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Dated 31*st August* 1866, *No.* 2,303.

Read the translation of a letter addressed by Mr. A. MONTCLAR, Civil Engineer, Batavia, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 1st July 1866:—

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Montclar is informed that Memorials to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India must be submitted through the Government in *triplicate*, with copies of the documents to which they refer. The Government have no copy of the letter to the Under Secretary of State, referred to in paragraph 2 of Mr. Montclar's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To Mr. A. Montclar, Civil Engineer, Batavia.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Translation

From Mr. A. Montelar, Civil Engineer for India Batavia, to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, London, dated Batavia (Island of Java) 1st July 1866.

(For examination & transmission by the Govt. of Madras.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 2,082 from the India Office, London, & in conformity with the request therein contained, I address the present letter to you through the channel of the Govt. of H. E. the Governor of the Presidency of Madras.

In order to avoid repetition

repetitions without end, I shall refer to my letter addressed to Secretary Sir Charles Wood, dated 21st March 1866, a copy of which has probably been furnished to the local Govt. of Madras.

In case the Govt. of Madras has not as yet received a copy of this letter, I shall be much obliged to you, Mr. Under Secretary, if you will cause a copy to be sent to them officially.

As all my just causes of complaints are

are expressed & set forth in this letter of the 21st March 1866, I do not see the necessity for reciting them anew here.

I will simply add the following:-

(a) The Govt. of Lord Harris at first, afterwards the Govt. of Sir Charles Trevelyan & Mr. Montelaro are engaged in a simple question of right arising from some misunderstanding. The parties in contention cannot be judges & parties.

The Govt. of Madras, misled by a Solicitor, "Boys-on," are persuaded

persuaded they owe me nothing.

I, Moutclar, on the unanimous opinion of all my friends, believes that there is a plenty of serious damages due to me.

I refer therefore to the judges in a simple matter of disputed claims between the friendly Govts.

The metropolitan Govt. of Her Britannic Majesty in taking the initiative to inquire into the dispute between the local Govt. of Madras & Mr. Moutclar, gives another proof that justice is innate with it.

(b.) I crave no favor;

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I ask only for justice, & as in this affair, I cannot be the judge myself, I have applied to the Govt. of my country to judge for me, & in my letter, addressed to H.E. Monsieur Drouyn de Lhuys, Minister for Foreign Affairs at Paris, under date the 21st Mar. 1866, I humbly stated to His Excellency:-

"If the Govt. of my Country tells me I am wrong in this affair, then I shall at once hold my peace, because I shall have been judged by my Country."

I take exception to the "local Govt. of Madras "being my supreme judge

judge, because it can-
not be judge & party."

Mr. Under Secretary
of State, it will in-
fact be iniquitous to
permit a Govt., which
has ruined me mate-
rially & morally, thro'
the vile practices of
Mr. Boyson & others,
to have the supreme
right to judge me,
above all on the ad-
vice of these same in-
dividuals, who have
no honor!

I am highly flattered
by ~~the~~ the metropo-
litan Govt. of Her Bri-
tannic Majesty recog-
nising this point in
that it wishes itself
to enquire into the
matter.

In

coming to a conclu-
sion, it will be easy to
perceive:-
1°: that I, a manu-
facturer, "Agraphilus"
was invited by the
famous Engineer "Hy-
drophilus" (Arthur
Cotton) to open out a
sugar-growing Eu-
ropean Colonisation
in the magnificent
delta of the Godavery

2°: that instead of
meeting with legiti-
mate relief, intelli-
gent co-operation, &
sincere assistance
from the great "Eudophi-
lus," I was ruined by
him! for I declare
before God & man,
that Sir Charles Fre-
derick, in speaking to
me before a public
audience

audience, recognised this:-

"that, if any thing is "due to me, it is a com- "pensation & not a "loan" (as the Govt. of Lord Harris wished & demanded.)

3°: that, in a few words, I have received nothing, neither loan, nor compensation, nor assistance, nor charity; that I have met only with ruin, & mockery, & ridicule from the gentlemen" of Madras! (useless to name them again, for it will be doing them too much honor.)

The losses that I have sustained & the damages that have ensued from the want of justice, equity, and liberality

liberality on the part of the Govt. of Madras, are immense, & if in order to decide as to their value, it is necessary to refer to any arbitration other than that of the Govt. of my country, or of the Govt. of Her Britannic Majesty, I would choose it anywhere else, & I should be confident of the success of my cause on all these points.

I have paid it, & I repeat it, & I shall always repeat it. I ask for no favor of any kind, & still less for charity. What I ask for is that I be judged by impartial

impartial judges, & not by my enemies, or, if not that, at least my "antagonists."

If the metropolitan Govt. of Her Britannic Majesty, however, ~~exhibit~~ appear with the sacred impartiality of a judge in my case, I shall not hesitate an instant to accept their decision, but as regards the decision of the local Govt. of Madras, I reject it totally. It is my right & I shall maintain it

Awaiting full & entire satisfaction, I have the honor to subscribe myself, Mr. Under Secretary of State, Your very humble servant.

True translation
Dupuis.
French Translator.
18-8-66

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Under date the 31st August 1866.

Read the following

letter from Wm. A. Montelar,

Civil Engr., Batavia.

Submits, for transmission, a letter addressed to the Under Secy. of State for India requesting settlement of the case between himself and the Madras Govt on the subject of sugar plantation in the delta of the Godavery.

(Here enter 1st July 1866)

Mr. Montelar is informed that Memorials to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India must be submitted through the Government in triplicate with copies of the documents to which they refer. The Government have no copy of

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J. M.

Copy — Wm. A. Montclair Civil Engineer Batavia Dept. 1st Decr 1840

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