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13. 29th October 1824  Robert Eden letter to William Chaplin.

14. 28th October 1824  Minute by the President regarding subject of insurrection at Kittur and the Measures adopted for its suppression.

NOTE: Letters No. 7 to 12 could not be xeroxed as they were too brittle. Hence they were copied by hand and got typed.
an extract from a letter from the Hon. R. M. Boisdale, the British Envoy in Persia, to the Bahadur Sir D. J. J., C. B., the British Envoy in Egypt, D. J. J.

My Lords,

After some moments

a friendship existed between a

General, Colonel, and myself, I believe, but not to any great extent.

The circumstance of the President's going to the capital of Egypt, and the President's going to the capital of Persia, upon which I never do

not dwell.

Dear Lord, I am

desirous to apprise you of this circumstance.

Your Lordship's
courtesy to this is appreciated and expressed by my humblest and
tenderest regards.

The Bahadur, as you know, is in great woe, and the
tingenuity of your Lordship's Lordship, the Bahadur,
it was done to hire to each new
and 3d. was in the manner as
I signed it. After, on the same day
it was placed several hours after
the arrival.

The court 11:00 AM.

accompanied with lawyers and
succeeded to the free admission
of subscribers to view the papers.

Chairman

Judge John P. Bell

17th Dec. 1834

I certify

John Webster
Mr. William Chaplin Esq.
Commissioner
Iona.

Sir,

One of the Principal Pundits of
the Kakama, named Ramsam Janggah, came to me
about noon on the 12th Instant, to say that his mother
was Dying, and to deliver a letter of which I
submit a copy, announcing the adoption of a son. He
also stated that it is likely, and mentions that,
the adoption had been taken place.

Moreover, stated, that when he left
Hobson on the 12th Instant, the Dhimai was
sensible, but that the ceremony of adoption was
performed on the morning of that Day, and
the father was afterwards found in honor of
the event.

Having heard many reports regarding
the Dhimai's death, and uncertain as to
whether...
believe that no regular adoption can be

...further to state whether it was not due

that the Civil Surgeon should visit him

and...martial law.

I...not...to attend. That Gentleman was

but found that the Chief had already

from the appearance and from the appearance to

the Ceylon Surgeon...which is the

reason to believe that

Death had

place before multiplicity. Even then

Death had ever applied for and obtain

to adopt, then would have been desired
to deal whether he had availed himself


permission.

on my return from Cey

on the subject of adopting

in the mind of the Pe

agent. Now the other
temporary ill.

may the Death requested, that I in

them Medical aid and pay him a fee

on my way to Dharwar. I complied

request and had along conversation

on the 18th May, but although he was

by...and...very greatly of him

he was entirely silent on the subj...
Hearing of the contents of the
Deceased's parents, and thinking of probability
mistake and the course of their master's Death
to allege that the devisee failed to apply to Deponent
attorney,
for Immunity to adopt many from ignorance
of the Proclamation on the Subject, I took
the occasion about 6 weeks ago to impress this Proclamation
with several others in the presence
of the leading of the different Chiefs, so that it
might all be fully aware of the measures
necessary to legalising adopting

after the Deceased Death I
reminded the Head chief of this circumstance
and that he should have been able to reconcile his alibi
as to the time of the adoption with the date of the
letter announcing it. Whether he shall attempt to
explain this contradiction, and from all I have
heard it is evident that although the Deceased
might have been quick to promote the interests
annexed to the move contrary to the adoption even
of his weakest moments yet he never intended it.
appled for permission to adopt and the

Ceremony of Adoption took place at all, to

performed until the Deshau was either

or quite Insensible.

The child adopted to on the

is a very distant Allied and relation of the

Chief, and it does not appear, that with

or many of the Deshaus relations

right to succeed in the line of D-

the new elected squawman of Yallon

Boy in question is said to have been

and introduced into the family for the purp-

son, but, for the reasons already stated

evident that this was a mistake,

numbers, probably object was to procure

own influence. It is to be remarked

Deshau signature in the contented

character quite. It generally objects, and that the charac-

as from his usual hand — quite different from his usual hand on

was remarkably good and distinct.
Political Department

William Neough Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Bombay,

I have the honour to submit the copy of a despatch from the Governor of Diamar announcing the death of the Regent of Kitter. I have the adoption of the same regularly made with the previous permission of the Government, the winter despatches are now despatched.

