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OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 770	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 14 — 5 — 1860.	

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No. 32. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. DAVIDSON, Resident at Hyderabad, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Hyderabad Residency, 5th May 1860, No. 952 :—

Regarding opposition offered by Zamíndárs, &c., to the advance of the Officer charged with the conveyance of Salt to the Depôt at the Manick-Deo-Kanta.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, No. 608, subject as per margin.

2. As the Minister was to breakfast with me on the 28th April, I afterwards, on proceeding to transact business with him, placed copy of the above letter in his hands, remarking that it was absolutely necessary to insist on all assistance being given to the Officers of the Madras Government in establishing Salt Depôts in British Territory.

No. 885.

3. He replied that he would adopt the most stringent measures, and address me hereafter on the subject. A copy of his note is herewith enclosed.

4. The Minister urged in conversation that the Zamíndárs on the banks of the Godavery were a lawless and uncivilized race, whom it was difficult to control, or from whom to exact obedience ; but that he would do all in his power to further the wishes of the Madras Government.

5. Knowing myself the wild and uncivilized inhabitants in the tracts of country where it is proposed to establish the Salt Depôts, I would strongly impress upon the Madras Government the necessity of the parties passing up the River being rendered for some time entirely independent of the people of the country, either as regards cooly labor or supplies. It would be impossible without sending Troops in order to coerce the people to enforce requisitions for either the one or the other, and much must depend on the conciliation and tact of the Officers entrusted with the charge and transit of the Salt, if it is expected that the measures of Government will be eventually successful, or that cooly labor and supplies will be furnished by the free and good will of the tribes who inhabit that lawless and jungly part of the country.

TRANSLATION.

Copy of a letter from Nauwáb MUKHTAR-UL-MULK, Bahádur, to Colonel DAVIDSON, dated 4th May 1860, (12th Shavwál 1276), No. 885.

Your kind letter under date the 8th Shavwál, No. 717, has been received, together with letter from Madras Government on the matter of establishing a Salt Kothí at Mánik-Deo-Gunta belonging to Nágpúr; the objections of Zamíndáris, &c., under this Government on that matter; as also that an Order be issued to the servants of this Government to treat with civility the gentlemen mentioned in the said letter, and to assist them with regard to supplies and other matters.

Dear Sir, the Government of Madras and yourself may rest satisfied that it is ever the desire of this Government in all matters connected with the Honorable (English) Government, that nothing be spared or neglected in affording every aid and assistance to the Officers of the said Government: and in this matter constant injunctions are made to the Ta'allugadárs, &c. At present, however, it is not mentioned in the letter of your Government who of this Government's servants have been negligent. If their names had been furnished, due investigation would have been instituted and the persons punished. But if the occurrence has taken place in the neighbourhood or desert (forest) of Paluncha, &c., it is not an unlikely matter, because it is a tract remote from civilized Districts; the people from want of education are like wild beasts, and reside principally in the jungles. I already mentioned this in my former letter, No. 179, dated 28th January 1858, (12th Jamadí-us-Sání, 1274); because I foresaw that difficulties would undoubtedly be met with there, and the probability is, that this complaint has been caused by these wild men.

Nevertheless, in accordance with your request, strict orders have been issued to all the servants of that neighbourhood to use their utmost effort in giving every aid and assistance to the Officers of the Honorable (English) Government in providing supplies, &c., and to evince all courtesy to the Gentlemen named in the letter under reply, and warning them that if the complaint be repeated they will be punished. What more ?

(True Translation.)

(Signed) E. BALFOUR,
Pers. and Hind. Trans. to Government.

No. 33.

ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1860, No. 770.

1. This letter will be transmitted to the Board of Revenue, together with translation of the enclosure, for communication to the Collector of Godavery, to Captain Stoddard, and to the Officer in immediate charge of the Salt Depôt.

2. Referring to the closing paragraph of Colonel Davidson's letter, the Government wish particularly to impress on Mr. Norton how much the success of the undertaking on which he is engaged must depend on his own forbearance, fair dealing, and conciliatory demeanour.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
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Your most Obt Servant

Gth Davidson
Resident

Revenue 1860 Depo
Proc of Govt 20th May.

No 975.

From the Resident
at Hydrabad.

Dated 5th
Recd 9th } May 1860

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No 770 of 14th May

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