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

No. 1. Read the following letter from G. F. FISCHER, Esq.; to the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, Fort St. George; dated Salem, 22d September 1857.

Sir,

Enclosed I beg to submit copy of a correspondence which I have had with the Collector of Salem, in regard to certain documents on which I founded charges of fraud, forgery and falsification of accounts against one of his Tahsildars, and which charges he disposed of in such a manner as obliged me to appeal to the Board of Revenue for redress a year and half ago, and failing to obtain it from them, nay any notice whatever to my application, to appeal to Government themselves on the 9th Instant.

I conceive I was justified under the circumstances of the case to write the letter, I did to the Collector, and consequently I now appeal to Government to interpose and oblige the Collector to give up the documents in question.

The proceedings held before the Collector abundantly prove that such documents were put in and were made the subject of investigation and yet are they withheld.

The Collector could not have been ignorant that the documents his Cutcherry withheld were the documents that I required, and he returned to me. The documents he did return me were of little or no importance and had he returned them, I should scarcely have taken the trouble to ask for them.

From G. F. FISCHER, Esq., to H. A. BRETT, Esq., Magistrate of Salem.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of date 7th Instant in reply to mine of the 1st idem.

In my letter of the 1st, I requested you to return me the documents that I had put in the late investigation (before you) in the Neykarputty case, and in your reply of the 7th you tell me that you do so, and send me some documents and with them a list of them.

These documents are not all that I delivered they are immaterial ones; the material ones have been withheld of these. I send a list and copies and beg they may be produced and delivered up.

I had heard that it had been discussed in the Cutcherry to suppress these documents in the hopes thereby of destroying my Client's case, and I am sorry to find you sanctioned the unworthy trick, but it cannot succeed as many copies of them exist, and they are embodied in the proceedings in the late investigation.

No. 270.

OFFICIAL MEMO.

The Collector of Salem thinks it proper to return the enclosed letter from Mr. Fischer dated 11th Instant, in which Mr. Fischer expresses his regret that the Collector "sanctioned the unworthy trick." The Collector must refuse to place on his records, or to answer, a letter containing a derogatory imputation, in respect to his conduct and proceedings.

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE ON CIRCUIT,
ANIMBADY,
16th September 1857.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,
Collector.

From G. F. FISCHER, Esq., to H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of Salem.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Official Memo. of the 16th Instant, returning me my letter of the 11th Instant in which I expressed "my regret that you had sanc-

tioned the unworthy trick and refusing to place on record or answer a letter containing a derogatory imputation in respect to your conduct and proceedings." That is you will allow your Cutcherry to play an unworthy trick for an unworthy trick it is I maintain to burke. Documents put in in an investigation, but will not allow a notice of it to be put on record. This is another specimen of the system which governs India. Things may be done which must not be published nor be put upon record nor be punished. The result of such a system is inevitable. But to return to the more immediate subject of this correspondence.

I apply for the restoration of certain documents which I had put in in an investigation before you and on which I founded and mainly rested certain charges of fraud, forgery and falsification of accounts against one of your Tahsildars, the one that has nigh involved the Baramahal in rebellion, and who ought to be on the roads if he had his deserts for the fraud, forgery and falsification of accounts whereby he has seized and annexed the valuable village of Neykarpatty for the small arrears of revenue and that a pretended one of 26 Rupees. This might have been done in a few minutes, but no, a week's delay takes place, and in the mean time I hear a report of a conspiracy in the Cutcherry to burke these damning documents but I did not believe it, at any rate I trusted that if it was attempted you would immediately discover and repress it, but at length when I do receive a reply from you I find the report confirmed and the documents wanting, and you pass it over and write me as if you sent me all the documents to which I was entitled. The first act that of your Cutcherry in suppressing the documents it was that I called an unworthy trick, and the second act that of your passing over the conduct of your Cutcherry it was that I designated as your sanctioning it, and as I know no other way of characterising the two actions I shall submit the question for the consideration of Government.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 1078; dated 21st October 1857.

Ordered that the letter above recorded be forwarded to the Collector of Salem for any observations he may wish to offer.

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

I give the respect confirmed p. the Commissioners
meeting & you seem to want me as if you
sent me all the Documents to which I am
entitled — The first act that of your Father
in suppressing the Dog it was that I called
an unmanly Insult, and the second act that
of your leaving even the conduct of your
Father very strange designated as your
sanctioning it, And as I know no necessary
of reconsidering the two actions I shall
submit the question for the consideration of
Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedt Servant.

(Signed) [illegible]

(Private copy)

Mr Wedderburn.

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Ordered that the
Petition be received &
referred to the Committee of
Claims for report
at the next meeting