The policy of maintaining the three Puncak, an adopted language has of late been adopted by the Government, being previously obtaining the adoption of a people in a state similar to the Drain was reduced in intensity. The degree of the conspiracy, too, of the pretended adoption, is to denote that the Kitter no longer have a Council and are any trace of the same. They have anxious looking at times practically the order of Government for my guidance in such a delicate conjuncture of circumstances. In the mean time the issue was adopted by me. Thanks are due here much. The

Addressee:
Policy of removing the Summons—

As the Estate has only been formally recognised as a Settlement, and it may be continued, Chiefship or principal, it would be an unpopular measure, perhaps it this course is the natural one to put adoption in; not confirmed and it would to the terms of the Settlement.

If the adoption be confirmed, I think it will be for the advantage of V. the Estate that M. Backhouse should turn the management into his own hands, till the age of 14. A sum to secure it, those being 14 year of age, belonging to the family with whom they, under Captain to Mr. Backhouse.

Poona, 20 September 1874

Yours most obediently,

[Signature]

[Name]
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3.

Not having the whole subject to refer to, the governor in council is not altogether without doubt as to the policy on which the claim of Akbar is founded towards the British Government. From the nature of the grant of territory and from some expressions in the Arakhe of the summons transmitted by Sir Mortimer it may be inferred that among the successors of his descendants more constituted to reign Prince Akbar the continuance of the right was nothing but a fiction, that the principle of independence, yet the fact was nothing in the Arakhe to prevent the territory coming to the occupancy of the whole or the complete extinction of the family. It is born in
If it is on this supposition that the following instructions are made, it will be necessary for every person to adopt them.

4. The position of the President of the Senate should be carefully adjusted by an examination of the Senate's connection with the other House of Congress.

5. If nothing should appear in the Senate to release the President from the ordinary obligations regarding adoption, it will be necessary for the sake of respecting the other House in any clear idea of the rights and intentions of the Government to notice the irregularity that occurred with considerable silence in the Commencement.

However, we may ultimately abate the rigor of our proceedings.

6. It should therefore be announced that the British Government does not regard the adoption of the House of Commons having been made, if not at all, if at all with the consent of the Government, and as being based upon--
as yet entirely unsubstantiated by proof of any kind. Mr. Ashe may, it is true, proceed to take charge of the whole again, if that has not already been done, and should afterwards commence an inquiry into the circumstances of the adoption.

The first point to ascertain is the relationship of the person adopted to the Despoy. Yet it should appear that he is a descendant of the Despoy who possessed the country before the conquest of it by Philip II, and that he would be the Despoy's nearest heir even if no adoption had taken place. All information in the adoption may be given with indulgence, and clear proof of the Despoy's intention to adopt, or be considered sufficient.

If he is a near relation descended from the old Despoy, even the form of the adoption may be considered in material the near the adoption, as
one on the conditions to be hereafter not-
ticed.

2. If on the other hand it shall
appear that the claimant is neither
a descendant of the late Defyse
nor a near relative of the late Defyse
by female line, the adoption shall
not be admitted, however correct in point
of form the principality should be
considered as left and should be
annulled to the Cygoy territories.

Provided it be made for the
females of the Defyse family
for all his old servants or dependants.

I now come to the condition
upon which the power in 10, be vested.

If the person hinted to be an "it should
prove contrary to the account, it would
according to be so near a relation of the
Defyse as to make it probable that the
permission of the British government
to adopt would have been given.
facilitated, and if the reality and regularity of the adoption be established, the prin-
cipality should in such cases be given up without any alteration in the terms or in the language of the second justis. Those may be required to remove any ambiguity that may have been found to exist in the former one.

11. If the adoption should have been irregular, although the person was of the description explained in the last penopraphy; or if the adoption should have been perfectly regular, though the person adopted not be nearly related to the defied, in either case, the prin-
cipality should be eventually given up to him but not in the new constitution as may hereafter be settled, for abol-
ishing the doubt or other inconvenient
privileges or other executions or
otherwise
their removals, as may be necessary.
meeting for the Consolidation of our territories.

2. The private property of the Raja shall in all the cases supposed be disposed of according to the Hindu laws of inheritance and if the Government should be entitled to any part of it, it should not be taken until the most liberal considerations had been given to the claims & circumstances of all the & parties of the day read.

25 Sept. 1827.
Constantly coming here for giving advice to whom appropriate place has been reserved.

We never cast for friends, because had an interview with Mr. North, who has directed us. We have endured our six months, but we now ask you to take for ordering the whole sum total.

Tabil is taking an account of the

Stables. Bethel.

The minute thing is subjected to anything.

There is nothing that we seek for, we find it difficult to remain on the subject.

