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CHIEF SECRETARY

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विषय:—

Political Situation in Bengal
for the month of March 1912

CONTINUOUS NOTE SHEET.

poll DEPARTMENT, *5.5* BRANCH.

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FILE No. 31 OF 1912.

FILE-SUBJECT.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

(The larger portion of each page to be used for noting).

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U.S. *Will you please let me know if you wish the submission of his quarterly statement to continue as in Bengul.*

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AT
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U.S.

From the papers below (which may be shown to A.D.P.I.) it will be seen that we have arranged with the Govt. of India to continue submitting the monthly report to them & even had the Govt. of India not consented to receiving them for the present the concluding sentence of our letter (h

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to the Hon. Mr. Wheeler makes it clear that H.H. desires that the monthly reports shd. in any case be submitted to the Local Govt.

2. The answer to A.D.P.'s query may therefore be that Govt desires the submission of the report but that it should reach them on the 1st of each month instead of quarterly as he suggests.

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But in what inst. was Mr. Wheeler's letter issued. There must be some Section Mr., also some in the D.P.'s Office. Manager them

② There are none in B.H. left here.

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U.S. where no papers: shall we get them from D.P. Board?

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Yes. I think we had better examine the question thoroughly

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urgent
will the office of the D.P.G. kindly check any papers there may be?

John
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A.D.P.D.
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Tapers may be read. Iver
lauris Merik the report should
be continued and that as it
has only the submitted quarterly
it should be thorough and com-
plete. In the latter few months
we have had the following in-
cidents which require to be
fully captured into

(i) teaching of rebellion by professors
of the Bihar National College
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(ii) presence of 3 British
captured suspects (1 claimed
dangerous) among the teaching
staff of aided High Schools.

(iii) a denunciation of the
Madam of the Kironjari
H. S. School as a former master
of the Dimpapur National
School (a well known nest
of sedition) and as having
brought a number of National
School boys from Dimpapur in

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US:

Please see Mr. Kichlers 5/10 C.T. 5/181
of 8/10 + enclosures. Our quarterly report
for the quarter ending 30/6/12 was delayed
till 25/9/12 owing to non-receipt of his papers.
Will you please state if quarterly reports
are still required, + return the notes?

Wt.
24/10

CS

The notes on pages 9, 10, + 11, &
the V.P.I.'s circular on page 12 may

be read. I understand that the
report has become a purely routine
+ lifeless + P.P.I. wishes to do away
with it. We have had several
indications lately that ^{govt.} ~~such~~
will need to watch student
~~affairs~~

movements with care in this province
as in other ^{provinces + indeed other} countries. There can
be no question of the importance
to govt. that the Educ. Dept. shd.
exercise a close control over both
the professors + masters + the
students + pupils, & be kept in
close touch with various political
movements amongst them. The report

shd. therefore perhaps be continued
remain a reality

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Recd. the Govt.
file submit in
M.P. form

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Review papers
order of file
submitted

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I agree - The report should
continued

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U.S.

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seen + returned thanks. Please take - copy
for DDP 1.

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sent as K.W.

To Mr. Curgen

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up. no. 76.C of 14/11/12

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U.S. u.o.

Will you, please, refer to paragraph (2) of C.S.'s note of November 3, on the file regarding the submission of quarterly reports on political movements in schools? In that note C.S. alludes to the presence of 3 Bengal registered suspects (one classed dangerous) among the teaching staff of aided High Schools. It appears that the only information we have on the subject is that there is a suspect named Jitendra Nath Das at the Laksmanath H.E. School at Balasore. Will you, please, let me know who are the other two suspects alluded to?

C.A.
14/11Bengal sent as three cases. Please
put up

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The papers are not in office.
They may probably be with Mr. Angus

J. Angus
14/11Mr. Angus
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U.S.

(I am sorry for the delay in
this case. It was first recd. while
we were at Sonepur to which

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File.

I did not take all our records & was further delayed by our trip into Calcutta & consequent accumulation of work here).

The three cases to which C.S. presumably refers are those which Beupal sent us, viz., the case of

(1) Phani Churnan Bhattacharji, a student in the Govt. Sweeney School at Cuttack. Orders have been issued requiring the Principal to submit periodical report on the student with a view to his discharge if he does not behave himself.

