

Hyderabad. When I informed the Governor of this, he called M. Albert and Madanânda Pandit, and desired them to translate the letters. Nâganna Nâyakkan accompanied the harkaras.

Mirzâ Muhammad Bêg, the Moghul, and Srînivâsa Râo, a Maratha Brâhman, came this afternoon about the affairs of 'Abd-ul-nabî Khân of Cuddapah at Chidambaram and the release of Mudâmiah who is in prison; but they were themselves ordered to be detained in the clock-tower.

[*Monday*], August 20.¹—I hear that Muhammad 'Alî Khân attacked Nandi Râjâ's troops encamped at Allitturai; and that these were defeated and fled to Krishnâpuram with the loss of many. They say that Nandi Râjâ is pressed for money, and that he can only hold out with great difficulty.

The agents of 'Abd-ul-nabî Khân of Cuddapah are said to have been released and conducted by a chobdar beyond the Bound-hedge.

Tuesday, August 21.²—I hear that Muhammad 'Alî Khân and the English at Arcot have burnt the Vellore pêttaï but were beaten off [from the fort].

¹ 8th *Avani*, *Srîmukha*.

² 9th *Avani*, *Srîmukha*.

Wednesday, August 22.¹—I heard at midnight that Periya Perumâl Pillai had been fetched at ten o'clock last night and ordered to pay 4½ lakhs of rupees in a week. He replied he could not. On this the Governor caught up a cane, had him bound, and gave him 40 or 50 blows, and then the Coffrees gave him 300 or 400 more, on which Periya Perumâl Pillai fainted and nearly died. When he was questioned again, he declared that he possessed only 20,000 rupees. He was then imprisoned in the under-ground dungeon, and threatened with being bound from head to foot with whip-cord and hung head downwards. I also hear that Mudâmiah will be treated similarly to-morrow night.

Thursday, August 23.²—I heard at midnight that, after Periya Perumâl Pillai's beating last night, he was brought up again at half-past ten and the Coffrees stood ready with ropes and canes. Periya Perumâl Pillai begged the Governor in great terror to torture him no more, and cast himself at his feet. The Governor said that the Muhammadan was obstinate, but that, as Periya Perumâl Pillai seemed to be honest, he should have the country as before. Periya Perumâl Pillai thereupon promised to pay a lakh of rupees in a

¹ 10th *Avani*, *Srîmukha*.

² 11th *Avani*, *Srîmukha*.

week. The Governor was satisfied and ordered him to be kept at the Nayinâr's house until he had paid. He was imprisoned accordingly, and was promised the country when he had paid the money.

*Friday, August 24.*¹—M. Buttans [?] and the other Europeans at Gingee who attacked Tiruvannâmalai, Mirzâ 'Abd-ul-nabî Bêg and other Muhammadan commanders, Siddhî Saiyid Khân's, Gôvinda Râo's and other sardârs' troops sent by Murtazâ 'Alî Khân from Vellore, advanced, raised batteries and mounted guns to besiege that place. But the Brâhman Mârgasahâyan in the Tiruvannâmalai fort came out with his troops, and attacked them. Our people were defeated and the Vellore troops retired to Vellore, and ours to Gingee. M. Buttans sent in this news on reaching Gingee, and his letter arrived at midnight. So the Governor sent for Hasan-ud-dîn Khân, and ordered him to march to Tiruvannâmalai with 200 sepoy, 50 Europeans and a gun. The Europeans and sepoy set out this evening and camped outside. I hear that Hasan-ud-dîn intends to march to-morrow; he has received 1,000 rupees for his expenses.

The messengers who came this evening from M. Bussy say that, when Salabat Jang

¹ 12th *Avani*, *Srimukha*.

urgently demanded money, the Governor ordered M. Bussy either to return to Pondichery or to go to Masulipatam; they have brought M. Bussy's answer. He and the rest intend to go to Masulipatam.

*Saturday, August 25.*¹—As to-day was the birthday of the King of France, I found the Governor wearing the cross of St. Louis in honour of the festival. The Governor had opened the great hall upstairs, the eastern hall, etc., and was receiving all the Europeans there. I also went and paid my respects, offering him a bouquet. He took it, and returned my compliments, showing me even more respect than he showed the Europeans, God alone knows why. All went to church, heard mass, and sat down to table according to their custom. The Governor drank to the King's health, bowing to the Marquis de Conflans, who has lately arrived, and asking all to drink the health. They did so, and a salute of 21 guns was fired. Salutes were also fired from the ships. The Governor then went into his room; and Madame, who had returned from church, joined him. The Governor sent at once for M. Albert, who came. I think that the Governor withdrew from the feast and did all this, in order to write his reply to Salabat

¹ 13th *Avani*, *Srimukha*.