Volunteers there for intrigue to support the line and maintain its frame. We have the desire of the Summaton of this change. We have been informed if it is known that he is not away. The Ob in the Summaton, but an opportunity

order respecting him did not occur. He has what would be usage of the Summaton done more naturally occurred. It must be true:

Dependents of the Summaton. It cannot therefore be sent away. If he is it will not be proper for us to remain.

The foregoing services unsatisfactory, and seeking confident.
were anxious about the health of his family. 

I declared our pains and suffering to Mr. Thackery that he having taken care of the business of the same... and after himself, he had declared to the Governor that in the event of the Governor's absence, there was little advantage to us in living in the Governor's house. I was told that he had promised of making arrangements for a house that was suitable in the nature described. It was suggested that you should make arrangements for permission to get to Poono and Bombay for the alluvial soil in December, and that, failing an answer that you have before going to Benares.

To this, we were asked for an answer, that we were about to depart and not have made the journey to him, and that we might go.

The Governor's instructions differed. He is constantly urging the Governor of the Governor's house. These orders have been happily in the Governor's house, however, to seek for employment elsewhere. Having been once employed, they cannot be discharged. The Governor's instructions to the Governor of the Governor's house towards those who have had full payment, performed their duties, how can they now be maligned?

We have written to Sir and to the Governor, informing him of our interest in continuing the Governor's house.

We will now order to continue the Governor's house.
acquire some, the preceding of the fact, with
your Subject’s ... ante to the arrival of troops from 
hills reached; new accounts are taken into 
and arrangements are making for no
than the full resolution of the Summation
Troops and drive out the Chiefs and to meet any
remembrance by vigorous acts in Contempla
inform you of the Circumstances.

Finally we must look to
us for sessions of the Summation, to support
former days, and thereby to acquire Power
yourself, we have none to adjust us feeling
in your hand; have endured patiently all to
done to us. Read for you will inform you

14th of October 1824.

[Signature]

John Macbeth
Darwar.

Sir,

I write to inform you that an engagement has taken place at Kittoor between the troops of the deceased Rajah and a party of the Horse Artillery, sent by the Political Agent Mr. Thackeray,—a horseman has just arrived at this place. Doctor Turnbull who states that the Artillery are entirely cut up, several of the Europeans both civil and Military, either severely wounded or killed,—Mr. Thackeray has given information at Belgaum to Col. Pearce; and I have thought proper to send this information to you, as Commanding Officer to act as you think proper.

Dharwar
Oct. 23rd 1824.

(Sd.) Musgrave Harris
Civil Service.
Directions
ride - ride
Any Officer Whatever, Belgaum,
Speed, all speed.

Sir or Sirs,

For God's sake send a force immediately without delay to Kittoor.

The Artillery are cut to pieces—Mr. Thackeray supposed to be killed—Captain Black killed and cut to pieces/Sewell expected to die-Dighton killed and Thackeray's two Assistants Elliott and Stevenson not heard of—For God's sake send immediately; our force is no use whatever, as we only muster 100 strong.

Darwar
8 o'clock at night 23.

Yours
(Sd.) Walker Fullerton
Asst. Collector.
To,
W. Chaplin. Commissioner in Deccan. 24th October 1824.

Sir,

It is my melancholy duto to inform you of the death of Mr. Thackeray. He was shot yesterday when on his way to the gateway of the Kittor Fort. The Sardars of Kittoor had for some days shown great dissatisfaction and at last refused to attend to my directions having shut the gates and refused admittance to any person. For the safety of the treasure Mr. Thackeray had found it requisite to place a guard of Sepoys and a few guns in the front and upon access being refused to Captain Black of the Madras Artillery to relieve the guard. Mr. Thackeray warned the Sardars that the gate would be blown open if not opened in a gurree.

As the gate was not opened and as no person appeared with any answer Capt. Black, Capt. Sewel and Lt. Dighton, with two guns proceeded to blow the gate open. I must shorten my melancholy story. The Peons from the Fort made a sally and took the guns and put every person to the sword that came in their way. Just at this time, poor Thackeray unfortunately appeared and was shot. The three Artillery officers I fear, have also fallen. Mr. Eliot and myself escaped but were soon taken. Our own lives were with difficulty saved and we are now prisoners. They refuse to relieve us until they hear from Bombay but we do not consider our lives as safe as the Peons are under no command when once their blood is warmed. Nor do we consider the word of the Sardars in the least to be depended on if the answer from Bombay to their letter is unfavourable to their wishes. The sardars say that if they are attacked, they intend first killing the women and then themselves.

Excuse this hurried scrawl. I write with a stick.

Kittoor, 24th Oct., 1824

I have etc.

