

Fort William
Foreign Department
The 30 April 1838.

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No. 1653

To
G. P. Edmonstone, Esq^r
Secy. to the Gov^t of India
with the Gov^r General.

Chd^d 1 May

Sir
I am directed by the
Hon^{ble} the President-in-Council
to refer to the letter from the
Secretary to the Gov^t of Bombay
to your address No. 874, dated the
11th Ultimo, a duplicate of which
was forwarded from Bombay to
the Presidency.

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2^d The Right Hon^{ble} the
Governor General will doubtless
have disposed of the particular
subject of that reference; but
it occurs to the President-in-
Council to suggest, the great
importance, ^{if considering} as soon as possible,
what shall be done with
the members of the Delhi
family now resident in various
parts of India, however remotely
they may be connected by blood
or marriage with the Ex-King,
and whether it be not required
of the Gov^t as an urgent
measure of policy, with a
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view, both to mark the sense entertained of ^{the} faithless conduct of the Emperor and many of his relations, and also to obviate as far as possible, the chance of any of these persons or their descendants putting themselves forward or being put forward by others, as the representatives of the great Mogul and the natural leader of revolt against British authority, to deport the whole family to some distant place of security where, under a mild surveillance they may enjoy such means as they possess or may acquire without the power of doing mischief.

3. All the members of the Delhi family who may be proved to have taken part, directly or indirectly in the rebellion, will of course be punished according to their deserts; but His Honor in Council is disposed to urge the entire expatriation of the whole race, ~~without distinction~~ ~~of guilt~~ without distinction ~~of age or sex~~ so that there may

* I doubt the propriety of going to this extent.

Finally settled in Council
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may not remain or arise in India a single person to whom the disaffected can point as the representative of the Mahomedan dynasty, or who can claim, on account of his birth, a right to be regarded as the leader of a general revolt against the British Government.

4. I am directed to forward copy of a recent correspondence with the Govt. of Madras, giving further indication of the necessity of adopting some such measure as this - an act of the Legislative Council would be necessary for the purpose; and it might be declared that, any one appearing to be related to the Delhi family, whether truly or otherwise should be regarded and treated as such, without further evidence.

5. There may be other persons and families in India ~~to whom~~ whom, for like reasons, it may be desirable to banish from the Country, in consequence of the events of the last twelve months.

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H. G. G. G.

From Chief Secretary Fort St George
27th Jan 1858
To D. D. 25th March 1858

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