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APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO THE

ADMINISTRATION OF THE BARODA STATE;

(WITH CONNECTED CORRESPONDENCE).

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

To HIS GRACE the DUKE OF ARGYLL, K.T., Her Majesty's Secretary of State  
for India.

MY LORD DUKE,

Simla, the 2nd October 1873.

WE have the honour to forward, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, a collection of papers relative to the general mal-administration of the territories of the Gaekwar of Baroda.

2. For our orders on the subject, we beg to refer Your Grace to the Foreign Secretary's letter, No. 2209 P, dated the 19th September 1873.

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) NORTHBROOK.  
" NAPIER OF MAGDALA.  
" R. TEMPLE.  
" B. H. ELLIS.  
" H. W. NORMAN.  
" A. HOBHOUSE.  
" E. C. BAYLEY.

No. 28 T., dated Bombay Castle, 26th July 1873.

From SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY to SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT  
of INDIA, Foreign Department.

I AM directed to forward herewith copy of communications as per margin from  
Colonel R. Phayre, C.B., Resident at Baroda,  
from which the Government of India will observe the serious nature of the mal-administration  
of the Gaekwar Durbar in the matters therein  
brought to light.

1. Letter No. 103-552, dated the 25th June 1873.
2. Memorandum No. 106-561, dated the 26th idem, with accompaniment.
3. Letter No. 107-573, dated the 28th idem, with accompaniments.
4. Letter No. 113-599, dated the 4th July 1873.
5. Letter No. 118-608, dated the 8th idem, with accompaniment.

\* No. 33 T, dated the 26th July 1873.

2. Copy of the reply\* sent to the Resident  
by this Government also accompanies.

3. His Excellency in Council is disposed to  
recommend further action in this matter being postponed, until the more important  
questions of the reform of the Contingent and the administration of Kattywar have  
been brought to an issue.

No. 103-552, dated Baroda Residency, 25th June 1873.

From RESIDENT at BARODA to SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

In continuation of my telegram of this date, I have the honour to acquaint you, for  
the information of His Excellency in Council, that His Highness the Gaekwar's  
Minister brought to my notice yesterday that the five Thakoors, who have been  
representing their grievances to the Resident since October last year, as reported by  
me in the Administration Report for 1872-73, have now broken out into open  
rebellion, and have taken to the strong ground on the banks of the Suburmuttee  
with about a thousand coolie followers. I was consulted what should be done in  
the matter. In reply I asked what was the cause of grievance, as there certainly  
must be something unusual to drive men to so desperate a step. The Minister