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No. 51. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 5th May 1862.

SIR,

1. Referring to the Proceedings of Government, dated 13th April 1859, No. 560, Public Department, I have the honor to forward for submission to Government five copies of the "Mirasi papers" compiled by Mr. Bayley, and to report that the whole impression of 200 copies will be ready for delivery in a few days.

2. Three copies in sheets have been taken while the work was passing through the press for the use of Mr. Bayley for the Sudder Court and for the Hon'ble Mr. Maltby, in addition to the copy retained by myself for reference as the work proceeded. This last copy will be included in the number to be eventually forwarded to Government.

3. An incomplete copy was taken from the printers by Mr. Wheeler, with, I believe, Mr. Pycroft's knowledge, and with the understanding that it would be returned if required.

4. I regret the delay that has occurred in the completion of the work, which has been caused by the pressure of office duties, and by my desire to render the compilation as complete as possible.

5. I trust that Mr. Bayley will yet be able to prepare the Glossary which he originally proposed should accompany the papers, but Mr. Norman's death interfered seriously with this portion of the work, as papers of value which were in his possession were not to be readily found after his decease.

6. As a supplemental volume will thus in all probability be eventually necessary, I would solicit the permission of Government to include in it such papers of value as I may be able to collect, illustrative of the landed tenures of the Presidency, distinct from the "Mirasi right."

7. There can be no doubt that the more full the materials are for forming a judgment on the general nature of the proprietary rights in the soil in this Presidency, the more exact will opinions be in individual cases, for there seems no good reason to believe that what were the *bonâ fide* rights of the inhabitants in the soil of one part of the Presidency, were absolutely non-existent in another, or that rights and privileges which are not claimed in one province where from the earliest times the proprietary rights of the occupying tenants have been scrupulously guarded, and jealously asserted, need in justice to be allowed to the Ryot in other Districts where no such recognition of individual right can be established from the records of past transactions, or from trustworthy tradition.

8. I propose to forward to Mr. Bayley four more copies of the present volume to complete the number placed at his disposal in the Order of Government abovementioned, and I solicit permission to retain three copies for myself.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1862, No. 1,232.

1. The thanks of Government are due to Mr. Hudleston for the completion of the selection of papers on Miras as well as for the supervision of the printing of those papers.

2. Mr. Hudleston's suggestion to collect papers illustrative of the landed tenures of the Presidency distinct from the Miras, is approved. The want of such a selection is much felt, and the sooner one is published the better. It need not of necessity form a portion of the supplement which it may be found necessary to publish in connection with the Mirasi selections. In all future publications of this kind it is desirable that a precis of the contents should be added for the convenience of reference.

3. Mr. Hudleston is authorized to forward 12 copies of the Mirasi selections to Mr. Bayley, and to retain three copies for himself. The Government take this opportunity of repeating their acknowledgments to Mr. Bayley for his valuable services in preparing this useful compilation.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

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