

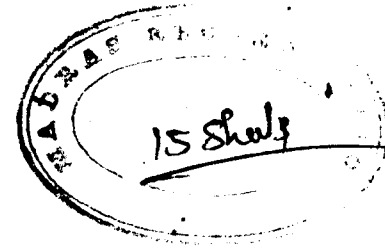
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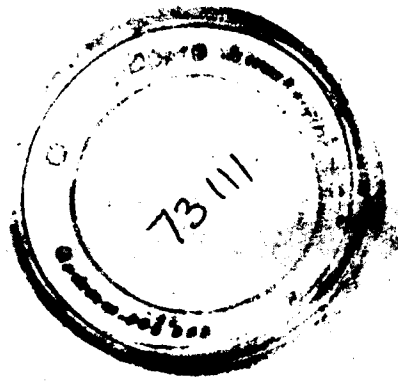
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 IN 1846, VOLUME IV.

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- Letter No. 315, dated 11th September 1846, to the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, requesting that the deficiency may be made up to enable him to make the arrangements necessary for the security of the country.
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- Letter No. 319, dated 15th September 1846, to the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, requesting that the European officer by whom Lieutenant Watson may be replaced may be directed to proceed to Owk.
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- Letter No. 324, dated 16th September 1846, to the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, stating that it would be inadmissible to withdraw from the town of Cuddapah the company under the command of an European officer.
- Letter No. 325, dated 16th September 1846, to the acting Joint Magistrate, Bellary, informing that a large body of police peons and kattubadies were sent to Yerramalai Hills.
- Letter No. 326, dated 18th September 1846, to the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, stating that it would be advisable to place a guard during the night over the house in which the Reddi's family are lodged.
- Letter No. 327, dated 19th September 1846, to the Officer Commanding 19th Regiment, Native Infantry, Cuddapah, stating that he had sent by a guard three persons of rank and influence who were supposed to have been concerned in the treasonable proceedings of Narasimha Reddi.
- Letter No. 328, dated 18th September 1846, to the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George at Kurnool, informing that his object was that both the police force and kattubadies should join together and intercept the enemy.

- Letter No. 329, dated 19th September 1846, to the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, Bellary, soliciting his opinion on the feasibility of the plan proposed of employing the military on the Yerramalai Hills to put an end to the disturbance created by the rebel Poligar, Narasimha Reddi.
- Letter No. 353, dated 8th October 1846, to the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, Kurnool, forwarding copy of a confession taken from Narasimha Reddi and some other documents.
- Letter No. 354, dated 9th October 1846, to the Officer Commanding Field Force in Ceded Districts stating that rebel Narasimha Reddi and his principal adherents were apprehended and that it was no longer necessary to retain the whole of the forces at present employed on field service.
- Letter No. 367, dated 10th October 1846, to the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, Kurnool, forwarding copy of an arzi from the village officers of Reddimari, Thummaldinne, stating that the village officers of Pathakunducoor in the Chagnalmurry taluk has aided and abetted certain followers of Narasimha Reddi.
- Letter No. 384, dated 28th October 1846, to the Officer Commanding Field Force, Ceded Districts, informing that all the prisoners apprehended as concerned in the late disturbance would be committed for trial to the Commissioner at Cuddapah and the troops might be withdrawn from some of the stations.
- Letter No. 387, dated 28th October 1846, to the Agent to the Governor, Fort St. George, at Kurnool, requesting to order Raja Khan of Kurnool to appear before the Court of Commissioner at Cuddapah to give evidence against certain prisoners.
- Letter No. 389, dated 29th October 1846, to the Magistrate, Bellary, forwarding extracts from depositions, letter from Narasimha Reddi and his adherents to show that certain persons were concerned in the disturbance.
- Letter No. 394, dated 3rd November 1846, to the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah, forwarding copies of all reports submitted to Government relative to late disturbance.
- Letter No. 399, dated 9th November 1846, to the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah, stating that no more prisoners would be sent for trial till it was known that the Commissioner was ready to try them.
- Letter No. 409, dated 14th November 1846, to Captain H. Nott, 19th Regiment, Native Infantry, Commanding Field Force, requesting to adopt the necessary measures for the security of the 96 prisoners.
- Letter No. 411, dated 14th November 1846, to the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah, stating that the attendance of the witnesses to the cases would be duly caused.
- Letter No. 413, dated 17th November 1846, to the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah, stating that of the 636 persons for whom warrants have been issued about two-thirds are Kuttubadies or hereditary village police.
- Letter No. 419, dated 24th November 1846, to Captain Younghusband, Commanding Troops on Field service, requesting to make necessary arrangements for the escort of 93 prisoners from Jammalamadugu to the Cantonment Cuddapah.
- Letter No. 115, dated 6th April 1847, to the Resident at Hyderabad, forwarding a copy of an extract from the minutes of consultations under date 30th March 1847 sanctioning an increased reward for the apprehension of Gosaya Venkayya.
- Letter No. 242, dated 1st July 1847, to the Resident at Hyderabad, informing that Gosaya Venkayya had been apprehended.
- Letter No. 311, dated 6th August 1847, to the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah, informing that instructions were sent to the Tahsildar of Kambam and Koilkuntla to forward any witnesses who might have seen the body of the late Surchasum.
- Letter No. 195, dated 29th May 1848, to the Registrar of Fouzdari Udalut, Fort St. George, furnishing information as to the number and names of the prisoners who were concerned in the late disturbance and punished by the Commissioner's Court, Cuddapah, and suggesting that the sentence of some of them might be modified.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.

To—the Agent to the Governor of Fort George at Kurnool.

Dated—Royachoti, the 6th July 1846.

No.—204.

From the accompanying copies of Urzees received from the Head of Police of Koilgoontla, you will perceive that one Mujjaree Nursim Reddy, a Pensioned Poligar of Wooyalawada in that Talook, has collected a body of armed men and turned refractory setting at defiance the Government authorities. The report as regards the number of his Force may be somewhat exaggerated, but as his intentions are not, I am inclined to think, peaceable and as it appears to me extremely advisable that he should be apprehended, I have the honour to request your assistance in the matter. It appears that he has betaken himself to the village of Gooladoorthy 2 koss from Cusbah Koilgoontla and that he purposes proceeding to Cudwall in the Hyderabad Territory. I should think a few of your Irregular Horse, if employed, would soon bring the matter to a final issue but I will leave you to adopt such measures as your judgment dictates. I have issued circulars to the neighbouring Heads of Police in this District to assist in apprehending him, and shall be guided by circumstances in respect to further proceedings.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.

To—the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George at Kurnool.

Dated—Royachoti, the 11th July 1846.

No.—209.

With reference to my letter of the 6th instant, I have the honour to inform you that Narasim Reddy and his followers have in an affray which took place at Mittapally in Chagalamurry Taluk in your district, in which my Police attempted to apprehend him, killed the Surheyshum and nine peons. This intelligence has just reached me by express. The number of his armed followers is reported to be 9,000, and there is every reason to suppose that he is supported by some influential persons and that his intentions are anything but peaceable. I have thought it proper to order out the military to the place he now is, with a view to his being apprehended and the dispersing of his followers and should they move in the interim through your District, I have the honour to request your assistance in the matter causing him to be apprehended and forwarded to me.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.

To—the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah.

Dated—Royachoti, the 11th July 1846.

No.—210.

One Nursimma Reddy, a pensioned Poligar of the village of Coyalawada in the Coilgoontla talook, having collected a body of armed men said to amount to about 9,000, has set the Government authorities at defiance shewing that his intentions are anything but peaceable and it appearing from an express just received from the Tahsildar of Dhuvur that in an attempt made on the part of my Police to apprehend him, his party have killed the Surchasum and nine peons and plundered the village of Roodravaram. I have the honour to request you will with the least possible delay order out a sufficient number of Troops as may appear to you necessary to apprehend him and deliver him over to me. He was last heard of in the village of Mittapully, Chagulmurry Talook in Kurnool, on the borders of the Doovor Taluk in this District and it appears to me that the military force had better proceed to Cusba Duvvur in the Duvvur taluk by Cazeepet and Chintagoontah. I have directed the several Tahsildars to afford the necessary supplies on the road, and they will be able to give the Officer Commanding the Troops any information he may require as regards the place where the refractory Poligar and his followers are to be found. If he should surrender himself so much the better, but if any resistance is offered, arms must be resorted to.

I have directed the Tahsildars of Doovoor and Koilgoontlah to make known to the Officer Commanding the force the names of any persons who may have taken a conspicuous part in the affray with a view to their apprehension also and beg to request his attention to what these officers may say.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding, Ceded Districts, Bellary.
Dated—Royachoti, the 11th July 1846.
No.—211.