(2) Bijoy Kumar Ray, a Professor in the Bhumiha Brahman College at Muzaffarpur. The question of the Professor's dismissal was considered but on the recommendation of the Dist. Magistrate, supported by the Dist. Commissioner, he was permitted instead to furnish sureties for his good behaviour. In regard to this the D.P.D. is taking necessary action.

* Only two of them however refer to teachers, the other to a student.

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June, 1912, no. 1.
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July 1912, no. 3.

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Proof appended

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(3). Jatinra Nath Das, a teacher
in the Lokhuath H.S. School -

The papers are in the linked
file to which U.S.'s attention is
invited for a perusal of
my note thereon concerning a
missing file

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U.S.

seen + noted, thank you

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From

The Hon'ble Mr. H. Wheeler, C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Home Department,

(Political).

Simla, the 20th May 1912.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 297-P.D., dated the 22nd ultimo, submitting the report upon the political situation in Bengal for the month of March 1912, and recommending that in view of the altered conditions now prevailing the submission of these reports should be discontinued in future, I am directed to say that the Government of India are agreeable to the adoption of this course on the distinct understanding that, in addition to compliance with the standing orders on the subject of the reporting of incidents of public importance, the responsibility will rest with the local Government for apprising the Government of India at an early stage of any developments of political agitation and activity which are likely to have a serious bearing upon the situation. It is essential that the Government of India should be aware of any changes in the political atmosphere, the results of which are likely to be important, but the assurance of the local Government that these matters will be reported separately as they occur should suffice to ensure that the Governor-General in Council is not left in ignorance of any such events.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ H. Wheeler,

Secretary to the Government of India.

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Personal.
I will get out
all the pp. &
see if any
standing order
for the letter
will be necessary
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Copy forwarded to the Government of Bihar and Orissa for information and guidance.

2. The existing orders prescribing the submission of these reports have reference to Bengal as previously constituted and to Eastern Bengal & Assam, but the Government of India are willing that the instructions given above should now be complied with in the cases of Bihar and Orissa and Assam, as well as in that of Bengal.

By order,

M. S. D. Butler

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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Q.4- If the Army remains loyal, the police can be trusted to do so also. Disaffection among native troops is not likely to affect the police.

5. In the event of religious or racial riots, the police can generally be trusted, except perhaps such members of the force as belong to the locality and take an interest in local ----- questions.

9. The general attitude of the people towards the police is -- not favourable. They are regarded with fear and dislike.

10. There are no such societies at work in Puri at least.

11. No

12. People of Orissa generally take very little interest in-- the movements of the National Congress. A few men join the --- Congress occasionally but rarely take any prominent part. There is no such distinction as moderates and extremists.

13. Though complete local *autonomy* might be the aspiration of some political thinkers in Orissa it is hardly of any ---- serious practical import. There are no extremist politicians-- in Orissa and the younger generation are free from any such -- taint.

14. Behar & Orissa may to all intents and purposes be regarded as an area of independent political thought and feeling.

15. None whatever, so far as the leaders in Orissa are concerned.

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16. There is no change. Orissa remained unaffected by the agitation and unrest prevailing in Bengal and is still so. His ----- Majesty's Visit and the recent territorial adjustment are regarded with feelings of deep satisfaction and gratitude by all ----- genuine Uryas and so is the Morley Reform Scheme; but as no unrest existed there was nothing to tranquilize.

17 & 18. I am not in a position to answer as to the state of --- things prevailing among Mohomedans in Behar. There is very little activity in that direction among Mohomedans in Orissa and none in Puri.

19. The general tone of the native Press in Orissa is loyal and there has been no occasion to take advantage of the provisions-- of the Press Act .

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20. The working of the Arms Act in Orissa is satisfactory and a census of Arms was recently taken.

21. Considering that in this province a large ^{area} is inhabited by --- wild tribes ~~prone~~ ^{prone} to create internal disturbance at the slightest provocation, the proposed arrangement to allot a battalion-- of native infantry to this province would appear to be necessary

22. I am not in a position to answer this question.

23. As there is no unrest in the province no such danger as is probably meant by this question exists. Except from the--- wild tribes residing in the uplands of Orissa and Chota Nagpur-- no internal disturbance may be apprehended from any other part--- of the province.

