

बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार



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14. OF THE LETTER DATED 22ND AUGUST 1857, FROM E.A. SAMUELLS, COMMISSIONER OF PATNA TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, DESCRIBING THE DISTURBANCES AROUND CHAPRA AND SIWAN.

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22nd August 1857

To

A. R. Young Esq
Secy to the Govt of
Bengal

Sir,

I have the honor
to state for the information
of the Lieutenant Governor that
with the exception of a dis-
-urbance at Gowrea in
Thannah Durowlee, Zillah
Chupra, when the Darogah
of Thannah Durowlee with
50 of the Chupraspoor Bahadur
men who had been sent by
the Moonsiff of Suran to
apprehend the Gowrea Maliks
on a charge of plundering
was beaten back by the
maliks

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(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशावली)

Maliks who are said to have
had a couple of hundred men
with them there has been no
interruption to the peace in
this Division since I last
wrote.

2 The Magistrate of
Chupra wrote for 50 Sikhs
to enable him to punish the
Gowree Maliks. I explained to
him that there was not a
single soldier available in
the district and desired him
if the state of the Gounkpor
Frontier admitted of his risk-
ing so small a party, to send
the 50 Sikhs he has at Chupra
and to support them if neces-
sary with the gun boat. They
have

have 100 Europeans at Chupra
(and) are perfectly safe there
as far as I can see. I have
informed the Magistrate not
to send the party however if
there is much ferment on
the frontier (and) very large
bands on foot in Gornuckpore.

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The evacuation
of that district has of course
made the Chupra (and) Tirhoot
people very uneasy (and) Mr.
Lantour complains of the
conduct of many of the
Indigo planters in his district
who desert their factories on
the slightest rumour (and) spread
a panic all around them. -

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I received notice
last

last night from Bhargulpore
of the 5th Irregular Cavalry
having taken the road to Gya
and sent an express to that
station which however I ima-
-gine the troopers will not
approach if they can help it.
I suggested if any informa-
-tion could be obtained of their
route that an endeavour
should be made to intercept
them by detaching 200 Sikhs,
a measure however, ^{which} I left
to Captain Rattray's judg-
-ment and local knowledge,
and I directed the Magistrate
of Gya to use every exer-
-tion to have the boats
on the Soane removed to
the opposite bank or sent
down

down stream. I am anxious
by waiting to hear some
news of these men from
Gya.

4 There is nothing new
from Shahabad. The civilians
with Major Leyce's force
are en route for Ruxar

and the Native Officials have
all been sent off to the
same place - Patna is

still crowded with fugitives
from Arrah who will not
return till they see the
place reoccupied. I fear
Rooer Sing will plunder
it again the moment he
hears of the retreat of the
force to Ruxar, but it can
= not

cannot be helped.

6 In Patna my
only fear is of collision be-
-tween the soldiers of the 10th
(and the towns people. It was
not my wish that the 10th
should be sent here - I and the
other residents were quite
content with the protection
afforded by 50 men of the
5th (and 2 Jms - I stated
this to Colonel Guy who com-
-mands at Dinapore (and
told him privately - that
the General had advised
me not to have the men
of the 10th - on account of the
bad temper they had lately
displayed, but he said the
General

General had ordered before
he left, that 100 men should
be sent and that he himself
did not think the Jims
would be safe without
them. The men were
marched over this morn-
ing and had not been
here above a few hours

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when there was a dis-
-turbance between one
of them and some burkum-
-dazes, in which the former
was the aggressor and
another got away into
the town, both were drunk.
I went over immediately
to Captain Orme who
Commands the detachment
and

and he informed me that
he would do what he could
to keep his men within
bounds, but that they knew
the toddy shops in the Bro-
hullab near their quarters,
and he could not answer
for them if these were not
removed - I have therefore
closed all toddy shops within
a mile of the house where
the men are and have
had all the liquor removed.
The loss of tax to Govern-
ment will be about 236
Rupees. The consequences
if drunken Europeans
were to enter the City and
interfere with the processions
would

would be most serious.
The Commanding Officer
assures me he will have
the roll called every quarter
of an hour if necessary.
He is fully alive to the
danger of a collision.

Moonshee Ameer
Ali has for some days
past by my directions
assembled the principal
inhabitants of each Mo-
-tullah and explained to
them the responsibility
which rested upon them
for the preservation of
peace during the Mohur-
-rum and the measures
which I proposed for the
security

security of the Town. Today
I held a durbar at the
Opium Agents' house -
which was attended by
the principal Hindoo and
Mahomedan inhabitants,
all of whom expressed them-
selves thoroughly satisfied
with all that had been
done and freely accepted the
responsibility of maintain-
ing the peace in their own
Moshallas and Mughlees and
preventing persons from
parading with arms. They
also promised to confine
the processions within reason-
able hours and to keep a
watch upon all suspicious
characters

characters. I had previously
written to all of them se-
parately, informing them
that I should hold them res-
ponsible for the peace of
their respective Mohallahs.

It is of course impossible
to say how much sincerity
there may be in their as-
surances, but to the best

of my judgment they really
are sincere in assuring me
that I need not fear any
disturbance during the mo-
-hurn. The Police arrange-

ments have all been carried
out in concert with Major
Stanton and the Magistrate,
and leave, I think, nothing
to be desired. The opium
Godwin

Godown is also well secured
and its 6 guns which com-
mand the town will have
a very good effect; but as
I have, I think, intimated
before, the amount of
disaffection in the city is
from the best information
I can procure very limited
and not in the least likely
to show itself at present.
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Our only apparent danger
is that of a collision be-
tween the soldiers and the
townspeople, for although
Anah may again be overrun,
I do not apprehend that
the rebels would venture on
this side the Loam. Trade
is

is reviving here. Housees are
again procurable, and the
people are bringing back
their women, all of which
are good signs. I am
- quite that every thing will go
off smoothly. Have told
the Zemindars who reside
in Patna and have zemindaries
elsewhere that I
will meet their wishes as
to the payment of their
revenue into the ^{Patna} treasury
as far as possible. Have
also directed the Zemindars
in the north of Samr to
pay in their revenue to
the Deputy Collector of
Chumpan, who is instructed
to

to make it over immediately
to the Opium Agent who
will require a considerable
sum of money there shortly.

We shall thus save the
necessity of a treasure party.

The road to Benares via
Puar is now quite open
and the dawk runs freely.

Yours &c

Edw. A. Samuels

Comr.

(A true copy)

Attest

Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.