An express having been this morning received from the Head of Police of Doovoor in this District, announcing that one Narasimha Reddy, a pensioned Poligar (who had collected a body of armed men and set at defiance the Civil local authorities and whose apprehension I in consequence had ordered) and his followers said to have increased to 9,000 had in an affray with the Police killed a Surchashum or Head Duffadar and nine peons, and plundered the village of Roodravaram, I have the honour to inform you that I have sent in a requisition to the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, to order off to the spot a sufficient military force to apprehend the said refractory Poligar and others who may have taken a conspicuous part in the affray (which latter information the Head of Police will be able to afford) and to disperse his followers. As this Poligar has already shown that his intentions are anything but peaceable and as matters have assumed a serious appearance, I have stated in my official to the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, that if Nursimha Reddy and others whom it may be desirable to apprehend on information afforded by the Head of Police, do not surrender and if resistance is offered, arms must be resorted to.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, at Kurnool.
Dated—Royachoti, the 12th July 1846.
No.—212.

An urzee by express enclosing one from the Sub-officer of Coilgoontlah having just been received from the Head Police of Jammalamadugu who reports that Narasimha Reddy and his party of armed followers have plundered the Taluk Treasury of Cusba Koilgoontlah, wounded the Head of Police of that Talook and confined him in the fort and that in the attempt made on the part of my Police to save the Treasury five more peons have been killed, I have the honour to request you will with the least possible delay order off a strong body of your Irregular Cavalry to the spot to render assistance so urgently necessary, matters having assumed a very serious appearance. From all the information, I can at present obtain, which at the distance I am from the scene of operations, is somewhat limited, I am led to suppose that Narasimha Reddy is supported by several influential persons in Hyderabad, Kurnool and Bellary, of whom a few are mentioned in the margin. The Head of Police of Coilgoontlah in an urzee apparently despatched shortly before his as reputed states that the seizure object of this sudden outbreak is to take position of the Coilgoontlah talook. At all events as considerable fears are entertained of the Treasury of the Talook of Doovoor at Poddatoor being also plundered and as consequences attendant on a large body of armed marauders plundering villages as they go along are very serious, I trust you will lose no time in responding to this application for assistance. I shall proceed myself towards this spot with as little delay as possible and expect that a military force will leave Cuddapah in a few hours this morning, as I, when I last wrote to you on the subject of this disturbance, sent off an express to the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, to afford immediate assistance to the local authorities at Coilgoontlah.

I shall also write to the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts if matters assumed a still further foundable appearance and as you are much nearer the scene of outbreak than myself, I request you will communicate direct to the Brigadier should you require further assistance and act in the matter as your judgment may dictate on further information you may receive.

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Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Bodemmanoor, the 20th July 1846.
No.—217.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 15th instant I should of course have communicated with you further on the subject of the Koilkuntla outbreak as matters rendered it necessary. The military having according to my requisition without loss of time moved on Jammalamadugu, no doubt save the place from being plundered and the rebels from taking possession of the for The poligar and his party retreated to a place called Rhudrar in the boundary of the Kurnool territory, and when the military were within a march of them, they fell back in Howhobalam where there is a fort and by the total intelligence it appears probable that they will cross the hills towards Cumbum.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Magistrate of Guntur.
Dated—Bodemmanoor, the 20th July 1846.
No.—218.

One Narasimha Reddi, a disaffected poligar, having raised an armed body of men amounting to 3,000, plundered the treasury of Koilkuntla, wounded and made a prisoner of the tahsildar, and killed a duffadar and wounded a few peons, has now on being pursued by the military retreated towards the hills between Rhudrar and Cumbum. As it appears probable that the poligar will with a few followers take the route towards the Hyderabad territory, I have the honour to request you will use every endeavour to intercept him in your district should my suppositions be verified. I will do myself the honour of communicating with you further on the subject obtaining more correct information, but wrote now in order that you may adopt the preliminary necessary measures.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Brigadier-General, Ceded Districts, Bellary.
Dated—Bodemmanoor, the 20th July 1846.
No.—219.

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, I have the honour to state that the number of the disaffected poligars armed followers were at first reported to me to be 9,000 and that by the latest accounts 3,000 is supposed to be his force, several having lately deserted him. His force consists chiefly of Kattubadis (or the village poligars the greater part of which body belonging to the taluk have joined him), Woddew and Yanadis armed with match locks, swords and spears, etc. The poligar, I have every reason to believe, was bent on plundering Jammalamadugu and taking possession of the fort at that place, but the military force from Cuddapah having arrived there before him, he retreated to Rhudrar and remained there until the troops were within a march of the place when the rebels took to the hills though not without having plundered the village of Rhudrar. I have the honour further to state with reference to the third paragraph of your letter under reply that I have written to the Officer Commanding Cuddapah requesting him to direct the Officer Commanding the relieved detachment from Cumbum to Moondelpaud, it appearing that the rebels having taken their route by the Gootacanama Pass, and it being very desirable that they should be intercepted at the entrance of the above pass in the Cumbum side Moondelpaud is about three miles from Kottacota at which latter place the Pass commences and where there is a fort in which the rebels will most probably hold themselves. Captain Nott will hold himself in communication with the officer in charge of the detachment as circumstances render necessary on further information being obtained. The troops under Captain Nott are at Rhudrar where I shall join them tomorrow morning. I was some miles from Cuddapah when the troops got under arms, have not been able to overtake them. But the Head Assistant accompanied them from Cuddapah.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding Cuddapah.
Dated—Auloomoor, the 21st July 1846.
No.—220.

Adverting to paragraph 3 of a letter to my address from Brigadier-General J. Anderson in which he states that you have been requested "to direct, if neces-

the march of the relieved detachment from Cumbum on such point as may be most contiguous to the disturbed taluk". I have the honour to request you will direct the Officer Commanding the above detachment to proceed to Moondelpaud, four miles south of Giddaloor, it appearing that the rebels have taken to the hills over the Gootacanama Pass and meditate holding out at Cottakottah where there is a fort, and it being very desirable that they should be interrupted at the entrance of the above Pass on the Cumbum side. Moondelpaud is three miles from Cottakottah where the Pass commences. The detachment had better take the road from Cumbum to Giddaloor as a range of hills intercept that and the high road from Cumbum to Cuddapah.

2. The Tahsildar of Cumbum has been directed to accompany the detachment and to afford every assistance in his power. Captain Nott will hold himself in communication with the Officer Commanding as circumstances render necessary.

3. The military force under Captain Nott are at present at Rhudrar where I shall join them to-morrow morning. The Subadar's party that accompanied me shall as requested by you be directed to return to Cuddapah unless Captain Nott thinks it advisable to retain them consequent on our now requiring more aid than if the rebels were in open country.

4. I have written to the officer in charge of the retired detachment direct requesting him to defer his march until he hears from you.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer in charge of the relieved detachment from Cumbum.
Dated—Auloomoor, the 21st July 1846.
No.—221.

It appearing that the disaffected poligar Narasimha Reddi and his party have taken to the hills by the Gootacanama Pass and it being very desirable that they should be intercepted at Cottakottah, the entrance of the Pass on the Cumbum side, I have the honour to acquaint you that I have written to the Officer Commanding Cuddapah, requesting that the detachment under your command may be directed to proceed to Moondlapaud four miles south of Giddaloor and three miles east of Cottakottah where Captain Nott will hold himself in communication with you as circumstances render necessary. I have thought it advisable to acquaint you of this with a view to your deferring your march of south of Giddaloor until you hear from Major Osborne.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding Detachment of the 6th Native Infantry.
Dated—Rhudrar, the 22nd July 1846.
No.—222.

It having been arranged that two detachments with 100 sowars are to remain on this side of the Pass, while Captain Nott with his detachment are to cross the pass to Krishnamsettipalli and there join the relieved detachment from Cumbum and co-operate together. I have the honour to request that a detachment of 100 sepoy under your command will proceed to Bachapalli to guard the Joticanama Pass and that the other detachment of the same number may be stationed at the place to intercept the rebels at the Gootacanama Pass. Captain Russel has been requested to supply fifty sowars at each of these stations.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool.
Dated—Bachapalli, the 25th July 1846.
No.—224.

As I have reason to believe that several of the ryots and kattubadis of the villages specified in the margin in your district have joined the rebels with Narasimha Reddi, I have the honour to bring this circumstance to your notice with a view to your causing the necessary enquiries to be instituted and adopting such measures as you think necessary.

Chagalmurry.	Mittapully.
Secrevellah.	Cheeteeranapully.
Nagoolavaram.	Wobulumpully.
Chintacoonta.	

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool.
Dated—Bachapalli, the 27th July 1846.
No.—228.