Raj. Kishore Das

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14. Unlike the military the Police in Orissa consists of different nationalities and races. The Bengalee is the master holding in his hand the European above and commanding the Up country man and the Uriya below. He has been established ^{firmly} and the Uriya has been taught and --- trained to look upon him as his ~~his~~ guide in matters social and official. It has grown into a habit upon the latter to adopt the same attitude as the former, his experience having deeply impressed its necessity. It is now too early to say how far this has been affected by the recent changes. There is, however, no doubt-- that the Bengalee now keeps his counsel and is fully conscious that he holds the string to make the Uriya dance to his tune. Whatever may be the Bengalee influence and inspiration the Uriya has not forgotten the military spirit and discipline of his fore-fathers. He will remain loyal as ever as long as the native troops; but in the event of disaffection among them it is the Bengalee not the Uriya pulse that has to be felt.
5. The answer is negative in one case and affirmative in the other.
9. The general attitude of the Uriya is rather indifferent ^{but different} with the Bengalee who is the defacto police.
10. There are but a few political and quasi-political associations. The Orissa Association is the first and foremost. The one at Balasore is almost of the same age. The Landholders Association was called into being a few years ago. And the one of the Domiciled Bengalees is hardly one year old. One and all are of Bengalee -- creation. The meeting of the Orissa Association to discuss the Age of Consent Bill bears testimony to its -- being engineered by Bengalees and has taught the Uriyas what it means to them not to dance to Bengalee tune. The recent ^{dis.} association of some Uriyas shows that their eyes have been opened and they have already realized

that they are not strong enough to hold their own. (135)

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The Landholders Association is virtually an institution of the Zamindars of Bengal who hold the lion's share but have scarcely set their foot on the soil believing Orissa to be the native land of none but their bearers, gardeners and the Calcutta coolies. May, one Calcutta English paper called Orissa Kiskindia or the native land of monkeys. Past experience has taught the Uriya that he should have no choice or voice and must be Bengalized in ideas, thoughts, ~~customs~~ feelings, manners and customs, the object of his very existence being to serve as a -- pawn to his sub-ruler. It will take no short time to -- make him unlearn the lesson taught for more than a --- century and to shake the Bengalee in his position he has been given all along. These associations are and will continue to be Bengalee in nature and character and the Uriya cannot be expected to be beyond the reach of their influence until he has been placed on a different footing long enough.

11. Not known in Orissa.

12. The Congress movement was started by the Bengalees, and is confined to them and most of the domiciled Bengalees. They have with them only those Uriyas whose prospects and aspirations depend upon the good graces of the intermediary rulers. There are no extremists among the --- Congress wallahs, it being against their very interest to be one.

13. The autonomy idea is confined to the advanced Bengalees. The Uriyas stick to the confidence, hope and aspirations with which they welcomed the British notwithstanding all their bitter experience in the past. They are, moreover, fully conscious that they are not yet fit for autonomy and will not join any movement for the same unless ~~abandoned~~ to the *tender* mercies of another race as heretofore.

14. Orissa is no doubt an adjunct of Bengal in matters of political and press agitations. The associations are -- Bengalee creations and the press is mainly in the hands.

I agree

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of Bengalees domiciled or genuine.

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15. There is an effective co-operation between the leaders in Bengal and Orissa, the Bengalee having been so long given the lead. A different spirit has lately made its appearance but its success is doubtful as long as the Uriya is kept dependent even for his daily bread upon an intermediary ruling race.

16. I can say nothing as regards the present state of Orissa as compared with the conditions in 1904 and 1907. His Majesty's visit has brought about no change as regards loyalty. The Uriyas still cherishing hopes and aspiration with which the British were hailed heartily more than a century ago. But it has keenly awakened their racial -- and national feelings and the spirit of constitutional fighting and agitation. It has convinced them that their sovereign is not one on the throne of a celestial empire but is sympathetic, benign, and ever interested in their welfare and prosperity. It is now believed that no wrong will remain unredressed if their voice reaches their -- gracious sovereign. It now remains to be seen to whose account this will be turned, dependent as the Uriyas are upon more than one intermediary race.