(Sd.) J.A.R. Stevenson.
Besides Mr. S. and Mr. E. one of the Sirastedars Sreenivas Rao and a European Artillery man with 30 or 40 Sepoys and native Horse Artillery are prisoners. The leader in the present disturbance is Sardar Gurusiddappa who acts entirely in the name of the Dowager Desai Chanawa, the widow of Desai Mulla Sarja. The latter sustains her right to the succession in preference to the widow of the late Desai. His party having now gone so far is desperate and talks of resisting to the last if Government does not agree to their proposition. Mr. S. and myself are to be detained till the answer to their communication arrives hoping that our safety will induce Government to consider their claims more favourably. Should decisive measures be adopted, I have no doubt they will resist to the last and probably wreak their vengeance on us. Gurusiddappa is a weak character but most obstinate. He is collecting his Shetsundees from every side and the fort probably now contains upwards of 5,000 men.

(Sd.) W. Elliot.
The Quarter Master General etc., etc.

Sir,

It is with deep regret that in continuation of my letter dated yesterday to the Quarter Master General, I perform the painful duty of transmitting the enclosed copies of papers received, this morning, that from Mr. Fullerton from Dharwar, the other of Mr. Stevenson from Kittoor, where with others he is a Prisoner.

The disastrous results of Mr. Thackeray's attempt to enforce obedience at Kittoor to the orders of the Government with troops so inadequate to the purpose has given rise to general insurrection throughout the country which is patrolled by Cavalry between the Malaprabha and Kittoor, besides a large force of Cavalry and Infantry being collected and all the boats in that river sunk.

I have in consequence directed the movement under Lieut- nant McLeod of the 4th Cavalry of as great a portion of that regiment as can be mounted with the exception of one squadron and sick horses; of as many guns as there are bullocks to draw them, of a Company of His Majesty's 46th Foot, of the two flank Companies of the 49th Regiment and of a Company of Pioneers.

I have also ordered the immediate march of the 23rd Light Infantry from Sholapore upon Belgaum carriage being supplied for their knapsacks and,

I have further solicited from the Officer Commanding in the Ceded Districts an immediate aid in troops as follows—A Company of European Foot Artillery, two complete Companies of His Majesty's 46th Foot, a Regiment of Native Infantry which troops or any force that can be afforded, I have requested may march upon Dharwar.

I apprehend, however, additional troops may become requisite.

25th Oct. 1824.

(Sd.) Fred Pearce
Commanding Field Force Doab.
Ho. 221 of 1824

Head Quarters Field Force Doab.  
(Camp) Belgaum, Oct. 27th 1824.

The Quarter Master General of the Army.

Sir,

I have the honour of further reporting, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that, according to undermentioned alterations, the Force mentioned in my letter of the 25th instant, to which are added the troop of the 4th Cavalry and two Companies of 49th Regiment which moved during the night of the 23rd, but could not cross the Malaprabha, marched yesterday morning from Belgaum under the command of Lieutenant Colonel McLeod, 4th Regiment Light Cavalry.

3 Squadrons of the 4th Light Cavalry.
2 brass 12 lbs. field guns.
The Company of His Majesty's 46th Foot augmented to 100 Rank and File.

In consequence of intelligence that the Kittoor insurgents meditate an attack upon Darwar, where is the Principal Collector's Treasury, and a considerable number of convicts who rose upon the guards over them on the last of the late Mohurrem Festival when sixteen were killed, I altered the movement of Lieutenant Colonel McLeod's Detachment to a position midway between Kittoor and Darwar, instead of upon the former place. And I do myself the honour to enclose a copy of the letter of instructions given to Lieutenant Colonel McLeod for his guidance.

A squadron of the 4th Cavalry has been detained at Belgaum in consequence of reports of the appearance in the neighbourhood of Horsemen. Besides the squadron, the recruits, sick Horses and Families remain at Belgaum.
I have applied to the Officer Commanding at Chitaldrug for an immediate aid in any portion of the force there, that he may be able to spare for the purpose of temporarily reinforcing the Garrison of Darwar.

And I have recommended to the Commissioners that a Bombay Regiment of Native Infantry, or at least a wing of one, be sent to Sholapur to replace the 23rd Infantry at that station.

I have etc.
(Sd.) Fred Pearce
Col. Comd. of Field Force
Doab.
To,
Col. Pearce,
Commanding Field Force, Doab

Sir,

Since my last of this date I have had an interview with the Kitoor Vakil Rachappa and have succeeded in convincing him that our intention is not to attack Kittoor till directions have been received from Bombay.