The disaffected and rebellious poligar Narasimha Reddi deserted by his followers having taken refuge in the range of hills intercepting the subdivision the Kurnool territory and part of this district, I have the honour to acquaint you that in issuing the necessary orders to guard against his escape by any of the numerous by-paths, and to ensure his speedy apprehension. I have written direct to the native officers of your district in order to avoid the delay that would be occasioned by my requesting this to be done through the regular channel.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—Captain Nott, Commanding the Detachment, 19th Regiment, Native Infantry, Krishnamsettipalli.
Dated—Rhudrar, the 28th July 1846.
No.—230.

I have the honour to request that you will in communication with Lieutenant Watson furnish me with an account of the encounter he had with Narasimha Reddi and the insurgents at Giddaloor in the afternoon of the 23rd and also a report from yourself regarding that which took place in the evening of the 24th at Moondlapaud between the enemy and the force under your command.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—Major REED, Commanding Field Force, on route from Bellary to Cumbum.
Dated—Ahobalam, the 31st July 1846.
No.—232.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant. Authentic intelligence having been received that the followers of Narasimha Reddi have deserted him, and that he and his family are in the hills (where they will starve unless discovered by the numerous peons and others in quest of them), I have the honour to state that no further aid is required from a military force in order to apprehend the rebel and that I have this day written to Captain Nott and Coats, Commanding Detachments of 19th and 6th Regiments, Native Infantry, to this effect.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Brigadier-General, Commanding Ceded Districts, Bellary.
Dated—Ahobalam, the 31st July 1846.
No.—235.

Having received a letter from Major Reed, 6th Regiment, Native Infantry, informing me that he has been nominated by you to take command of all the troops now in the field after the rebel poligar Narasimha Reddi, I have the honour to inform you that I have received authentic intelligence that the rebel has been deserted by all his followers and is with his family in the hills between the Gootacanama and the Joticanama Passes interrupted from all communication, and that being of opinion under these circumstances that the services of a military force to apprehend him are no longer required. I have thought it desirable to write to Major Reed to this effect with a view to stopping his further progress on the march towards Cumbum and to his returning to Bellary also to the Captains Coats and Nott, Commanding Detachment of the 6th and 19th Regiments, Native Infantry, respectively in order that they may return to their respective stations as soon as practicably convenient.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—Captain Nott, Commanding Detachment 19th Regiment, Native Infantry, on Field Service.
Dated—Ahobalam, the 1st August 1846.
No.—236.

Authentic intelligence having been received that the followers of Narasimha Reddi have deserted him and that he and his family are in the hills (where they will starve unless discovered by the numerous peons and others in search of them), I have the honour to inform you that I shall no longer require the services of the Full

military force under your command and to request that one company of men under the Command of an European officer may be placed at the disposal of Mr. Mole, the Sub-Collector, lest the inhabitants of the district should be unnecessarily alarmed and confidence not be established consequent on the withdrawal at once of all military forces previous to the actual apprehension of the rebel poligar and that the remaining portion of the force under your command may be directed to return to headquarters as soon as practically convenient.

2. Mr. Mole, the Sub-Collector, will issue the necessary orders for furnishing the detachment about to return to headquarters with supplies at the several stages on the line of march decided on.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—Captain Coats, Commanding Detachment, 6th Regiment, Native Infantry, on Field Service.
Dated—Ahobalam, the 31st July 1846.
No.—237.

Authentic intelligence having been received that the followers of Narsimha Reddi have deserted him and that he and his family are in the hills (where they will starve unless discovered by the numerous peons and others in search of them), I have the honour to inform you that I shall no longer require the services of the Full military force under your command, and to request therefore that one company of men under the command of an European officer may be placed at my disposal lest the inhabitants of the district should be unnecessarily alarmed and confidence not be established consequent on the withdrawal at once of all military forces previous to the actual apprehension of the rebel poligar, and that the remaining force under your command may be requested to return to their station as soon as practically convenient.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Ahobalam, the 1st August 1846.
No.—239.

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I have the honour to state that I do not require the services of Yerra Chennama Nayudu, as the Commissioner of Kurnool has placed at my disposal a sufficient number of Kattubadi peons, and as, I have also a large body of these men employed with me belonging to the Cumbum and Doovoor taluks most of whom are Boyavandaloo or Benders. The rebel poligar is deserted by all his followers and has taken refuge somewhere in the dense jungle in the neighbourhood of Ahobalam. All communication with him being intercepted he must either surrender himself or die from starvation if not discovered in a few days by persons who best kind the Hamites and Tracks in the extensive jungle of the Nulla Mulla hills. Yerra Chennama Nayudu may, if he feels inclined, exert himself with a view to obtaining the reward that has been offered for the apprehension of Narasimha Reddi, viz., Rs. 1,000, one thousand.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Brigadier-General J. Anderson, Commanding Ceded Districts, Bellary.
Dated—Ahobalam, the 1st August 1846.
No.—241.

I have the honour to forward copies of dispatches received from Captain Nott and Lieutenant Watson of the 19th Regiment, Native Infantry, relative to the encounters the forces under their command had with the rebel poligar and his followers at Giddalur on the 22nd and 23rd and at Moondlapaud on the evening of the 24th respectively.

2. I do myself the honour of transmitting also copy of my report to Government showing the measures that were adopted to quell the disturbance.

3. Adverting to the concluding part of my letter to you, dated 31st ultimo, I beg to state that having subsequently heard that considerable excitement prevailed in the town of Cuddapah and other parts of the district owing, I imagine, to the inhabitants having heard that circumstances rendered at necessary that reinforcements of troops should be forwarded from Bellary and Hyderabad, I thought advisable not to forward

my letter to Captain Coats and Nott, dispensing with their further services, and that I now purpose retaining two companies one on each side of the range of hills for a few days longer lest the inhabitants of the district should be unnecessarily alarmed and confidence not be established consequent on the withdrawal of all military forces.

4. I have the honour further to state that the measures that have been adopted in sending Major Reid with reinforcements from Bellary and as (as I have been informed by the Commissioner of Kurnool) of applying to General Fraser for the services of a regiment from Hyderabad, led me to suppose that you have received a very exaggerated report from some quarter no doubt made under the impression that the intelligence conveyed was authentic, and I the more regret this as a communication from myself (which I certainly should have made had any reverses occurred, and which I did not at the time make as I was waiting for the dispatches from the officers commanding the forces who were employed with the enemy) would have rendered all these further preparations unnecessary.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Brigadier-General J. Anderson, Commanding Ceded Districts, Bellary.
Dated—Servill, the 7th August 1846.
No.—242.

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have the honour to acquaint you that I have written to the Officer Commanding the Regiment of Native Infantry from the Hyderabad subsidiary force now moving on Cumbum, informing him that the services of his regiment are not required in the Cumbum subdivision or any other portion of the Cuddapah district.

2. The Rebel Poligar after the dispersion of his followers at Moondlapaud on the evening of the 24th ultimo having become a fugitive in the hills entirely deserted, I determined on the 31st idem to dispense with the Military Force altogether being of opinion that after the total discomfiture he had met with at that place as also previously at Giddalur, when he attacked Lieutenant Watson's detachment, there was not the slightest possibility of any of his followers rejoining him, and that under existing circumstances as also owing to the jungle in the immense range of hills in which the Rebel and his family (accompanied by 2 or 3 others) who have taken a conspicuous part in the disturbance) had taken shelter being so dense and difficult of transit that a Military Force could be of no service but in having suddenly known of the excitement that prevailed in the Town of Cuddapah as adverted to in my letter to you dated 1st instant I thought it advisable to retain two companies one on each side of the range of Hills, more to restore confidence in the minds of the inhabitants of the district than from any impression that this force was really required for active service. The cause of this sudden excitement and alarm that prevailed as above stated I cannot precisely account for, but I certainly regret it as up to that time I had every reason to suppose that tranquility had been restored and the minds of the populace set at rest.

3. From your letter dated 29th ultimo it would appear that the detachments from Bellary as well as the reinforcement from Hyderabad had been ordered consequent on a report received from Major Osborne who, I presume, must have written previous to the encounter of our Force under Captain Nott with the Rebels at Moondlapaud, when they were totally dispersed. The number of the Rebel Force that attacked Lieutenant Watson being considerable, it no doubt induced Major Osborne and (not without reason) to suppose that matters had become far more serious than at first contemplated on them what the result proved to be the case.

4. As stated in my letter to you of the 1st instant I intimated by letter to Major Reid that the services of further troops were not required, but this letter owing to the carelessness of the Karkoon was sent to Captain Nott on the other side of the pass, and Major Reid did not receive it until the 4th instant when at Chintacoonta, but receiving a note at the same time from Lieut. Moore giving information of a rising at or near Atmacoor in the Kurnool territory, he proceeded towards that place by Engoontha or Nundial, where hearing from Mr. Scott, the Commissioner of Kurnool, that the Atmacoor alarm though without much foundation still sent a ferment and excitement existed among the people; and that he was averse to dispense with the services of the Troops altogether, he Major Reid has made Nondial his headquarters.