17 & 18. Relates to Bihar alone.

19. The press is mainly under Bengalee influence. The Uriya papers take care to keep themselves beyond the reach of the law. It tries to Bengalize the Uriyas on one hand and pass off Bengalee views as Uriya on the other.

20. Not satisfactorily as far as it concerns the cultivators and shikaris who need no more than muzzle loading country guns to protect their crops and earn their livelihood.

21, 22, & 23. I can say nothing.

I may be permitted to note here that Orissa in this means the districts of Cuttack, Puri, Balasore, Sambalpur, Angul, and the Tributary and Feudatory States -- constituting the Orissa Commissionership. But Orissa ~~proper~~ proper extends far beyond this if it is taken to mean the area whose children of the soil have Uriya for -- their mother tongue. The Uriyas have their own moral intellectual

intellectual, social and political characteristics, -- none of which comes to notice in consequence of their -- being so placed as to be in the minority every where and subjected to different influences of the *benches*, *the bars* and landlords of different races. The situation can be best realized from the attempts at different times to enforce them to un-learn their mother tongue with a view to make them Bengalee speaking in Bengal, Telgu speaking in Madras and Hindi speaking in the Central Provinces, though Uriya has been proved to be the Sanscrit of the Prevedic period. This was no doubt to serve the interests of the fortunate domineering -- races and is the unavoidable result of a nation being split up and placed under different administrations. The Uriyas are therefore not to be counted upon as a nation, having their own merits and de-merits. They are naturally expected to swell the rank and file of those to whom they have been made subservient.

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S. A. S. S. S. S.

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Opinions regarding questions
for the Government of Behar
and Orissa.

4. If the Army remains loyal
I think the Police can be trusted
to do so also. Disaffection
amongst the native troops would
probably shake the stable
attitude of the Police to some
extent.

5. In the event of racial ~~hostility~~
the Police can be trusted to
act against their kinsfolk
sent at the time of the
religious riots. I think the
Police cannot be fully trusted
to act against their ~~kinsfolk~~
Coreligionists.

9. The Police is always dreaded
by the people. The people have
no confidence in the Police.
The Police as at present constituted
is always unpopular.

10. In Orissa the following societies
are at work:—

- (a) All India Union Conference.
(b) Anya Union Committee.
(c) Orissa Association.
(d) Anya Association.
(e) National Association.

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The character of all these societies is a quasi-political nature. Their object is to bring to the notice of the Government by Constitutional methods the legitimate claims & aspirations of the children of the soil to a fair share in the administration.

11. So far Orissa is concerned Anya Samaj is not active and influential in any part of it.

12. National Congress since its birth up till now has not taken up any question affecting the interests of Orissa. I consider its attitude towards Orissa indifferent - and as yet of little political importance to Orissa. I don't think there is any marked severance between the so-called Moderates & extremists except as to the modus operandi of the object of the Congress.

I agree

13. 15 (19)

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I consider that the complete local autonomy advocated by the national congress is an aspiration of serious political import. In Orissa there is no ~~that~~ extremist ~~and~~ active & dangerous.

14. Before the creation of the new Province, Orissa, remaining with Bengal for over a century, was trying to imitate the political thoughts & feelings of Bengal to some extent. But now there is a growing tendency towards Orissa being an area of independent political thoughts & feelings.

15. ~~There was~~ ^{Just} whether there was or not there is any effective cooperation between the leaders of Orissa and Bengal. There has not yet been any effective cooperation between the leaders of Orissa & Behar.

16. The conditions obtaining in 1904
& 1907 in Orissa is the same as
at present. His Majesty's visit
& the recent territorial readjustment
which resulted in the formation of
the new Province has no doubt
a tranquillising effect - all over
the country. But so far ^{Orissa is} ~~Orissa is~~
concerned ~~there is a growing discontent~~
there is a growing discontent ^{amongst} the Waryas who
~~they~~ heartily desire that all
the Waryaspeaking tracts should
be united under one administration.
This is the only wail in Orissa.

