

Revenue Department
Minutes of Consultation

1st June 1858.

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Order No 703 & 29th May 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st June 1858.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, Secretary.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 703; dated 29th May 1858.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 655, dated 26th June 1857, the Government expressed their satisfaction at the information conveyed in a report of Corporal Reid, a subordinate in the Anamallay Forest Department in Coimbatore, respecting the Mulsurs,

a wild tribe of erratic and predatory habits in the Anamallay Jungles for the reclamation of whom a sum of Rupees 1,550 had been granted in Extract Minutes Consultation 7th March 1856, No. 272. And in the same order the Government "anticipated with much interest further reports upon the condition of this class of people." With their Proceedings recorded above, the Board of Revenue lay before Government a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, containing reports from Mr. St. Martin, Corporal Reid's successor on the subject.

2. Great success has attended the efforts which have been made to reclaim these Mulsurs. 39 Families have settled on the farm which has been formed for them, and they have begun to appreciate fully the advantages of a knowledge of agriculture. Further additions to the body are anticipated, but much remains yet to be done; the number of Mulsurs was reported in the letter of the Secretary Board of Revenue to Government dated 4th February 1856 to be 2167, and the Kádars, another uncivilized tribe, though not so barbarous as the Mulsurs were represented to number 464; nothing is said in the present report about the latter, it is observed that the Board noticed the same omission in para. 13 of their Proceedings of 9th June 1857, No. 1951. The Government will be glad to receive information on the point when the next report is laid before them.

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Vide P. S. of letter dated 3d Sept. 1857, and para. 10.

(A true Extract.)

Ed Martin

To

H. FORBES, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to Coimbatore.

Secretary.

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Ex 703.
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 29th May 1858-

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Reporting on the condition } here sub No 1531.
of the Mulsars

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Dated 29th
29th May 1858
5th May 1858

Ex 703. 29th May 1858.

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batore enclosing copies
of reports from the
M.C. & A. Martin on the
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W. H. Mayhew

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