5. It will remain for Mr. Scott to decide what Force he thinks necessary to retain in order to establish confidence in the minds of the people and as with regard to the rising at Atmacoor (which I am given to understand has turned out a false alarm) he will be able by this time to judge what foundation (if any) there was for the report received for having been spread by the Amildar.

6. From all the information I have gathered from persons corroborating each others' statement, I feel satisfied that the Poligar is perfectly deserted having no one with him beyond a few Chenchuwars or persons who live in the jungles, and it appears to me so very improbable that he could have been able to recollect any followers out of his own neighbourhood. He and such few as are with him are either lurking in the Hills having a few Chenchuwars to assist them, who knowing all the numerous tracks in the jungles manage in spite of every precaution to procure them food, or they have dispersed by difficult ways; under disperse. A large body of Talook Cuttoobady Police are in different parties scouring the Hills in every direction and I still hope as a reward of Rs. 1,000 has been offered by Government for the apprehension of the Rebel that he may be brought before me.

7. In conclusion I have the honour to state that the Rebel having sent away his family in charge of his father-in-law they returned to their village Ooyalavada where we secured them. They have since been forwarded to Cuddapah under a suitable escort. They must have disguised themselves and travelled during the nights and have had the assistance of a few Chenchuwars who escorted them through the jungle by tracks known only to themselves.

Letter— from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding the Regiment of N.I. from the Hyderabad
Subsidiary Force proceeding on field service to Cumbum.
Dated—Servil, the 7th August 1846.
No.—243.

With reference to a letter dated 2nd inst. from Brigadier General Anderson transmitting copy of one of the same date to your address I have the honour to inform you that in my judgment the services of a regiment from the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force are no longer required in the Cumbum subdivision or in any part of this district.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Resident at Hyderabad.
Dated—Servil, the 7th August 1846.
No.—244.

I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from Narasimha Reddi the rebel Poligar, who has been committing such outrages in this district to one Lalkhan Jamadar residing at Pracatoor in the Hyderabad territory, the original reply from the latter, the above letter and copy of a second letter from Narasimha Reddi to the above jamadar acknowledging the receipt of his letter which second letter has been written after the encounter he had at Giddalore with the detachment under Lieutenant Watson.

These important documents were discovered in the fort of Kothakotah situated at the post of the Goota Cunma pass on the Cumbum side, the place the family of the rebel poligar were lodged previous to the encounter the Rebel had with our forces which ended in their dispersion; and they clearly evince the part Lalkhan has taken in conspiring against the Government, I have therefore the honour to request you will cause his immediate apprehension and investigate the matter reporting the result to Government to whom I have written on the subject.

I shall feel obliged by your returning the original enclosures to me when they are no longer required.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Resident at Hyderabad.
Dated—Gazoolapalli, the 10th August 1846.
No.—245.

As all efforts to apprehend the Rebel Poligar and the few delinquents who are supposed to be with him, have proved unsuccessful, the numerous tracks and passes in the dense teak jungle in the extensive range of hills in which they have taken refuge affording them a great advantage; and as in all probability they will proceed to the Hyderabad territory should they escape apprehension by travelling in disguise during the night escorted through the jungle by tracks unknown to any but by Chenchuwars a class of people who have dwelt in the jungle all their lives of whom they may have a few as grades; I have the honour to forward descriptive rolls of these fugitive rebels five in number including the Poligar and to request you will cause every endeavour to be made for keeping a sharp look out for them at the places specified in the margin where I hear he has friends. I would also beg to suggest that the different ferries in the borders of the Hyderabad territories be carefully guarded and that all suspicious persons and travellers corresponding in appearance with the description given in the accompanying rolls may be apprehended and examined.

A deposition given by one Ayyapu Reddi a relative of the rebel Poligar Narasimha Reddi is herewith forwarded which will also afford some information in regard to the persons from whom he might expect assistance under his present difficulties.

I have the honour to state that a reward of Rs. 1,000 has been offered by Government for the apprehension of poligar and Rs. 100 for that of Gosayee Venkayya who is supposed to be with him.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Magistrate of Guntur.
Dated—Gazoolapalli, the 10th August 1846.
No.—246.

As all efforts to apprehend the rebel Poligar and the few delinquents who are with him have proved unsuccessful, the numerous tracks and passes in the dense teak jungle in the extensive range of hills in which they have taken refuge affording them a great advantage and as in all probability they will proceed to the Hyderabad territory should they escape apprehension by travelling in disguise during the night escorted through the jungles by tracks unknown to any but Chenchuwars a class of people who have all their lives dwelt in the jungles, I have the honour to forward descriptive rolls of these fugitives, and to request you will cause a sharp look out to be kept, in any tracks or passes through your district leading towards Hyderabad territory, and particularly at any ferries there may be on the border of your district for crossing the Kistna and that all suspicious persons, travellers corresponding in appearance with the description given in the accompanying rolls may be apprehended, and examined.

I have the honour to state that a reward of Rs. 1,000 has been offered by Government for the apprehension of the Poligar and Rs. 100 for that of the Gosayee Venkayya who is supposed to be with him.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding Ceded districts, Bellary.
Dated—Mahadevapoore, the 12th August 1846.
No.—260.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 6th instant and with reference to the third paragraph thereof, beg respectfully to remark that the great excitement in the town of Cuddapah and other parts of the district alluded to in my letter of the 1st inst. prevailed some days after the dispersion of the rebels' followers and not at the time the outbreak first occurred, and that I heard of this excitement subsequent to the despatch of my letter to you dated 31st ultimo as stated in the 3rd paragraph of my letter above referred to of the 1st instant.

2. As regards the requisition I made for an escort of a Native officer and 35 men to accompany me on my journey from Cuddapah to join Captain Nott's detachment I beg to state that I was then nearly 50 miles distant, and though this may be considered but a few miles, as I was travelling by stages, with my cutchery and had no hopes of overtaking the detachment and would perhaps have to take a different route as it turned out, I did, I thought this precaution necessary more because I was proceeding into a disturbed part of the country than on account of any excitement that prevailed at the time which was inconsiderable in comparison to that I alluded to as having lately existed.

3. The movement of troops can be equally the cause of excitement as well as of restoring confidence to the minds of the people dependent on circumstances and it does not appear to me to be unreasonable to suppose that the intelligence received at Cuddapah and other parts of the districts of such reinforcements as were ordered from Bellary and Hyderabad some days subsequent to the dispersion of the rebels and after confidence had been once restored by proclamation. I had issued throughout the district giving the account of the poligars' discomfiture, would cause a pause and give rise to various conjectures and reports unfavourable to tranquility while the movement of troops at the commencement of the outbreak for the purpose of putting down rebellion would produce a far different effect on the minds of the people.

4. I regret that I should have fallen into the error I appear to have done in the conclusion arrived at as stated in the 4th paragraph of my letter. The remark was unseemly made and without any intention of questioning in any way the causes which led to the arrangements you made.

5. Adverting to 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of your letter under acknowledgment, as the information on the points you allude to, viz., the cause of the outbreak, and whether it was confined to Nurasimha Reddy and his followers could not have been for obvious reasons readily supplied, the measures pursued must be considered inadvisable, the more particularly as you were influenced also by other causes (and I doubt not co-joint) as would appear by your letter of the 29th ultimo. It is not to be regretted that services of these additional Troops were after all not required.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—Colonel WHITLOCK, Commanding 36th Regiment N.I., on Field Service.
Dated—Mahadevapur, the 18th August 1846.
No.—262.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant. I am sorry to hear that the Regiment under your command has crossed the Krishna river as I was in hopes my letter to you dated 7th instant intimating, with reference to one received from the Brigadier-General Commanding Ceded Districts on the same date that the services of further military were no longer required, would have saved you all the inconvenience and trouble. I trust you will long ere this have received my letter above referred to.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—Lieutenant WYNDHAM, Commanding Detachment of 5th Regiment, N.I., on Field Service.
Dated—Mahadevapur, the 19th August 1846.
No.—263.

As the peon deputed with a warrant to apprehend one Casane Wobayya one of the Cuttoobadies of Nossum who have been concerned in the late disturbance has returned and reported that this person has taken up his particulars in a Hill easy of access near that village together with a body of Fugitives, who were dispersed on the occasion of the encounter the Military Force had with the Rebel Poligar and his followers, and who being residents of Nossum and the neighbouring villages are afraid to return to their Houses, I have the honour to request you will order 25 men under a native officer to proceed to that place to assist the peons I have sent to apprehend the said Reddy and the fugitives, if resistance is offered.

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Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—Lieutenant WYNDHAM, Commanding Detachment of 5th Regiment, N.I., on Field Service.
Dated—Mahadevapur, the 20th August 1846.
No.—266.