17. & 18. questions regarding Behar
& I am not in a position
to give my opinion regarding
them.

19. There are very few presses
in Orissa all of which are
not in a flourishing condition.
They are still in their primitive
state. The Press Act has the effect
of curtailing the liberty of the
press.

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20. Working of the Press Act
is satisfactory in Orissa.
There has already been I think
a census of Arms.

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23. In the District of Puri there
is no danger - center at all.
As far as I know there is
no such center in Orissa.

I am at present - not in
a position to give any reply
to the questions nos 21 & 22.
As I had very short time at
my disposal ~~the ^{late} ~~Minister~~ ~~has~~~~
~~been ^{late} ~~the~~ ~~Minister~~ ~~has~~~~ I could not
give my serious thought to them.

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Nagalandhara

Member, Puri

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SECRET

20/10/12
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Dear Egerton,

No 86 Con 18 (22) (un)
With reference to your D.O. No. 246 B.T./
Con. dated 13th. September 1912, I enclose herewith replies
to the questions submitted with Mr. LeMesurier's D.O. letter
189 C dated 3rd. September, compiled by Rev. Mr. Vaughan
of Sambalpur and Rai Sahib Bhubaneshwar Bohidar, Dewan of
Borasambar, the latter being a translation made by Rev.
C.C. Dawson of Padampur (Borasambar).

I think the opinions expressed by these two gentlemen correctly represent the position of affairs in this district.

Generally speaking very little interest is taken in political affairs.

4. I think the police would remain loyal if the army remains loyal. If the army were doubtful, I still think the police would remain loyal unless things were very bad and it looked as if the cause of ^{disaffection} ~~dissatisfaction~~ would win.
5. Yes, I think so, but religious and racial riots are not in the least likely in this district.
9. An attitude of distrust and fear rather than respect.
- 10 & 11 & 12 & 13. } Not in Sambalpur.
14. The press has no influence here. No paper is published in Sambalpur. Any feeling there is is for Bihar and Orissa as an area of independent political thought and feeling.
15. None whatever.
16. Better. His Majesty's visit and the recent territorial adjustments have had a good effect.
- 17-18. Do not apply here. Muhammadans are very few and are well disposed. They are generally on very friendly terms with their Hindu neighbours.
19. No newspaper in this district.
20. The Arms Act works quite smoothly here. A census

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of arms has recently been taken.

21. It is difficult for me to form an opinion on this question for the province as a whole. So far as Sambalpur is concerned - In case of any serious disturbance, military assistance could probably come quicker from Calcutta than from any place in the new province.

22. There is no volunteer band here, though many -- residents are members of various volunteer Corps, Bihar Light Horse, N.B. Mounted Rifles etc. The Bengal Nagpur Railway have a volunteer Corps but it is probably doubtful whether in case of need any force would be available for an out of the way place like Sambalpur.

23. Certainly not in Sambalpur. I am sorry to have been so long answering this reference. I was waiting for the opinion of the Rai Saheb and only received it two days ago. I got it through Mr. Dawson to avoid the necessity of getting an Urya translation of the questions made.

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Yours sincerely ,

12/10/12.

William Ford

Notes re Orissa ¹⁹ only. ⁽²⁴⁾ Naughton

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(a) Yes. (b) They might join them when they are
convinced they would win - not before. Individuals
will remain loyal and distinguish themselves
from various motives - believing that ~~order~~ ^{order} would
only be a matter of time - i.e. it will be restored
Such riots are uncommon in Orissa. They would
deal mercifully with their own friends, unless
compelled to take extreme measures.

I do not think they respect them - but feel bound
to obey. Orissas are fairly law-abiding, &
have no animosity, or special tendency for
anything which might bring them ~~any~~ harm
Specially any in Orissa - the Orissas are not politicians
No - I believe not. Orthodoxy is too strong in Or
as also caste - to sympathize with anything
Orissas do not take much interest in it - only
a few individuals scattered here and there,
would know about the severance.

(a) Not in Orissa. (b) I do not know ^{in Orissa} any, and I do
not think they are Orissas by birth, except, perhaps,
one or two who have failed in exams. or have
not obtained good Govt. posts. (c) Not much
hitherto, but may exercise more in future, unless
the young men turn to trade, etc., instead of
depending upon Govt. appointments, which I cannot
see for all.

