

Bombay -

Given under my hand at
Bombay the 7th day of Sept 1857
Signed George F. W. M. D.
Agent in Charge S. P.

(True copies)

L. M. D.
Agent Collector

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Collector's Office
Mangalore 17th September 1857

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From

J. D. Robinson Esq.
Acting Collector of Mangalore
To H. Forbes Esq.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Madras

With reference to the case

To Govt. 23 June 1857
From D. 21 July "

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From the Ag. Agents to Government transcript of some correspondence
of the Steamer etc.
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Ag. Collector of Mangalore
dated 17th Sept 1857.
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Acting Secretary and Agent of the Dept.
from which you will be able to gather
what arrangements have been made
in connection with this transaction

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant

J. M. McKim

Acting Secretary

W. D. P.

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From the Collector of
Canada

To Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

Sept. 14th 1857

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From the Collector of Canada
to Sept 14th 1857 C. M. 11/11

Report of the
arrived and departure
of Steamer "Power"
with provisions for
the relief of the
Succowon Islands
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