Adverting to my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honour to request that 25 more men may be directed to proceed to Nossum, having just received intelligence that the number of the Fugitives is greater than what the peon represented. The acting Tahsildar has been directed to accompany the sepoys to show them the spot where the Nossum Cuttoobady, and the Fugitives are to be found, and to afford assistance in procuring supplies, etc.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding C.D., Bellary.
Dated—Mahadevapur, the 21st August 1846.
No.—270.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant acquainting me more fully with the circumstances which had induced you to order the reinforcements from Bellary, as well as to call for the services of a corps from Secunderabad, with reference to paragraph 3rd of my letter, dated 7th instant, and to your letters of the 29th ultimo and 6th instant.

Adverting to paragraph 6 of your letter under reply, I have the honour to acquaint you that I had no reasons to suppose that disaffection existed except in the Polagars' neighbourhood or that he was likely to meet with encouragement and support in the event of his holding out for a short time or joining any partial success, but that I could not at the time possibly give you the assurance in the negative which would have been so desirable, for it requires time (which I had not), to investigate matters and to obtain information on these points. I only joined the Forces at Rudrar on the 22nd ultimo having made the best of my way from Royachoti, nearly 40 miles south of Cuddapah, and on the evening of the 24th the Rebels were dispersed; moreover no letter from me even if I had at once obtained information on the points above referred to could have reached you before the reinforcements were ordered. I can only say that had the Rebels held out at all or gained any advantage I should have immediately communicated with you although not aware that the Poligar expected assistance.

Correspondence was subsequently found which can leave no doubt that an individual in the Hyderabad Territory was concerned in the Rebellion as it appeared that he had promised assistance but as this was discovered after the total dispersion of the Rebels, I thought the less of it, particularly as the person was not supposed to have much influence, and as it was considered very improbable that as he did not render assistance at the time when the Poligar was in force, he would have done so when in difficulties.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding a detachment, 5th Regiment, N.I.
Dated—Nandial, the 24th August 1846.
No.—274.

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have the honour to inform you that I requested Lieutt. Wyndham to order a party of men, viz., from Rhudrar and 25 from Gazulpully under Native Officer to proceed to Nossum to render assistance, if necessary to my peons sent to apprehend some fugitives late followers of Nursimha Reddy who had taken up their quarters in a Hill near the neighbourhood and who perhaps might not surrender without offering resistance. I should wish the remaining portion of the Company to remain as at present detached.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Resident at Hyderabad.
Dated—Coilgoontlah, 26th August 1846.
No.—275.

I have the honour to acquaint that every exertion that has been made towards apprehending the rebel Poligar Nursimha Reddy and two other individuals specified

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in the margin who took a conspicuous part in the disturbance, has proved unsuccessful, and that the general report is that these persons have managed to cross the Kristna in disguise, a report which I certainly am inclined to give credence to the more particularly as the Poligar dismissed his family* who were of course very soon secured.

1. Curnam Aswerthem.
2. Gosayee Venkiah.

* 1. His wife.
2. Children, mother, mother-in-law.

2. It is confidently asserted that one Raja Rameswara Rao, Zamindar of Vanaparty, will afford him shelter and perhaps those at Colapuram and Alampoor. These Zamindars are, I hear, under the orders and authority of one Boodan Khan Mohomayye, a Zamindar of influence, residing in the neighbourhood, who may perhaps be induced to turn his influence to a good account by affording as a service on the present occasion in ascertaining if there is any truth in the truths above referred to and causing the apprehension of the Rebels if such should be the case; under all circumstances I am induced to address you on the subject and to beg you will have the goodness to adopt such measures as you deem proper to ensure the assistance of the said Boodan Khan Mohomayye.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Koilgoontlah, 26th August 1846.
No.—276.

I have the honour to inform you that a Body of Ranaways the late followers of the Rebel Nursimha Reddy (supposed to amount to about 200), who are afraid of returning to their respective villages, are reported to have assembled in the neighbourhood of Mooropundy and to have proceeded thence to the Yerramulla Hills, and to inform you that I have thought it advisable to issue orders to the Heads of Police of Tadputree, Yadakee and Punchapaliem Talooks to cause assistance to be rendered to my peons towards apprehending them, and to use every precaution to guard against the Fugitives obtaining supplies from the neighbouring villages in your District, as the distance at which you may at present be from the neighbourhood might inevitably preclude any assistance arriving in time.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, Kurnool.
Dated—Koilgoontlah, 26th August 1846.
No.—277.

I have the honour to inform you that a Body of Ranaways the late followers of the Rebel Narasimha Reddy, (supposed to amount to about 200), who are afraid to return to their respective villages, are reported to have assembled in the neighbourhood of Mooropundee in the Jammalamadugu talook, and to have proceeded thence to the Yerramulla Hills, and to inform you that I have thought it advisable to issue the orders to the Heads of Police of the Panem and Bunganapally Taluks to cause every assistance to be rendered to my peons towards apprehending them, and to use every precaution to guard against the fugitives obtaining supplies from any villages in your District which are bordering on or in the neighbourhood of the above range of Hill in order to save any delay that would otherwise mortally be occasioned in the assistance I require being rendered.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Koilgoontlah, 31st August 1846.
No.—282.

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo (the receipt of which has somewhat surprised me), I have the honour to inform you that Yerra Chennamannaaidu of Pundecondah is not on duty in my district, as I never sanctioned in the first instance the payment of batta to him (which under existing circumstances I should not have considered myself justified in doing), the continuance or otherwise of this allowance.

2. Yerra Chennama Naidoo paid me a visit a few days ago and informed me that you had sent him to me but as I had not applied for and did not require his services, having ample assistance at hand, I desired him to return to his village.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, Kurnool.
Dated—Koilgoontlah, 31st August 1846.
No.—286.

I have the honour to forward a statement showing the amount of batta that has been disbursed from my treasury to the Cuttoobadies of the Paniem Talook in your district, placed at my disposal to assist in apprehending the Rebel Poligar Nursimha Reddy and others who escaped with him to the Nullahmulla Hills, and to request you will inform me if this sum is to be realized from the proceeds of their inams or whether I am to enter the same in my accounts as an extra charge. If the former, I request you will send me a bill for the amount in my favour.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding Detachment 5th Regiment, N.I., at Panyem.
Dated—Koilgoontlah, 3rd September 1846.
No.—297.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and the memorandum that accompanied it. As the fugitives seem to be on the Yerramulla Hills in the neighbourhood of Owk, I have ordered off the Subahdars' party to guard that place, and have summoned the Havildars party here at which place I should wish the guard at Rhudrar to be stationed also as it is more central, and as by this arrangement I shall be able to detach a Party of 25 elsewhere as circumstances may render necessary still retaining the same number here to guard the Talook Treasury and the Prisoners, I have therefore ordered the Party at Rhudrar to proceed to this place.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding a Detachment, 5th Regiment, N. I.
Dated—Owk, 14th September 1846.
No.—298.

As it appears that the fugitives are in the neighbourhood of Yerramulla Hills, it appears to me that Koilgoontlah would be a better place for you to make your Head quarters, I have therefore the honour to request you will proceed to that place with the detachment of men you have with you.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah.
Dated—Aulavacondah, the 5th September 1846.
No.—299.

As I have every reason to believe that the Rebel Poligar having crossed the Kistna after the dispersion of his followers, has returned to this district and taken shelter in the Yerramulla Hills bordering in his own neighbourhood, and as I deem it advisable to guard the principal villages in the neighbourhood of this extensive range of Hills while my peons are employed in apprehending and dispersing a body of the Rebels Fugitives who are scattered over these Hills, I have the honour to request you will reinforce me with two companies directing the Officer Commanding to march by the annexed route, and to detach 50 men at Jummalamudgoo and Nossam in the way to Koilgoontlah.

I have made this application direct to you to save the delay that would be occasioned by applying through the Brigadier-General Commanding the Ceded Districts, to whom I have however written on the subject of this letter.

The several Tahsildars have been ordered to render assistance on furnishing supplies, etc.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding C. D., Bellary.
Dated—Aulavacondah, the 5th September 1846.
No.—300.

As from the best information I have received, I have reason to believe that the Rebel Poligar Nurasimha Reddy, having crossed the Kristna, has returned to this district and taken refuge in the Yerramulla Hills, separating this district from Kurnool and the eastern borders of Bellary, and as I deem it advisable to guard the

principal villages in the neighbourhood of this extensive range of Hills while my peons are employed in apprehending and dispersing a body of the Rebels Fugitives who are scattered on these Hills, I have the honour to inform you that I have this day applied to the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, for reinforcements of two companies.

