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11th October 1873.

No. 83-A. Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 3rd October 1873, No. 85 :—

I have the honour to inform you that I am of opinion that the recent Moplah outrage in the Walluvanad Taluq calls for a review of the decision arrived at in 1863 that the necessity for the location of a Special Assistant Magistrate at Maliapuram no longer existed.

2. The reasons for the appointment, in the first instance, are given by Mr. Clarke in paragraph 22 of his letter of the 25th February 1856, where he states, "I concur with Mr. Collett that it is very desirable, if it is not absolutely necessary, as a precaution, that there should always be located in the taluqs of Walluvanad, Shernad, and Ernad, a European Officer of some experience and judgment, whose duty it should be frequently to be on the move and always accessible to all sorts of people and reports. He might do much to allay irritation. His knowledge of the character and disposition of the people would be invaluable, and he would be able to suggest and carry out the material improvements of which this part of the country stands in need."

3. The Special Assistant was, however, as a temporary arrangement, transferred to the Coimbatore District for employment on the Neilgherry Hills, under orders of Government, dated 20th October 1863, No. 1902.

4. As will be observed, however, from the Proceedings noted in the margin, the establishment was discharged, and permission for its re-entertainment is solicited as it is necessary even if only an Assistant is placed in charge.

4th December 1863, No. 2000.

5. It will be observed that, in the order above alluded to, it was stated that the Special Assistantship had been for a considerable period vacant and was probably no longer required.

6. The appointment was held by me as a permanent appointment from September 1859 to April 1863, when I proceeded to England on furlough. During 1861, however, I was acting as Sub-Collector at Palghaut, but retained charge of the Special Assistantship and was constantly in the Ernad and Walluvanad Taluqs. It was only after the removal of the Sub-Collector's head-quarters to Tellicherry, at the end of 1861, that these taluqs were left in a measure to themselves, and it is noteworthy that, from 1855 to 1863, the history of Moplah fanaticism is a blank with the exception of a case in 1857, when, in the height of the mutinies, a meditated attempt in the Ponmalla Amshom was frustrated by Mr. Robinson.

Vide G.O., 16th October 1857, No. 1359, Judicial Department.

7. Early in 1864, however, a purely fanatical murder occurred close to Malliapuram, and the Act was put in force; and in the following year another murder occurred the culprits concerned in which had evidently bound themselves to sacrifice their own lives if necessary as Shahids.

See G.O., 4th July 1864, No. 979.

See G.O., 31st October 1865, No. 1550.

8. Several parties implicated in this case were deported, and now has occurred a case recalling the worst features of this species of crime and one which

ght have been more serious still but for the accidental absence of the Head Assistant Magistrate forty miles from his head-quarters in the exact direction of the scene of the crime.

9. There is, therefore, good reason for reverting to the former system.

No. 83-B. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1873, No. 1639.

Application will be made to the Government of India for the re-constitution of the appointment of Special Assistant in Malabar.

2. In anticipation of sanction the Collector will re-employ the establishment and place Mr. Winterbotham in charge.

(True Extract.)

J. Stuart
Asst. Secretary
for Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Malabar.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.

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To

THE MAGISTRATE OF MALABAR,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 11th.
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G.O., 11th October 1873, No. 1639.

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Malabar Magistracy—Application ordered to be made to the Government of India for the re-constitution of the appointment of Special Assistant Magistrate in Maliapuram, and the Collector authorized, in anticipation of sanction, to re-employ the establishment and place Mr. Winterbotham in charge.

W. Theobald

To the Govt of Fort St. George 30 Oct 73