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(विह्वल सज्जनमिलो हो गये निदेशालय)

- (4) Independent in Bussa - but it is not unhealthy
a extreme, so far as Bussa is concerned.
- 15 No. There has always been a bad feeling
between the Oriyas and Bengalees. The former
believing that the latter have secured the best
posts. The Bengalees consider the Oriyas
unintelligent - and call them "sheep" - and
despise them. I do not think it probable that
Oriyas have come very much in contact with
leaders in Poona or the Punjab - only an oc-
casional lecture or address by an Arya Samaj
Agent has been given in a few places in Orissa.
6. Better, tho' never had in Orissa. All these
have exercised a good influence I believe.
- 17/10 Refer to Bihar only.
19. See nothing unhealthy in the Oriya press just in
a certain amount of criticism should be
encouraged, and act as a safety valve. I
have no doubt the Press Act has ^{placed} ~~imposed~~ ^{put} ~~imposed~~
responsibility upon editors - and has done good.
I believe a census was taken in Orissa - I know
scarcely anything about this matter.
- It is proposed to form the new province with a
separate internal area, etc. seems advisable.
I am not qualified to speak on this matter.

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22) (a) I believe they would do their utmost, and will be very helpful, but whether it could be termed material assistance or not I cannot say.

(b) Doubtful, I think, so many in Orissa are in the service of the N.W. Ry. Co., and probably cannot go far from their stations.

23. In Orissa I think Puri is the only important centre - and that ~~only~~^{merely} from a religious point of view. It has been controlled admirably for many years past. The reputation of Lathis in Calcutta, or at some distant place where hill tribes have occasionally come in great numbers, has done good. The Oris are not a fighting race - and have very little ambition, tho' there has been a marked improvement in the latter respect.

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(सिंहार-सचय अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)

from Rai Sahib Bhubaneswar Bohidar

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Sambalpur District

To Mr. Crawford Esq. D.S. Sambalpur

Oct 8th 1912

Sir. With reference to your recent communication in which you enclosed a number of questions which you desired me to answer. I beg to state that in my opinion the majority of those questions do not concern the district in which I live. To some of the questions I have the honor to submit the following answers:—

I. I am well acquainted with the whole of this portion of the Sambalpur district & I believe that the Police can be trusted to remain loyal to the British Government.

II. The idea of religious or racial riots is entirely foreign to the people of this district & I do not think the danger is ever likely to arise.

III. The attitude of the people towards the Police is generally characterized by the fear in the presence of authority.

IV. Not in this district

V. — do —

VI. The people of this district are not sufficiently advanced to know any thing about the National Congress. Of the doings of the Congress I personally know nothing.

VII. I do not know.

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XIV. We bryas are in no way desirous of sharing the political thought & feeling of Bengal.

XV. I know nothing about Behar. But I do not think the brya people are desirous of cooperating in any way with Political Leaders in Bengal or the bryas or elsewhere.

XXIII I do not think there are any danger ^{centres} ~~spots~~ in bryas. We are a peaceful - law abiding loyal people, - appreciation of the benefits continually being derived from British Govt. Should anything of a disloyal nature ~~ever occur~~ ^{it} would most probably take place in such centres as Caltack & Durr & even then not amongst the bryas. I am glad to testify that in this remote part of the province the word "disloyalty" has no place in our vocabulary.

I am the honour Mr

In most obedient

(Sd) Bhakteswar Bose

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Boroman

Sambalpur

Translated & submitted to the Board
Pudampur
Sambalpur.

Inspector-General of Police.

23 Secretariat Ranchi,

Dated the 25th October '12.

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Confidential.

My dear LeMesurier,

Your d.o. No. 185 C. of the 3rd September enclosing a copy of questions received from the Army in India Committee. The answers to the first two questions have been compiled in my office, for the remainder I have given Messrs. Dundas' and Ryland's opinions in extenso, with my own added.

In my humble opinion, as noted in para: 10, the questions relating to political conditions do not go sufficiently below the surface.

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Yours sincerely,

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