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18th May 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 18th May 1858.

No. 22. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 23rd April 1858, No. 20.

SIR,

Para. 1. On my recent tour through the Northern Zemindaries in this District I was particularly struck with the demeanour and the apparently prosperous and happy condition of the people in the Zemindary of Bobily where I remained about a week and while there are natural causes to which in part this state of things may be ascribed, there can be no question from all I witnessed as well as heard that it is mainly owing to the excellent and judicious management of his affairs by the Bobily Zemindar.

2. I thought it a duty no less than a pleasure to express to the Rajah my impressions to the above effect and without entering into any speculation as to the details of the management to which such a state of things is to be attributed, the result may safely be accepted as undeniable proof that those details must be conducted in perfect accordance with the strictest propriety and justice, and the fact that complaints from his extensive District are almost unknown, affords further unmistakeable indication of the healthy and admirable influence exercised by the Rajah over his people. To a personal oversight of all his affairs in their minutest form, affecting the interests of those from whom he derives his revenues is I believe in a very great degree to be traced the prosperity of his territory and the contented condition of his dependents and ryots ; and adverting to the past year of disturbance and excitement in other parts of India, I do think that this state of things reflects the greatest credit on the Rajah and should the Government concur I would with all deference solicit of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council an official expression of His Lordship's pleasure and satisfaction, a record which I am confident cannot fail to prove of high value to the Rajah while it will operate as a powerful stimulus to continued efforts in the same direction.

3. I beg to enclose copy of my letter to the Rajah of Bobily on quitting the limits of his Zemindary, his having reminded me that as yet he had not received the expression of the Government approval, leads me no longer to delay the transmission of this letter which was written some time ago.

From CHARLES READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George at Vizapatam ; to H. H. the Rajah of Bobily.

DEAR SIR,

On my late tour through your Zemindary and while halting at Bobily itself, the state of your country and the condition of the people did not escape my observation and I was particularly gratified at all I both heard and saw in regard to your management of your heriditary Estates. I am able to record of your people what can seldom be said of the inhabitants of most other parts of the country namely that a unity and harmony seems to prevail amongst them which I have never met with to the same extent any where else. Of Police work throughout your Zemindary there is scarcely any to do, crime appears almost unknown while minor offences of common occurrence elsewhere, are equally rare, affording most satisfactory evidence of the efficient and sound management to which alone such a state of things can be traced. Disputes of other kinds between ryot and ryot appear also as little known, and I do not think I had a single Petition or complaint on my recent visit affecting yourself or in any way connected with the fiscal management of your large Zemindary, and it gives me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to bear this testimony to a state of affairs which reflects so much credit on you individually as well as on those who are your co-adjutors in the good and great work of social administration. I shall not fail to bring the subject of this letter under the notice of His Lordship the Governor in Council in view to the expression by the Government of their approbation of your successful efforts in the cause of Peace and order.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) CHARLES READE,
Agent to the Governor.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, No. 635; dated 15th May 1858.

With reference to the enclosure in the above letter, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council desires to intimate to the Agent at Vizagapatam that the term of address "His Highness the Rajah" is not authorized, and should be discontinued.

2. The proprietor of the Bobily Estate is a Zemindar, and though the Governor in Council does not object to the Agent addressing him as Rajah by way of courtesy, he cannot admit the propriety of such a title as "His Highness," which is only due to Royalty.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 24. From W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George at Vizagapatam; dated 15th May 1858, No. 636.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to express his satisfaction at the favorable opinion you have formed of the personal character of the Zemindar of Bobily, and of the efficiency of his administration in the Territory of which he is possessed.

No. 20. Answered 2233 Vizagapatam District 2-

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23d April 1858

From

C W. Reade Esqre

Agent to the Governor

To

T. Pycroft Esqre

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St George

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Your Most Obed.t Hble Serv.t

Charles Elliot
Agent to the Governor

No. 22

Revenue Department No. 646

Dated 23d April

Recd 28

For Orders 23248

Revenue Department No 646-

From the Agent to the Governor Vizagapatam

d/23d April 1858-

I have no objection.

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The Zemindar (not Rajah) of Bobbili is a man probably of great wealth & no doubt manages his estate well as far as not screwing the ryots goes. But as for the "justice & strict propriety" of his administration I must be allowed to express my doubts founded on tolerably fair information. He is a determined

No 22

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as an Indian man - [illegible]
[illegible], who will use law
in his [illegible] defend at [illegible]
any property that he may
[illegible] his own name or any
one else entrusted his with.

If we say any thing that
be confirmed by a simple expres-
sion of satisfaction that
the Agent has formed a favorable
opinion.

Mr Read will be glad not to
introduce new & unusual forms
of address as "H.H. the Rajah"
with any Interpreter to the Rajah of Viziana

Regarding a Man usually by
Superior in Rank & Consequ.

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Your faithful friend & Servant,

Signed/ Charles Reade

Agent to the Governor

/True Copy/

Charles Reade

Agent to the Governor

1858

Receive Despatch No 1
from Secretary Govt
the Chief Secretary
Vizagapatam
22nd April 1858

From the Agent to the
Zemindaries
to the Secretary
to the Government
Madras

Contains copy of
a letter addressed by
the Agent on
circle to the Collector
of his circle
with his Letter
and his Answer
to Government
Dated 15th April

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No. 639 & 22324

From

R. B. CHAPMAN, Esquire,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Govt of
Fort St George

Dated the 22nd April 1858.

Sir,

Home Dept. I am directed to transmit the accompanying copy of a Despatch, No. 28 of 1858, dated the 24th February, from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, together with copy of the order of the House of Commons, dated the 5th idem, therein referred to, and to request that the information called for relative to the Collections and Disbursements made by servants of Government in the year 1857, of sums for the honor or support of the Religion or of the Religious Institutions of the Native Inhabitants of India, may be furnished with the least practicable delay.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

R. B. Chapman
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Fort William,
The 22nd April 1858.

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Rec'd Dept

No 635.

Extract from the Minutes of Council held
under date the 15th May 1858

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the Governor at Vayageputam

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Revenue Dept

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Fort St George
15th May 1823

W. H. B.

Rec'd Nov. 1st Dispatch No.
Dr. to Com. 15th May

No. 116
Sir, I do myself the honor to transmit to you herewith a Copy of a Letter from Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. dated the 15th Instant, and of the Papers which accompanied it, relative to the Claim of the Heirs of the late Mr. Peter Stuyvesant, for Compensation for Property taken from them during the late War.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant,
(Signed) Albert Gallatin

The Secretary of State &c. &c. &c.

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No. 24