

TO SIR SANFORD FREELING,
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF
TRINIDAD.

May God bless Your Excellency, the Protector of the Poor, &c., &c.,

We are the Musselmans of Trinidad. We believe in one God. We abhor all idol worship. This Taziadari is one form of idol worship and is no part of our religion. When people drink rum and like vain fellows swing their sticks and shout Hassan and Husain before Taziya we get much shame because gentlemen think that this is the Mohammedan religion. Neither in the Koran nor in any Sacred Book of ours are we told to make Taziya. In this play quarrels arise, injuries are inflicted, bones are broken, men are killed and it is our good name that gets reproach, hence we are in distress. Our religion arose in Arabia, and we have amongst us many Arab people all faithful Musselmans and none of them ever heard of Taziya.

On account of our distress we entreat Your Excellency to issue an order for the discontinuance of this Play, and whilst we live we will remember your kindness, and praise your name for having judged so wisely

We are Your Excellency's very humble Servants.

Bahadur Ali,	Shop-keeper,	S. F'do.
Kurban Ali	"	"
Sukhouwat Ali	"	"
Yakub	"	"
Saikh Dular	"	"
Sayad Mohamed Isa		Couva.

Followed by 101 other signatures.

Letter from Mr. Morton.

Tunapuna, April 25th, 1882.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Your kind favor of Jan. 28th was duly received and falls to be answered.

We are all well and after months of dry weather are beginning to long for rain. When I built this house I built a concrete cistern capable of holding 5400 gallons of water which is now getting low.

Estates are well forward with sugar making, and the crops in this quarter are a great improvement on those of last year.

I have had the buildings here painted outside, to protect them from the weather and this week I am completing a school-house at the Caroni 36x18 feet which is

to be used as a church, and a house for the teacher. I am to open the new place on the 30th and the school on May 1st.

Mr. Macleod is letting me have Banka one of my old Princetown teachers. And here I may say that we were greatly obliged to the children of McLellan's Brook S. School for their interest shown in the \$8.50 sent; as also to those of Gays River and Milford for \$5.70 sent by them. Maps have been bought for Arouca, Tunapuna and Curepe schools. Your old friend Bhukhan collected from his children over two dollars to help, and so there remains a small balance to be spent in getting a map or two for the Caroni School.

In November I baptized Bhukhan's son; and your connection with the mission is perpetuated in the name Alex. Campbell Bhukhan.

The cross street which I insisted on being provided for, when I bought the land here has been taken over by the government and is this week being opened out. It will greatly improve our place, and the village will no doubt fill up along the land thus thrown open as building lots.

Last week the railway was opened through to San Fernando. I can leave the Station here at 7.27 a. m., I reach San Fernando at 8.15. the van to Princetown is drawn by a small locomotive now so that I could reach Mr. McLeod's by 11 o'clock. Or he could leave home at 6 a. m., and reach Tunapuna a little after 9 a. m. These as you know are the extremes of the mission fields, with San Fernando and Couva lying between. The tramway from San Fernando to Princetown is to be converted into a railway and then none of the four missionaries will be more than half a mile from a railway station; and three of my four schools are within from one to four minutes walk of railway stations.

How unlike the South Sea Islands and the centre of Africa; and yet that there is a real heathenism here as there you have seen and can testify.

A child was born lately just beyond our garden bounds and for the past few nights a band of women have met there and have, in honor of the event, sung for hours each night in praise of Kali, that female personification of blood thirstiness.

Over 2000 souls yearly arrive from India to perpetuate the opportunities of our church and to call for continued effort. They come to us, to this land of rich cane fields and railways, and surely