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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1283	Press
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Dated	10 th May	18.69

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th May 1869.*

No. 197. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Approving of the proceedings of the Agent in }
Ganjam in regard to the detention of one } (Here enter 27th April 1869, No. 705.)
Roop Singh under surveillance at Chetter- }
pore. }

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1869, No. 1,283.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 705.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

27th April 1869.

No. 343. Read the following letter from the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chetterpore, 7th April 1869, No. 26.

I beg to report that, under the authority vested in the Governor's Agent by Act XXIV. of 1839, I yesterday issued a warrant, detaining one Roop Singh, of Cuttighiah, under surveillance at this station.

2. This man is one of the bastard sons of the late Hari Hara Singh, the Chief of the Cuttighiah Hill *mootah*, who died without lawful issue in 1851. He was peaceably succeeded by his widow, the eldest bastard son making no opposition; but shortly afterwards Roop Singh, a younger brother, came forward as a claimant to the estate, and commenced disturbances which rendered it impossible for the Rance to carry on the administration of her villages. He was, accordingly, ordered down by Mr. Onslow, and detained several months at Russelcondah and Chetterpore. Ultimately he made his peace with the Rance, and on her intercession was allowed to return to Cuttighiah.

3. The Rance died in June 1866, having previously, in 1864, transferred her estate by the foreclosure of a nominal mortgage to her brother, Venkateswara Deo. The brother filed a suit in the Agent's Court against the Rance, who confessed judgment; and Mr. Forbes gave him a decree. I imagine this was passed under some misapprehension, as the Agency Rules expressly provide that these hill chiefships are inalienable, and that the succession is to be regulated by the Governor in Council.

4. However it was so done, and the only attempt that has been subsequently made to set the arrangement aside is the futile suit of the neighbouring Zemindar of Bodogodah claiming Cuttighiah as part of his Zemindary.

In this suit, and in another which followed it, in which the same plaintiff claimed the personalty of the deceased Rance, his principal witness was this same Roop Singh, and it is generally understood that had the Zemindar gained the cause, Roop Singh was to have managed or rented Cuttighiah under him.

5. This was not to be; and Roop Singh has now incited some of the Khonds to renounce their allegiance to Venkateshwara Deo, and to set himself up as their Chief. When I was at Cuttighiah in January, they petitioned me in Roop Singh's favour, which I of course rejected; and when I had returned to the low country, I learnt, on arriving at Aska, that a considerable number of the Khonds and Panocs had one evening insulted and annoyed Venkateshwara Deo, and after evening come tumultuously to Cuttighiah, carried Roop Singh in triumph round the village, and deliberately tied the sadi, or turban of investiture, on his head.

6. Looking at his antecedents, it is impossible to arrive at any other conclusion than that Roop Singh is the author of all this mischief. Captain Lys has since visited the place, and is of opinion, from the inquiries he has made, that the only course to be taken is to remove Roop Singh from the hills, at all events, for a time. In this opinion I entirely concur. The feeling in his favour will, by this means, be gradually abated, while to prosecute the leaders of the riot for their share in the business, and to leave him unpunished, (which must be the result, for his abetment

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would be a very difficult thing to prove, though morally there is no doubt of it,) would probably lead to a very different conclusion.

7. He and his brother have some land (not much) in Cuttingiah, but this will not be meddled with. I propose to allot him eight (8) annas a day for his sustenance, beginning from yesterday, when he was brought down to Chetterpore; otherwise his retainers will be constantly passing up and down the hills, on the plea of supplying him with the necessaries of life.

No. 344.

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His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the proceedings of the Agent to the Governor, Ganjam, as detailed in the letter above recorded.

(True Extract).

R. S. S. S.
Chief Secretary.

To the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Ganjam.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Inspector General of Police.

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To the Bd of Rev. with Pro: and L. Exp. 27th 705
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JUDICIAL.

THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR OF
PORT ST. GEORGE IN GANJAM.
Ac, Ac, No

Dated April, 27th.

Recd. 5th May — *Encl.*

G. O., 27th April 1869, No. 705.

APRIL.
Nos. 343-344.

10 May 1869

Approving of the proceedings of the Agent in
Ganjam in regard to the detention of one Joor
Singh under surveillance at Chatterpore.

With Order

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