Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

6th Oct 1857

Book No 41 - 42

Order No 426 of 6th Oct 1857

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 6th October 1857.

No. 41. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Canara; to H. FORBES, Esqr. Secretary to Government Fort St. George; dated Mangalore, 21st September 1857, No. 42.

Sir,

1. In continuation of my letter of the 17th Instant, I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, copy of a letter received from the Acting Master of the "Pioneer" giving an account of the quantities of rice deposited by him at the Laccadive Islands.

2. I beg at the same time to explain for your information, translation of a report received from the Manager of the Islands, from which it would appear that 4 out of 5 vessels supposed to have been lost in the gale at the opening of the monsoon, reached their destinations in safety. The boats are to be kept that most of the other vessels which encountered it, will on further receipts be found to have arrived at their respective islands. The timely arrival of these vessels, would place Government in possession of a considerable portion of the rice, and relieve my original estimate by one half. Of the 5275 surplus bags, 1,000 were thrown into the estimate as a hap-hazard in case it might be found that the Islands belonged to the Beebee of Cannanore and attached to the Malabar District instead of this collectorate with our own. Those however were not visited, by the "Pioneer," and from what I have heard since I first wrote, there would not appear to be any special cause for interference on their behalf.

From Mr. A. H. CARNEGIE, Acting Master and Transport Agent; to J. D. ROBINSON, Esqr. Acting Collector of Canara dated Mangalore, 21st September 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the arrival of the transport steam vessel "Pioneer" from the Laccadive Islands having received rice at three of them as per margin.

Amendive	... ...	450 Bags.
Cadamat	... ...	300 "
Kiltan	... ...	175 "
Chitlat	... ...	850 "

There are however remaining on board the vessel 1,775 Bags.

I have touched at this place for any Treasure that may be required to be shipped for Bombay.

(True Copy.)

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

Translation of an Arzee from Cunnakoodeen, Monegar of Amendive; to J. D. ROBINSON, Esq. Acting Collector of Canara; dated 30th September 1857.

I beg to say that agreeably to orders directing me to proceed to the Laccadive Islands on board the Steamer "Pioneer" and land rice at the several Islands according to their respective wants, and make a report on the subject, I did so, and now beg to make the following reports. The quantity of rice landed was 725 bags, viz. 550 at Amendive and Codmat, 200 at Kittan, 175 at Chitlat, and they were delivered into the hands of the headmen of the respective islands. A Statement shewing the particulars of the distribution, will be forwarded bye and bye.

I beg further to state that the Paons and Currauies who left for the islands at the close of the season, have safely reached their respective destinations. Of the Koondras that left at the close of the season it appears to have safely come ashore, and of the fate of 1 nothing is yet known.

(True Translation.)

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

ORDER THEREON, No. 1026; dated 6th October 1857.

No. 42.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

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

Encl: in Lieut. Governor's Letter of 30th September 1807

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No. 1131
From
Maj. Colquhoun
(Cashiered)
To
Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

Date Rec'd 30th Sept. 1807
Rec'd 30th Sept. 1807 No. 12.

Encl: 2.

No. 1

Forwards for the information of Govt. copy of a letter from the Deputy Master of the Ordnance giving an account of the quantity of Stores landed at the Laccadive Islands together with the translation of a Report from the Inhabitants of the Islands.

No. 1020
Received
Fort St. George the 30th Sept.