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SUBJECT.

*Diary of the Political Agent, Manipur,
from 15th to 21st November 1891.*

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List of References.

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No. *383.*

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Subject.

*Submits his tour diary for the period from
15th to 21st November 1891.*

Notes and Orders.

Ass^t Secy.

For perusal and orders.

*Please see the proposal set forth by the
P. A. as to the removing & placing of remains
of Messrs. Melville & O'Brien entered on 17th Novr.*

*Entry dated 19th Novr. H. Remarks on the
pack bullocks sent for the Transport from
Bombay. Print the diary & then submit
to Secy in print.*

*K. W.
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Asst: Secy:

Proof below for approval.

Sivanath

19/12/21

21/12

Secy. Dy. for 18th & 19th Nov.

maybe read - $\frac{W.B.}{26.12.}$

(I don't want to see these proofs)

Print off, sending copies

to CC

Earl

26/12

Issue.

Please send this to press to be printed off.

Wm. G. G.

28/12/21

Proof of Major Maxwell's diary 11-10 sent to ^{press} ~~proof~~ to be printed off.

Wm. G. G.

Asst: Secy:

Draft endorsement below returning Major Maxwell's diary in original.

Sivanath

4/1/22

$\frac{W.B.}{9.1.}$

(1 copy sent for C.C.'s table)

(Continuation of Notes and Orders.)

Suppl.

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92 Nos 10/12.
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Please see a rslt. Secy's orders of
28-12-91 on diary No 1179 for of 1891.

Handwritten
11/1/92

MD

I think the original
diary should be kept in our office.
Hitherto we never used to return P.D.
diary to him.

11/1/92

What is done with diaries that aren't
printed? Are they not returned? E.g. Khasi
& Jaintia hills & others?
11.6.
11.1.

Post: Secy:

Only the Khasi & J. Hills diary is
returned ^{in original} - No other diaries are returned.

Swanath
12.1.92

In future return only printed
11.6.
15.1.

P. A. Manspur No. 245 P.D. 15-1-92

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[No. 10.]

DIARY of MAJOR H. ST. P. MAXWELL, *Political Agent, Manipur, from 15th to 21st November 1891.*

15th November, Sunday.—At Manipur Sura Chandra Singh, the only son of the ex-Maharaja Sura Chandra Singh, died to-day from small-pox. The deceased, a lad of 14 years of age, had never been vaccinated.

Some educated lunatics in England do not believe in the efficiency of vaccination as a protection from small-pox. In the whole 43rd regiment here, including women and children, only one person, a havildar, had not been vaccinated, he alone has been attacked and succumbed to the disease.

16th November, Monday.—Employed with slave cases all the morning. Two villages of Kuki slaves came in with their masters to complain.

The slaves say they are badly treated, and are kept in poverty by the exactions of the headmen. They do not object to ordinary work, such as cutting *dhán*, building houses, &c., but they wish to be relieved from paying heavy taxes on the marriage of their children, on the birth of a child, and again when their masters marry or have children born. One man had the further complaint that his father had been killed some years back by a rival tribe, and his master declined to revenge his death, but had patched up a peace. I warned the headmen that unless they treated the slaves kindly, I would remove the slave villages to the other end of the valley, and until further orders marriage and birth taxes must cease. I was unable to do more at present, as I have no police to see my orders obeyed, and I feared the slaves might be ill-treated if I insisted on their immediate release.

I warned the whole tribe that raids will be severely punished.

Marched in evening to Sengmai *en route* up the Kohima road to inspect outposts and arrange for fodder for transport animals as far as Mao.

The road to Sengmai was in good order and well bridged.

17th November, Tuesday.—Marched to Kaitamabi. The bridle-path is very rough and has been much cut up by the transport elephants. Sent for the headmen of near villages, but they did not come in until late in the evening.

18th November, Wednesday.—Marched to Myangkhang. The road is fairly level and in good order. The *dhán* in the small valleys is ripening, and a little is already cut; the outturn is good.

Inspected guard of two non-commissioned officers and 15 rifles, 43rd Gurkha Infantry.

Examined site of the graves of Messrs. Melville and O'Brien of the Telegraph Department, killed here on the 25th and 26th March last, and found it well cared for. Before the memorial stone over the grave of the late Chief Commissioner and his companions is erected, I would propose removing the remains of Messrs. Melville and O'Brien and placing them in that grave. It will be some years before the stone is erected, as, until the cart-road is open, it cannot be transported to Manipur. The inscription on the stone should include the name of Mr. Melville.

Arranged with the villagers of Myangkhang and neighbourhood to collect grass for the transport cattle at 4 annas a maund. The grass is plentiful now, but when the frosts commence will become dried up. The Myangkhang headmen asked permission to rebuild village on the old site, as the people had been living in the jungles since April last, when the village was burnt for the share it took in the murder of Messrs. Melville and O'Brien.

I told the headmen I would visit the site of the old village on my return and issue orders.

19th November, Thursday.—Marched to Kairong. The road was in excellent order.

was working on the Mao-Manipur road throughout the rains, and deserves great credit for his industry and perseverance over difficulties. The road to Maitepham was in splendid order.

On 5th August last, two Manipuri dāk-wallahs were murdered between Kairong and Maitepham and their scalps taken. No clue to the murderers has as yet been found, though suspicion fell on the Maram Nāga village as being close to the place of occurrence, and also to the fact that this village has always been troublesome to the late Durbar. I ordered the headmen of Maram to meet me, and they came in the evening. They denied all participation in the murders, and I told them I would never drop the subject, and as the men were killed on their village land they would be held responsible. The headmen said they would institute further enquiries, but the only thing now is to fine the village heavily, as there is not the slightest doubt some Maram people committed the deed. I will wait until the transport cease running and then take the matter in hand.

The *dhán* crop has been excellent.

Arranged with villagers to sell grass to the Transport Department at 4 annas a maund.

21st November, Saturday.—Marched to Makhel. Arranged with villagers to sell grass as above, also explained to them that they would have to pay house tax at Rs. 3 a house, and now was the time for them to make money. The people looked savage and dirty, and have been on several occasions punished by the late Tangal General.

The area under cultivation increases considerably after Maitepham and the country becomes more open and healthy. The transport stage at Maitepham was in a deplorable condition, the hospital was quite full, and most of the men at work looked wretched.

I hope to meet Mr. Watts, Superintending Engineer, Nichuguard-Manipur cart-road to-morrow at Kuzama.

KUZAMA,
The 22nd November 1891.

H. ST. P. MAXWELL,
Political Agent.

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DRAFT ENDORSEMENT.

For Approval.

No. 245 P

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The Pol. Agent, Manipur for record
in his office.

By order, &c.,

ASSAM SECRETARIAT,

SHILLONG :

The 15-1 1892.

for Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

LIST OF PAPERS FORWARDED.

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Sivanath

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