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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th March 1858.

No. 32. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George; dated Calicut 23rd February 1858, No. 30.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have received through Captain Pearse a copy of a letter* to your address from the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of H. H. the Rajah of Mysore, adverting to a letter of mine to the address of the officiating Superintendent of Astagram Division, in which I observe that the Commissioner takes serious exception to the style of the communication.

* *Dated 16th instant No. 6.*

2. I have referred to the letter again and must admit that I have allowed myself to be betrayed into a very hasty style. I much regret it on reconsideration and my hearty apologies are due to that officer, if these can now be made.

3. The letter was written hastily and has justly given offence. I trust that the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of H. H. the Rajah of Mysore will see ground under this explanation to withdraw the serious censure he has passed.

4. I venture to submit for the information of Government an explanation of the circumstances of the case. Some time in the latter end of last year, the Head of the Police of the neighbouring Talook of Mysore, wrote to the Talook of Wynaad to send certain individuals from the Poolpally Deshom of Coopatode Umshom of the Wynaad Talook to his office on business. This was accordingly done and the individual named in the margin was forwarded by the Head of Police to Heggada-cottah. His statement of what occurred is as follows: "On his arrival at "Heggada Cottah he was required by the Tahsil-"dar to grant a Deed for the whole of the Poolpally Forests, of 2,000 Rupees, which however he re-"fused, pleading that there were the seniors of the family and other people whose assent was required "to give validity to any such Deed; that he had no right to execute the required lease and "that he could not enter into the Deed without the consent of the Senior Members of the "family. The authorities however refused to let him go till he had done so. A paper was drawn "up in Canarese by the people in the office and as he saw no hope of getting away without affix-"ing his signature to it, he did so. But that he did not know that he executed a Deed for 10 "years &c. Having as he felt no right to execute such an instrument, he adds: I signed some-"thing because they troubled me." This is possibly a mis-statement or exaggeration, it is the version I have before me.

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5. About the middle of last month a requisition was sent by Captain Pearse for this individual to proceed again to Heggada-cottah to fulfil a promise he had then made of getting the Deed ratified by the individuals who were the right persons to grant such a Deed, his Karnavers, he being only a junior member. Anandiraven of a large and influential family. On being required by the Head of Police of Wynaad he refused to proceed to Mysore. This requisition was accompanied by a notice that if the necessary signatures were not obtained within one month, the Mysore Forest Establishment would enter in possession without further form.

I write from recollection, as the Papers were returned to Captain Pearse.

6. With regard to the Public right to the Forests, the Poolpally jungles were undoubtedly the ancient property of the Pychy Rajah, who took refuge in his strong-holds there when pressed hard and was overtaken and killed in these very Hills and Forests. Unfortunately they were not escheated at the time and now the Trustees of a Pagoda of that Umshom advance a Jenm claim to the whole, a claim which perhaps the Government will be unable to defeat in the Civil Courts, still one which the transfer to the Mysore Circar of the title for a long lease of years by the soi-disant proprietors would tend greatly to embarrass. I may add that the whole family are opposed to any dealing with the Mysore forest Establishment.

P. S.—Since the greater part of the above was drafted, I have received a severe censure by the Board of Revenue for the tone of my letter to Captain Pearse on the subject of the Forest boundary, of 29th December last. It is I see likewise open to the

exceptions taken to the one under consideration. I can only say that it was drafted during the evenings of very long and very severe days spent in traversing the country so transferred and under perhaps a too jealous feeling for the interest of the Government which have suffered by the change here and elsewhere in Wynaad. Had I to write it again it would be in the courteous style so necessary in official correspondence. In regard to this, I have likewise to offer my apologies and to express my regret.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 397; dated 26th March 1858.

The Government will await the report of the Board of Revenue, called for in their orders of the 9th February and 2nd March last, Nos. 170 and 270 respectively. The Board will now expedite the submission of this report.

2. Ordered however that paras. 1, 2 and 3 of Mr. Robinson's letter recorded above be communicated for the information of the Commissioner of Mysore and, through Sir Mark Cubbon, to Lieutenant Pearse, the Superintendent of the Astagram Division of that Territory.

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

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 34. From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Lieutenant General Sir MARK CUBBON, K. C. B., Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of his Highness the Rajah of Mysore dated 26th March 1858, No. 398.

SIR,

With reference to your letters dated 16th January and 16th February 1858, Nos. 1 and 6, to the address of Mr. Chief Secretary Pycroft, communicating correspondence between Lieutenant [illegible] Superintendent of the Astagram Division of Mysore, and Mr. Robinson, the Acting Collector of Malabar regarding the boundary line between the two Districts, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward for your information, and that of Lieutenant Pearse, copy of paras. 1, 2 and 3 of a letter received from Mr. Robinson, dated 23d February last, in which he apologizes for the tone adopted by him in his letters to Lieutenant Pearse.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 26th March 1858 3/397
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From the Acting Collector of
Malabar / Revenue 25th Feby/58 No 30

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Extract to the Bd of Rev 27/3/58
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1858.

Malabar Collector's Office,
Calicut, 23rd February 1858.

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W. Robinson Esquire
Acting Collector of Malabar

To

J. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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I have the honor to be,
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Acting Collector.

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To

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Lieut Genl Sir Mark Cubbon, K.C.B.,
Comr for the Govt of the Territories of
H.H. the Rajah of Mysore,—

Sir,

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Fort St. George
26th March 1858