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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 50. Read the following letter from Major E. K. ELLIOT, Commissioner of Nagpore, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Revenue Department, dated Nagpore, 3rd May 1860, No. 17.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 609, under date the 21st ultimo, with the enclosures quoted in the margin,* and with reference thereto, I enclose, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a copy of a letter addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Raepore on the subject of the complaint preferred by Captain Stoddard against the Bijji Táluqdár, in the 5th para. of his letter, No. 17 of the 24th March last.

* Copy of letter No. 40, dated 2nd ultimo, from the Collector, Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George.
Ditto, No. 17, dated 24th March, from the District Engineer, Godavery Division, to the Collector, Godavery District; with the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,752, dated 12th ultimo.

2. The Board of Revenue, in their Resolution of the 12th ultimo, refer, I observe, to the opposition of the "Local Officers" of the Hyderabad and Nagpore territories; some distinction should, I think, be drawn, when speaking of "Local" Officers, between persons in the actual employ of the Government, and local Chiefs who have hitherto known little or no authority, save their own.

3. The Bijji Táluqdár is a tributary of the Rájá of Bustar, a distant dependency of the Chutteesgurh District in this Province. The tract known as Bustar contains, it is supposed, an area of about 40,000 square miles; and time will be required before the influence of the Deputy Commissioner, who resides at Raepore, at least 250 miles from the Rájá of Bustar's head quarters, can be exercised to any extent. Great caution is needed in dealing with these semi-civilized Chiefs; but gradually, I make no doubt the difficulties will be lessened. In the meantime, the present Deputy Commissioner, Captain C. Elliot, will do all in his power to forward the views of the Madras Government, and lend his aid in the permanent establishment of the Salt Agency at Kunta. Hereafter, it may be expedient to erect some of the Dependencies of this Province into a separate Political charge; but, at present, I am not in a position to take up the question in the manner which its importance demands.

Copy of a letter No. 323, dated 3rd May 1860, from the Commissioner of Nagpore, to the Deputy Commissioner of Raepore.

With reference to your letter No. 15, under date the 6th of February last, and in continuation of this Office docket No. 251, of the 31st March, I have the honor to transmit, for your information, copies of the papers noted in the margin;* and to request that you will address the Rájá of Bustar on the subject of the 5th paragraph of Captain Stoddard's letter No. 17 of the 24th March 1860.

* From the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, to the Commissioner of Nagpore, No. 609, dated 21st April 1860.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1860, No. 1,752.

2. The Bijji Táluqdár cannot be permitted, with impunity, to levy a tax upon the Salt purchased from the Government Depôt established at Kunta. It is possible that the act complained against may have occurred before any communication from Bustar, consequent on your February's letter, could have reached the Bijji Táluqdár; and I hope to be assured of the *Bustar Rájá* having, in accordance with your instructions, taken effectual measures to prevent the recurrence of any such irregularity. The establishment of the Agency will fail in its object, if the local Chiefs are to be allowed, however indirectly, to raise the price of the article, which the authorities desire should be available to the community at the lowest possible cost.

(True Copy).

(Signed) C. M. SHAKESPERE,
Offg. Persl. Asst. Commissioner.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1860, No. 839.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings of the 12th April 1860, No. 1,752, for their information and for communication to the Local Officers concerned.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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demands.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

Nagpore
Commissr's Office
The 3rd May 1860.

Commissioner.

From.

Major E. K. Elliot,
Commissioner of Nagpore;

To.

J. D. Bourdillon Esquire,
Secy. to the Govt. of Fort St. George,
Revenue Department.

Rd. 8th.

R 30th April 60 No 306

Copying a letter to Supt
J 18th June 1860 No 66

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Revenue 1860 Dept
Pro: of Govt 31st May -

No 1014

From the Commissioner
of Nagpore -

Dated 3rd }
Recd 15 } May 1860.

Forwards copy of a letter addressed to the Dept Commissioner of Raepore on the subject of Capt Stoddard's complaint against the Bijji Talleq: dar, and states that Capt Elliot will do all in his power to forward the views of this Govt in regard to the per: manent establishment of the Salt Agency at Bunta -

From Dr 10th May 60.
C No 1960 in Pro:
No 839. 23d May
Wm Anderson

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Ordered to be com. municated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings of the 12th April 1860 No 1702 for their information and for communication to the local Officers concerned -

Fort St Geo.
23rd May 1860.

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