He agrees that should the force cross the river at Yenegee which is in our own country and not take up a position nearer Kittoor than Narendra that his master will have implicit confidence in an assurance from me to that effect and only requests time to be allowed him to communicate our determination before the force is moved from Hoobly; as this request appears reasonable I think the period till tomorrow afternoon may be given to communicate my assurances to Kittoor when they will be apprised of our intention as regards a movement on Yenegee towards Dharwar; the Vakeel requests a pass from you to the messenger who conveys my assurance to Kittoor that he may not meet interruptions before any of our forces. I beg leave to be favoured with your reply with as little delay as possible.

Belgaum,
28th Oct.1824.

I have etc.
(Sd.) R.Eden.
Belgium 29th Oct. 1821 87

William Chaplin Esq.

Sir,

From the unfortunate situation with which I am involved at present, it may be proper to make every endeavor to prevent any proceeding against Mr. Pittons or the claims to Dominions, being made by any Government. At the same time, I think it may be useful in presenting it to you, that my services at Mlod, Pardinas, might be useful in preserving the peace of the nation, with the remnant of the Neapolitan & taking a Circuit at Rome, during the last ten days.

I am inclined to think the Ireland business on which I am at present engaged has not been determined; I have in mind that the present circumstances of the nation, with a very inadequate force, nothing of the kind would have occurred, as far as I am aware of the present state of affairs. From my judgment that there is no remedy to be found in the interval, the Committee, a Desperate measure, shall determine.

Belgium 29th Oct. 1821
safety was given them by Government, appear so well Convinced of the
Nature of the Information by the de
Beaudes Government will probably
their only Chance of saving themselves
in the retaining the Persons of themselves
I much fear the only Chance of saving my
Gentlemen have of escaping with their
wealth by your immediate presence at
the Indies Chief M'sgt my Lord by
upon your refusal to have any Con
with them into the main body of the
This is doubtfull, I have no certain in
than yours would be useless in
introduce them to release of the Po
This horn to enclose the Statement of

No reference to the
affixed Clums to the Ami
Place, I with the same assurance has
of yesterday's date, Referring to
Shall leave to remark in summary the
Grunds for such information
merely to have detailed the
his intelligence some committee
Considerations I am the only
Mr People (much jaded)
Marching that I have yet had no time to
 procure information as to what is passing
 in the present & future, but I am able to
 offer you some authentic intelligence
 in the course of the day, the I apprehend
 the whole Country is at this time in a state
 of perfect tranquility.

On learning the determination
 of Colonel Ross not to attack the Fort of.

In the meantime I was induced to inform the British

From the hour of issuing a Copy of my
Communication at the same time I have induced

I have the honor of enclosing a Copy of my

I am informed that his Excellency has written

in your Excellency's favor in your Excellency's favor

I have just heard of 200 Arabs having marched from Kame,
None on their way to Killoo. The info came to the Amildar, he from a Killoo western frontier who merely says, Report is current in his village - have as yet received no communication from any of ours to the different Jagirdar but it is their representations have been sent and well reach me soon.

Share the honor.

Signed, Robert Eds.

True copy.
that the account now submitted
suspected especially as far as respects
the fate of Dr. Beechey whose death
would be a public loss.

On receiving private accounts
of this affair I yesterday reported to
the Commander in Chief that the reports
of those who should be rendered accountable
for the conduct of the insurrection in ad-
dition to those of Belgmina & Co.
referred to the Commissioner that means
should be taken to ensure the safe of
natives
persons holding lands in Miltan
and that it was not intended to
repulse those the instruments of
by the Insurgents were expected.

I was also directed...
this description of people. Should we not receive immediate accounts of the suppression of the insurrection every effort should be made to send an armistice

once for the purpose. It lies in the

midst of the lands of the Portuguese,

not far from Caldas or from France,

and near to the head of water and

mountains which shelter the line our

territory that of the Portuguese. It

is there an audacity where a brave

man could be long maintained and where

it would be likely to succeed unless

soon put under

we shall soon receive and tell

whether they are not quite favorable,

it would appear that it would be better,

for the salvation of the southern convent
in a camp some where near Virginia or Alabama to prevent the insurgents being admitted into the territory under your command to overcome the chiefs of the tribe further South or East. It might even be expedient to send more troops from Bombay to reinforce Dacca and enemy here is not in the jungle with several detachments each strong enough to be certain of holding the mountains and continually in motion on a concerted plan.

In the mean time it may be her to publish a proclamation declaring the Government of the Country to be assumed by the Command in conformance of the extinction of the tribe's family by another more cunning leader to act with the sanction of the brave in the line or in the army who now remain...
t by a certain day of the punishment of others to those who remain in threes. It may all be expedient to proclaim a martial law but this measure need not yet be作った