2. Although I do not expect that the Reddy will re-collect a Force, yet the fact of his having returned and taken shelter in the hills bordering on his own neighbourhood renders, I think, this precaution now necessary to establish public confidence and to guard against the occurrence of gang robberies, as a few gang robbers making use of his name after his known return will cause a greater panic than would otherwise be the case, deterring persons from offering resistance, and as it is evident, that under these fugitives a gang robbery will be attempted owing to their having no means of livelihood but by plunder. The place is I propose to station half a company at the places specified in the margin* and I trust the increased security against gang robbery caused by this arrangement and my being thus enabled to employ a larger Police Force in the Hills will be the means of the Reddy and his fugitives being apprehended. I have made my application direct to the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, to save the delay that would be occasioned in applying through you, and I hope you will approve of what I have done.

*Koilgoontlah.
Owk.
Timmananepett.
Nossam.
Jammulmudgoo.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Lieutenant BORDERER, Commanding the Detachment V Regiment, N. I.
Koilgoontlah.
Dated—7th September 1846.
No.—303.

The Rebel Poligar with some followers having proceeded along the range of the Yerramalais hills towards Cuddapah, I have the honour to inform you that I shall proceed in that direction by stages tomorrow morning taking with me all the prisoners to be placed in the court at Jammalamadugu and to request you will send 50 men or half the detachment to accompany me to that place one half of which I purpose afterwards detaching at Nossam keeping the remainder at Jammalamadugu. The guard at Owk I should wish to remain there and the remaining portion of the company to be stationed, at this place which I think for the present is your best head quarters.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah.
Dated—Talamanchipatnam, the 11th September 1846.
No.—315.

Adverting to my letter of the I have the honour to state that in applying for two companies with a view to guarding the principle villages in the neighbourhood of the Yerramalais hills I calculated upon receiving reinforcements of 200 men it appears that the actual number in each company sent falls considerably short of that when they are complete, I have the honour to request that the defenceing may be made up with all practicable despatch to enable me to make the arrangements, I considered necessary for the security of the country.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George at Kurnool.
Dated—Talamanchipatnam, the 11th September 1846.
No.—316.

The rebel poligar Narasimhareddi having returned and taken refuge in that range of hills called Yerramalais, which separates this district from Kurnool and the eastern border of Bellary, and being at present in the neighbourhood of Timmanayanipet with a force said to amount to about 5 or 6 hundred of his late followers and other gang robbers who may have joined him, I have the honour to request you will place at my disposal at least 50 of your irregular horse and even a few more if the present tranquil state of your district will admit of your detaching so small a

body from the number you have of upwards of 200 without any severe consequences being likely to attend on your compliance with my request as the services of these sowars owing to the rapidity of their movements are essentially required in this district at the present juncture.

The rebels having divided themselves into parties, troops have been posted to guard the principal villages in the neighbourhood of these hills and it would be highly desirable to have a few sowars posted at intermediate stations the movements of the infantry whom the rebels will not face not being sufficiently for them, whereas mounted troops would be able to cut them off and prevent them from retreating to the hills after an incursion into any of the neighbouring villages.

The reddy has on several occasions made his appearance in the villages in his own neighbourhood but owing to the intelligence he receives of our movements has invariably been taken himself to the hills before we could come upon him and as I hear that he does not remain entirely on the hills it is needless to say how useful the sowars would be on my receiving correct information as to the place on which he may for the time have taken up his quarters.

I imagine the sowars can easily be spared from your district where there is nothing particular to be done at present and trust therefore the emergency of this application will be responded to by your ordering off with the least possible delay 75 or at least 50 sowars to Koilkuntla where instructions will be awaiting them on their arrival and if necessary you can request the Officer Commanding, Kurnool, to guard the usual posts at headquarters by detachments from the four companies that are at present stationed there and thereby relieve your sowars from their duty at that place.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Timmananepet, the 11th September 1846.
No.—317.

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I was fully aware of the contents of the express you allude to, and which I had sent to Chemmuniahnaick on the 4th August, when I wrote to you on the 31st of that month.

2. You are at liberty to make any representation you think proper to Government having so readily assumed that my proceedings are contradictory and I am prepared to show that they are not so if Government demand an explanation from me.

3. As I am not aware that I am in any way under your control I must express my surprise that you should have taken it upon yourself to have addressed me a letter couched in such authoritative language.

4. I cannot perceive that good object or result is to be attained by my reporting to you any outrages that may occur in this taluk bordering on the frontier of your district as co-operation from you personally at the distance you are from me is quite out of the question and as your heads of police to whom I have been in consequence to issue my orders direct, will be able to afford you intelligence as soon or perhaps sooner than I could; nevertheless I now state for your information that a gang robbery at Nossam on which occasion a merchant's house was plundered was the only outrage that has occurred from the date of Narasimha reddy's flight, and the dispersion of his followers to that of his return; that the outrage at the village of Owk appears on enquiry to have been confined to the inhabitants of the place who afterwards joined the Reddy's party and that one more gang robbery is reported to have since occurred at Joomaldinny.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George at Kurnool.
Dated—Timmananepet, the 14th September 1846.
No.—318.

Adverting to my letter of the 11th instant informing you of the return of the Rebel Poligar Narasimhareddi and of his having taken refuge in the Yerramalais

hills I have the honour now to state that I am about to send in to the hills a large body of peons, cattubadies and to request you will order as many cattubadies as are available within 400 at Paniem and other places neighbouring to join and with those belonging to this district directing them to proceed towards Owk and Sangapatnam as these descriptions of places are useless in attacking an enemy unless in an Force I have thought it advisable to make this requisition in order to ensure success attending our operations.

Letter— from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah.
Dated—Timmanainepet, the 15th September 1846.
No.—319.

I greatly regret to inform you that Lieut. Watson has met with an accident his gun having gone off while he was loading it and blown off his thumb. I propose sending him to Cuddapah by dawn as I am moving in an opposite direction and I have the honour to request that the European officer by whom he may be replaced may be directed to proceed towards Owk by Proddatoor and Nossam in the neighbourhood of which place I shall be.

Letter— from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding, Detachment 5th Regiment, N.I. Koilaguntla.
Dated—Timmanainepet, the 15th September 1846.
No.—321.

As I no longer require the whole of the Soobadar party at this place I have the honour to inform you that I have directed a jamadar's guard to remain here and the Subadar to proceed to Owk, to take command of the Detachment at present there, with half the remaining number of men here in addition, and to send the other half to join the detachment with you at Koilaguntla.

Letter— from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah.
Dated—Timmanainepet, the 16th September 1846.
No.—324.

In reply to your letter of 13th instant I have the honour to state that I think it would be inadvisable to withdraw from the town of Cuddapah the company under the command of an European officer which you detached consequent on the information contained in my express on the 6th idem.

The reddy with his party returned to the neighbourhood of Owk, after having made a long march, the whole night along the hills straight to Cuddapah, when he heard of the arrangements made for his reception there, but as a large body of peons newly raised sibbandy and cattubadies from the adjoining talooks are about to close with them in two or three days, I should wish the result of your present operations to be known before the troops are withdrawn from Cuddapah.

Narasimhareddy is bent upon releasing his family which if he could do by any sudden attack, he would also lost and be off to the hills before effective assistance could be rendered and if he heard that the troops were withdrawn he might be induced to move southwards before all places formed to guard against this are carried into effect and be down on Cuddapah before you could receive intelligence from me.

I shall give you the earliest intimation of the reddy's movements in order that the men may not be kept longer than absolutely necessary on harassing duty from which I hope they will be relieved within four days at the most.

Letter— from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Acting Joint Magistrate, Bellary.
Dated—Timmanainepet, the 16th September 1846.
No.—325.

The rebel Narasimha reddy and his party being in the Yerra Mulla Hills in the neighbourhood of Coonooguntla and Joonoothoola in this district, I have the honour to inform you that I have sent into the hills a large body of police peons and Cuttoobadies and as these descriptions of police are not very effective unless in an overwhelming force I think it would be advisable for you to send also two or three hundred Cuttoobadies on whom reliance can be placed to assist and co-operate with those belonging to this district.

Letter— from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah.
Dated—Owk, the 18th September 1846.
No.—326.

Adverting to my letter of the 16th ultimo, I have the honour to state that the company detached to Cuddapah in consequence of the express you received from me dated 6th idem, may now be withdrawn the Reddy and his party having proceeded northwards. I think however it would be advisable to place a guard during the night over the house in which the Reddy's family are lodged.

Letter— from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding, 19th Regiment N.I., Cuddapah.
Dated—Owk, the 19th September 1846.
No.—327.

I have the honour to inform you that I propose forwarding to-morrow morning to Cuddapah by a guard three persons of rank and influence whom I have debated to have been concerned in the treasonable proceedings of Narasimha reddy and to request a guard may be placed over the house in which they may be lodged at distance from the house of the Reddy's family. I have directed the head of police to procure a house near that of the reddy's family if possible which if done one guard somewhat increased will be sufficient. I request that a Havildar party may be sent at once in lieu of that about to proceed to Cuddapah.

