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MADAGASCAR.

RETURN to an Address of The Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 29 June 1827;—for

COPIES OR EXTRACTS

Of any CORRESPONDENCE which may have recently passed
between His Majesty's Government and RADAMA, the
Sovereign Chief of *Madagascar*.

Colonial Office,
Downing-street,
1 April 1828.

F. LEVESON GOWER.

Extract of a Despatch from His Excellency Lieut. General Sir G. L. Cole,
Governor of the Mauritius, dated Mauritius, 25th November 1826, to
the Right Honourable The Earl Bathurst, K. G.

“ IT is with very great regret that I transmit to Your Lordship the Copy of a
“ Letter which I have just received from King Radama, informing me of the death
“ of Mr. Hastie, British Agent at Madagascar, on the 18th ultimo.”

Tananarivon, October 23, 1826.

To Lieut. General Sir G. L. Cole, Governor of Mauritius,
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to do the painful and lamentable duty of informing your Excellency, that James Hastie, Esq. the enlightened and faithful Agent of your Government at my Court for several years, is no more. He expired on the 18th instant, about one o'clock P. M. after having been very ill for a long time.

By his wise counsels, and his promptitude always to assist the needy and distressed, he has not only attached myself to him more and more every year, but also my people, who lament his loss as a friend and a father; who could conduct himself in such a manner as to attract the affections of persons of every rank among my subjects.

In order to show my regard for him and my sorrow at his loss, I directed that every thing in my power should be done to his honor as soon as he died, and to give him as honorable a funeral as can be done in my country; therefore I ordered to fire guns every quarter of an hour, from two o'clock until even on the day he died, and the same again on the day of his funeral until he was buried.

He was buried on the morning of the 20th instant in a vault built of stones and mortar, made expressly for him on the 19th; for after learning the manner of tomb his sorrowful partner and his friends here desired to have for him, I immediately issued orders to my ministers to have all the necessary stones collected, and the vault made without delay; and that the Grenadiers should escort him to his tomb, and fire over it three rounds, according to the British custom, as I was told.

Notwithstanding the death of James Hastie, Esq. your Agent at my Court, yet I, Radama, who have stopped the Slave Trade in accordance with the Treaty which I have entered into with His Britannic Majesty, am still alive; and I am determined by every means in my power, to abide unchangeably by my stipulations in the Treaty, if your Excellency will continue to give me annually what is stipulated therein.

I send your Excellency an account of what I have received of the equivalent this year.

I have the honour, &c.

(signed)

RADAMA.

(A true copy.)

(signed)

F. E. O. Viret,

Priv^t Sec^r.

2 CORRESPONDENCE *between* HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT

Richmond Terrace, March 29th, 1827.

MY LORD,

I feel it my duty to transmit to your Lordship a letter (in original) under date of the 23d of October last, which I have received from Radama, the ruling Chief of Madagascar, the same Prince with whom I concluded the Treaty which has received the sanction of His Majesty, and of Parliament, for the abolition of the Slave Trade.

In thus bringing under your Lordship's notice the death of Mr. Hastie, a loss which I consider it will be difficult to repair, it affords me some satisfaction at the same time to lay before your Lordship, the renewed assurances of Radama's determination to observe the engagements which he has contracted with this country, and which have hitherto been most faithfully observed on his part.

I have the honour to be, with great respect,

My LORD,

Your Lordship's most faithful humble servant,

(signed)

R. T. FARQUHAR.

The Earl Bathurst, K. G.
&c. &c. &c.

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To Sir Robert Farquhar, Bart.

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SIR,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(signed)

RADAMA.

The Procession of Mr. Hastie's Funeral.

1.

Grenadiers, Fifes and Drum.

2.

Mr. Hastie's Horse dressed with his Boots and Spurs on.

3.

Rev. D. Jones and D. Griffiths.

Corpse.

Mr. Blancard.

2 Swords.
Cap.

General Brady.

Mr. Dyot.

Dr. Ravalintsalarna.

5.

Palanquins.

Mrs. Hastie, and Rev. Mr. Johns, on foot by her side.

Her Majesty Rasalimore, and Mr. Rowlands, d°

Mrs. Jones and Mr. Le Gros - - - - d°

Mrs. Griffiths and Mr. Chick - - - - d°

Mrs. John and Mr. Cameron - - - - d°

6.

All the Royal Family, four abreast.

7.

Radama's Ministers, four abreast.

8.

Europeans and Creoles, four abreast.

9.

The Schools in Tananarivon, four abreast.

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