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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 2d February 1858.

No. 65. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government Fort Saint George; dated Calicut 11th January 1858, No. 8.

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1092 dated 26th October 1857, para. 9, I have the honor to forward copies of a correspondence with the Beebe of Cannanore on the subject of the Arab adventurer, whom she persists in retaining about her.

2. I propose withholding a license from him under Act XXXIII. of 1857.

From ADEE RAJAH Queen Beebe of Cannanore; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; dated Cannanore 30th November 1857.

Sir,

Agreeably to the requisition conveyed to me in your Malayalam letter of the 14th Instant, I have directed the bearer hereof my Kariasten Adjee Furraba, who is accompanied by one of his servants,—the other two having been left at home for the protection of his family and property, to wait upon you, and beg you will kindly permit him to return soon, as I can ill dispense with his service on this occasion.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector; to ADEE RAJAH Beebe of Cannanore; dated Calicut 2d December 1857, No. 5246.

MADAM,

In acknowledging your letter dated 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to thank you for directing Ifadjee Tarraba to wait upon me.

I trust you will be able shortly to dispense with his attendance, or to place him in a position to earn a livelihood in the occupation, to which he has been accustomed.

He expresses himself most anxious to return to Arabia, if you will grant him his frequent and urgent request for his dismissal, stating, that if any thing, he has been a loser by remaining with you. He seems now to have hopes that you will be able to send him aloft again in one of your ships.

Under the orders of Government I have called on him to give an account of himself. I learn that he is a mere Arab adventurer, the Nakoda of an Arab ship, which was lost through carelessness on the Island of Ameni* Devy. He came to the coast more or less destitute and there entered your service, with a view to carrying

* In March 1854. to England an appeal from the orders of Government in regard to the sequestration of the Islands.

To your appealing in the regular manner, there cannot be the smallest objection; but if this individual has represented that he is a fitting representative of yourself and is able to carry your representation even to a bearing much to less a successful issue, I fear he has roused expectation not likely to be realized. The local authorities and Indian Governments would not for a moment recognize this alien adventurer as your vakeel (I did not permit him to allude to your affairs in our interview) I fear a similar disappointment would follow in his deputation to England on such an errand. Further, I should doubt whether he has your interest as much at heart as other respectable British subjects that you have about you, or prepared to do your bidding. Indeed, Hadjee Tarraba himself disclaims ability or fitness on his part for the mission you have, he alleges, pressed on him and bound him to undertake for you.

Hadjee Tarraba endeavoured to make out that he is usefully employed now, and earns an honest livelihood by arranging your matters between yourself and parties or tenants, &c., &c. He can have no knowledge whatever of the peculiar customs and tenures of Malabar, and it cannot be your wish that he interfere in the proper functions of your Karryastens and of the Kazees.

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In the mean time it is clear that this Arab adventurer, is living in idleness and living on your bounty at a time, when it cannot be convenient to you to have idle useless dependants hanging about you.

Under these circumstances, I am unable to report favorably to the Government of this individual and his position, influence or bias, and you will pardon my strongly recommending you to meet the very anxious desire he professes to entertain, to be permitted to resign your service and return to his own country, or to be engaged again in seafaring life. He has assured me that he will leave by the earliest ship.

From HADJEE RAJAH QUEEN BEBEE of Cannanore, to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar.

SIR,

I have been duly favoured with your letter of the 2d Instant.

Hadjee Tarraba whom I had engaged for the purpose of conveying my appeal to England will soon be sent on that errand; but should circumstance render such a course unnecessary, I intend retaining him in my service in consequence of his being an honest and upright individual and fit for my business, and as his conduct has hitherto been fair and unexceptionable, you will, I doubt not, see the impropriety of my dismissing him at a time when I have occasion for his services, and there is none capable of undertaking the management of my affairs.

However if you think that his conduct is open to suspicion, you will be pleased to signify the same to enable my writing to you largely on the subject.

Taking every circumstance into consideration I have no hesitation to declare, that independent of his being incapable of doing wrong, he has done nothing whatsoever to warrant suspicion.

It was my intention to invest him with the command of my ship "Hydross" in case of my having no occasion to depute him to England, but unfortunately the deplorable circumstance to which I am reduced by the kindness of certain party compelled me to realize a large sum of money on the aforesaid ship and which is just now beyond my control.

When such is the case, the detaching from my service the Karistians, and menials who are managing my affairs, at a time when I am harrassed and sorely pressed by misfortune, will only serve to add to my grievance, and I hope you will not think of doing so.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON, Acting Collector.

No. 66.

ORDER THEREON, No. 144; dated 2d February 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Cannanore 30th November 1857.

W. Robinson Esq.

Acting Collector of Malabar.

Sir,

I am very much obliged to you for the requisition conveyed to me in your Malabar letter of the 14th Instant. I have directed the bearer hereof my Karistian Adjee Tarraba, who is accompanied by one of his servants, the other two having been left at home for the protection of his family and property, to wait upon you, and beg you will kindly permit him to return soon, as I am ill disposed with his service on this occasion.

I remain Yrs.

Adjee Rajah Queen Beebe of
Cannanore.

N^o 5246.

Calcut 2^d December 1857

To

Adm. Rajah Beha of
Cannanore.

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Signed W. Robinson
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I remain &c.

Yours
The Rajah Sura Boda of
Kannanore.

(True Copies)

W. D. S. A. S. S. S.
Acting Collector

No 8

Calicut 18 January 1855

From,

W. Robinson Esquire

Acting Collector of the District

To,

Mr. Forbes Esquire

Acting Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No 109 dated 26 October 1854, I have the honor to forward copies of a correspondence with the Board of Cannanore on the subject of the Arab adventurer, whom she persecuted in returning about him.

I propose with holding a license from him under Act XXXIII of 1854.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

W. Robinson

Acting Collector

W. Robinson

1855

W. Robinson

For a letter from the

Acting Collector of

the District dated 11 January

1855.

W. Robinson

Copy of correspondence
with the Board of
Cannanore.

From Board of Cannanore
to Mr. Robinson
25th Dec 1854
From Mr. Robinson
to Mr. Forbes
25th Dec 1854

June 29th 1846

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Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst.

in relation to the above.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

Wm. M. W.

10th St. New York

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