Letter— from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent of the Governor of Fort St. George, at Kurnool.
Dated—Owk, the 18th September 1846.
No.—328.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant in which you request me to give you an outline of my intended operations in order that you may give instructions to the Paniem Cattubadies whom I had requested you to send in the direction of Owk and Sungapatam to co-operate with a police force I was about to send to the Yerramulla hills as to what is expected of them.

2. I had received intelligence that the reddy and his party were in the hills in that neighbourhood and thought it advisable to make this requisition for assistance as the rebels would most probably be into your district. I request therefore that the peons and cattubadies I had sent have not received the addition to their force, which I had calculated upon and which would have been very desirable in this description of police are not effective unless employed in a much stronger body than the enemy.

3. My intended operations were confined to the Police force following up and your cattubadies meeting and intercepting the enemy both our parties joining and by overwhelming numbers mustering courage to attack the Rebel's party.

4. Adverting to the third paragraph of your letter I beg to inform you if you allude to what has occurred previous to the Reddy's return that he has never been seen or heard of on the 26th July (the second day after his flight from Moondlapad) till the 2nd September, that he proceeded along the hills at once to the Kistna which he crossed having been escorted by a noted Chenchuwar through the dense teak jungle. It is very firm conviction that no party ever fell in with him on these hills. That he should have excepted without having been seen or heard of by any of the numerous peons and cattubadies sent into the hills to apprehend him is not to be wondered at when one takes into consideration the density of the teak jungle and the numerous tracks in so very extensive a range of hills unknown to any but these Chenchuwars.

5. If you allude to events that have occurred since his return I have only to say that the result of operations is not yet known. I admit that I have no great opinion of the courage of our peons and cattubadies but cowards as they are I am induced to hope they will muster courage to attack a party much weaker and not better arrived than themselves.

6. I certainly think with you that peons and cattubadies would act better if headed by sepoy, and the place you propose appears feasible though no doubt the duty the sepoy will have to perform will be very. The Yerramalla hills are far more extensive than you suppose, extending from Yaganty in your district to Moillacheruvu in the Camalapur taluk, a distance of about 50 miles and these hills to the south are not intersected with roads and paths, and the villages are not by any means numerous as in the neighbourhood here. It would however be difficult to find Native officers to command sepoy in such small parties, as a Havildar is only allowed to command fifteen men and moreover I doubt the expediency of enemy the rich of sepoy being left in the search, by peons and cattubadies in such small numbers remaining away. I shall address the General of the Division on the subject and if the place of employing the military on the hills is considered feasible so much the better if not I do not see what further can be done (as the rebels will not face the military) but to guard the villages on the borders of the hills, and to employ so large a force of peons and cattubadies on the hills, that cowards as they are they will muster courage to attack a weaker force the enemy being at the most between 400 or 500 strong.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding, Ceded districts, Bellary.
Dated—Owk, the 19th September 1846.
No.—329.

I have the honour to forward copies of correspondence between the Agent of the Governor of Fort St. George at Kurnool and myself and to solicit your opinion on the feasibility of the plan proposed of employing the military on the Yerra Mulla Hills to put an end to the disturbances created by the Rebel Poligar Narasimha Reddi.

2. The Yerramalla are not near so extensive and jungly as the Nalla Malla in which the Reddi took refuge on his flight from Mundlapad, but they nevertheless are about 80 miles in extent and in some parts they are covered with thick jungle in others they are difficult of access and they abound with caves in which a large body of men can conceal themselves. The range across varies from 10 to 15 miles.

3. If light company sepoy are able to carry on their operations on these hills against the rebels whose movements are rapid and who frequently travel 30 miles during the night, it would be very desirable (if matters are not brought to a crisis in 3 or 4 days) that they should be employed in parties judiciously stationed by which means one party would perhaps be able to take up another in pursuing the rebels. I would however propose that not less than 50 sepoy should, with the same number of peons and 100 cattubadies, compose each party to guard against any disastrous consequences attendant on the cowardly conduct of our Police.

4. The Reddi having returned unexpectedly and taken refuge in the range of hills abovementioned, I lost no time in guarding the principal villages in the neighbourhood and as the followers who have rejoined him do not exceed 400 or 500 at the utmost I am in hopes that the Police force I have sent into the hills will render it unnecessary for me to apply for two light companies to be employed on such harassing duty. The result of our operations is not yet known, but I have this instant heard that the rebels have been driven into the Kurnool territory and are being pursued.

5. Should the redi not be apprehended and his party not be dispersed in 3 or 4 days, I shall do myself the honour of requesting you to afford me this further assistance if you think the sepoy can be employed in the manner proposed, when, if these troops are sent I shall do everything in my power to be of assistance in affording the officer sent in command every information of the movements of the rebels.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, Kurnool.
Dated—Cherlopalli, the 8th October 1846.
No.—353.

I have the honour to forward for your information copy of a confession taken from Narasimha reddy and other documents implicating Gulam Mahommed Khan, the half brother of the Nabob of Banganapalle as having been concerned in the late disturbance in this district.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding Field Forces in the Ceded districts.
Dated—Cherlopalli, the 9th October 1846.
No.—354.

The Rebel Narasimhareddi and five of his principal adherents having been apprehended, and sixth killed, in the storming by the Troops of the Jagannadh Pagoda situated on the Perosomula hill on the evening of the 6th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I do not think it will any longer be necessary to retain the whole of the force at present employed on field service, and I am of opinion that if each of the four posts specified in the margin were guarded by 40 rank and file, and double the number 80 remain to guard the prisoners and escort them to Cuddapah, this force with 40 Kurnool irregular horse will be sufficient to meet every emergency.

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| 1. Koigoontlah. | 3. Timmananepett. |
| 2. Ouk. | 4. Jammalamadugoo. |

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, Kurnool.
Dated—Cherlopalli, the 10th October 1846.
No.—367.

I have the honour to forward for your information copy of an arji from the village officer of Reddivari Jambuladinne in the Coilkuntla taluk from which you will perceive that the village officer of Patha Kunducoor in the Chagalmurry taluk in your district has aided and abetted certain of the followers of the rebel Poligar Narasimhareddi by affording them shelter in their village for above three days.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Officer Commanding Field Force, Ceded districts.
Dated—Jammalamadugu, the 28th October 1846.
No.—384.

Adverting to my letter of the 9th instant, I have the honour to inform you that in about ten days all the prisoners who have been apprehended as concerned in the late disturbance will have been committed for trial to the Commission at Cuddapah when 150 rank and file will, I am of opinion, be a sufficient force to retain in this taluk; that I do not think it is requisite any longer to maintain posts at all the stations mentioned in my letter above referred to and that the troops may be withdrawn from all of them with the exception of Owk, at which place a serious outrage accompanied by murder was committed at the instigation of the Owk Rajas (one of whom had joined the redi) who had acquired a great deal of influence in the place and hence consequently many friends and adherents thereto.

2. I have the honour further to state that I think it will be advisable to retain one company for some time longer, perhaps for the period of one year, as troops by remaining in the taluk will be the means of restoring public confidence and of preventing any rebels, required to be apprehended by the Police from collecting for self-defence which however improbable the withdrawal of the troops entirely might probably induce them to do.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Agent of the Governor, Fort St. George, at Kurnool.
Dated—Jammalamadugu, the 28th October 1846.
No.—387.

I have the honour to request you will order Cajakhan residing at Kurnool to appear before the Court of Commission at Cuddapah as soon as practicable to give his evidence against certain prisoners whom he has deposed to have recognized at Roodrar and other places when made prisoner of himself by Narasimha Reddi and his followers.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Magistrate of Bellary.
Dated—Jammalamadugu, the 29th October 1846.
No.—389.

I have the honour to forward extracts from Depositions taken from Narasimha Reddi and his principal adherents by which you will perceive that they have

implicated Mulla Chennu Naick of Pencheconna in the Penchupalem taluk as having been concerned in the late disturbance in this district, who as they have deposed had interviews with the rebel poligar, promised him assistance and that there are strong reasons for suspecting that Pumpapanty Rao of Annagondy in the Kumply taluk has also been concerned in the late treasonable proceedings of Narasimha Reddi and to request you will adopt the necessary measures for bringing them to trial and forward them to the Commissioner at Cuddapah together with all the evidence that may be forthcoming in your district.

The former person I have to observe, it was from the commencement rumoured, was favourable towards the Reddi, as represented also in an arji from the head police of Coilkuntla copy of which is transmitted, but at the time I thought it impolitic to give too ready credence to vague reports and the more do afterwards, as you seemed to place such reliance on him.

It is of course possible that the rebel poligar and his principal adherents may from motives of revenge have maliciously deposed against these persons, for not having afforded the assistance they required, under any circumstances as there can be no doubt that the late disturbance got to such a head owing to the assistance the poligar received from persons of influence and pensioned poligars, it seems extremely desirable that these persons should be forwarded to the Commissioner before whom all evidence forthcoming will be elicited.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah.
Dated—Jammalamadugu, the 3rd November 1846.
No.—394.

