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"I did not come to fight when at Debai a letter reached me from Syed Mahomed bin Salim, begging me to join him in this place: I came hither to bring about an amicable settlement between Syed Mahomed bin Salim and the Persians and even now that you have come unto me will I, please God, go back to my seat."

Immediately after (receiving the above letter) the Sheikh of Abcoothabee went to Syed Mahomed bin Salim and acquainted him with the nature of the order that had arrived, where upon the latter chief called me into his presence, and said, an understanding exists between myself and Sirkar, whereby I am permitted to proceed by sea with ships and troops to any part of my Dominions that may be disturbed by war, and further should I call in any of the maritime tribes of Oman to my assistance none is allowed to oppose their joining me, neither the people of the Sirkar, nor the Commodore or other officers."

I replied, "without an order from Captain Kemball, the Resident, this can never be, for none of the maritime chiefs of Oman are permitted to proceed with vessels or Troops for the purpose of carrying on hostilities."

When Syed Mahomed bin Salim found that he had no other excuse to urge, and saw that the chief of Abcoothabee must of necessity go back to his seat; he

said, "I am very glad if Saïed bin Tahnoon leaves me, my