With reference to the extract from the minutes of consultation 9th October 1846, and to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to forward copies of all reports I have submitted to Government relative to the late disturbance in the district also copies of all arjis I have received from the late Tahsildar on the subject.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah.
Dated—Jammalamadugu, the 9th November 1846.
No.—399.

Adverting to the crowded state of the jail as alluded to in your letter of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to inform you that I shall defer sending you any more prisoners for trial, as concerned in the last disturbance until I hear that you are ready to try them and to furnish you as required with a statement showing the nature of charges against 66 prisoners who have been examined and who are ready for committal.

2. There are 166 who have been apprehended and who are still required to be examined, and warrants have been issued for the apprehension of 636 others, who have either been implicated by prisoners already examined, or whose names are entered in the lists which the poligar caused to be prepared and which we got possession of showing the names of those who had joined him.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—Capt. H. NORR, Nineteenth Regiment, N.I. Commanding Field Force.
Dated—Jammalamadugu, the 14th November 1846.
No.—409.

With reference to the communication from the Brigadier-General Commanding the Division dated 6th instant and my reply thereto, copies of which are herewith forwarded, I have the honour to inform you that I propose leaving this place for Coilkuntla to-morrow morning and to request you will adopt the necessary measures for the security of 96 prisoners, I shall leave behind pending any instructions you may receive from the Brigadier-General Anderson.

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Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah.
Dated—the 14th November 1846.
No.—411.

With reference to your letter No. 18, dated 11th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate has been requested to comply with the requisition therein contained.

Adverting to the first paragraph of your letter of the same date, No. 17, I have the honour to state that Jagunnatha Rao left this for Cuddapah two days ago and with reference to paragraph 2 of the same letter further to state that the attendance of witnesses to such cases as are hereafter sent up shall be duly caused, and that the Head of Police has been repeatedly directed to forward all witnesses who had leave to return to their villages when it was uncertain when their presence would be required, but I imagined there is some little difficulty in getting their attendance all at once due to the reluctance they have to leave their homes.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah.
Dated—the 17th November 1846.
No.—413.

With reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 of extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Special Commissioner, under date the 12th instant, I have the honour to state that of the 686 persons for whom warrants had been issued as adverted to in my letter of the 9th instant, about two-thirds are outcoobadies or hereditary village police, the whole of whom in my opinion ought to be brought to trial, and to forward copy of my letter to Government dated 23rd ultimo, in which I proposed that a conditional pardon shall be proclaimed to the remainder with a view to inducing them to return to their villages.

2. As I have not as yet received a reply from Government to my communication, I have on the receipt of the extract from the Special Commissioner Court's Proceedings under acknowledgement, written again to Government and shall be guided by instructions received from them copy of which letters I also transmit.

3. Adverting to paragraph 6 of extract from the proceedings of the special court, I beg to state that, I have done everything in my power to elicit evidence in all cases examined by the Magistracy and that desirable as it is that the evidence in the cases committed for trial against those concerned in the late disturbances should be full, complete and clear, the nature of the investigation renders it impossible, that, with the exception of the cases against the principal, the majority of the remainder can be otherwise than defective in regard to the evidence of witnesses being adduced against so many persons the greater portion of whom were perhaps never recognized by other individuals when in open rebellion against the State, and against whom if they even had been recognized, it is no easy matter for the Magistracy to obtain evidence by ascertaining by whom they were so identified, as such few who can depose to the identity of prisoners, having nothing to fear now that the disturbance has been quelled and peace and good order established will not come forward themselves and depose to what they know and render themselves liable to be sent a long distance from their homes to give their evidence before the Special Court.

4. It appears to me that the only adducible proof against by far the greater portion of these prisoners is the confession of some before the Magistracy attested by witnesses the capture of others by troops (when in open rebellion against the State) by whom they can be identified if they do not confess and the identity of the remainder with the lists caused to be prepared by Narasimha Reddi (to the correctness of which his Secretaries Nursuppa and Ramayya have deposed), and with the lists rendered at the time of the outbreak by heads of villages giving the names of those who were absent from their respective villages and had joined the poligars.

5. It would perhaps be desirable to ascertain the views of the court of Foujdaree Udalat in regard to the identity of prisoners with the names in these lists being sufficient or otherwise for committal in the event of non-confession for if the latter it must be presumed a great many will have to be acquitted.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—Captain YOUNGHUSBAND, Commanding Troops on Field Service.
Dated—Coilcutia, the 24th November 1846.
No.—419.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Brigadier-General of the Division, I have the honour to request that you will make the necessary arrangements for the escort of 93 prisoners from Jammalamadugu to the cantonment of Cuddapah there to be kept in safe custody in some suitable place until there is room for them in the jail. If no suitable accommodation can be obtained for them there, I request you will in communication with the Officer Commanding, Cuddapah, arrange for their removal to the town of Cuddapah and for a sufficient guard being placed over them there. I have issued the necessary orders to the Police Amin to look out for a suitable place for them in the event of the latter plan being adopted.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Resident at Hyderabad.
Dated—Pulivendla, the 6th April 1847.
No.—115.

With reference to my letter of the 14th January last, I have the honour to forward copy of an extract from the minutes of consultation under date 30th March 1847, sanctioning an increased reward for the apprehension of Goshaye Venkayya and to request you will have the goodness to cause every publicity to the accompanying proclamations and that you will cause the necessary proclamation to be issued through your district. Copy to the Magistrate of Guntur, Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, Kurnool, Magistrates of Bellary and Nellore.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Resident at Hyderabad.
Dated—Rayachoti, the 1st July 1847.
No.—242.

Dawd Surebas Jafur Muhammad, on the police establishment of this district whom I had deputed with a few more to apprehend the Goshayee Venkayya in the Hyderabad territory, having reported that he directed two of his men on whom he could place reliance to direct the Jammalamadugu in the Venaparthi Samanthanum with a view to obtaining information as to Venkayya's locale that he has since learnt that the said individuals have been kept in confinement by the jilladar in consequence of their being strangers in the place, and that some time has now elapsed without his having heard further from them, I have the honour to request you will adopt such measures as you deem proper towards causing their release from custody. I take this opportunity of acquainting you that the Goshayee Venkayya has been apprehended by the said Dawd Surebasum Jafur Muhammad and his party at Atoor in the Muktl division in the Hyderabad territory and that it would appear that the said Venkayya has been for some time past in that neighbourhood of which the village and other officers must have been fully cognizant as my people had no difficulty in apprehending him, his identity although in disguise in the character of a dargy appearing to be well known.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Special Commissioner, Cuddapah.
Dated—Cuddapah, the 6th August 1847.
No.—311.

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have the honour to inform you that instructions have been sent to the Tahsildar of Cumbum and Koilguntla to forward to your court if procurable, any witnesses who may have seen the body of the late Surchasum (who it was understood was murdered) with a view to describing its appearance and recording evidence on the trial now before you in regard to the fact of the said Surchasum having been murdered.

2. Though there are certainly strong grounds for supposing that the Surchasum must have met with his death in the manner above alluded to yet in all the trials that have been held on the late disturbances no evidence could be elicited to prove to

such to have been the case, notwithstanding every inquiry made at the time, the only persons who spoke to having seen the dead body supposed to be that of the late Surchasum in the Sundrapole jungle in the middle of the Nullamala forest were Seevaram, Curnam Soobayah and one Vencatam the former since deceased, did not depose to the identity of the deceased Surchasum but to his having seen a corpse with fetters fastened on its legs and which he supposed to be that of the Surchasum as there were the bramical thread over the shoulders, which is worn by Rajput of which caste the deceased Surchasum was—the latter deposed to having seen a dead body at the same place but in such a state of putrefaction as to render it impossible to recognize who the deceased was.

3. No inquest was held on the body, three days had elapsed before the above information was received of the deceased having met with his death in the manner supposed, but the confusion and excitement that prevailed at the time when all thoughts were turned towards the apprehension of Narasimha Reddi and the rebels who were crossing on the hills in every direction consequent on their dispersion at Mundlapad was so great that the omission would have been unavoidable had earlier information been received of the supposed murder had the spot where it was perpetrated been nearer.

4. I have the honour to state, that in consequence of the want of evidence in support of the late Curnam Soobayah's vague statement no further proceedings have been recorded regarding the death of the said Surchasum, but the records show that he was seen till the last moment previous to the dispersion of the rebels, and Narasimha Reddi in his deposition stated that he saw the Goshayee Venkayya carry him off with him from Kottakota.

Letter—from J. H. COCHRANE, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Cuddapah.
To—the Registrar to the Court of F.U., Fort St. George.
Dated—Maddur, the 29th May 1848.
No.—195.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 31st March last, directing me with reference to copies of the despatch of the Honourable Court of Directors and of the order of Government which accompanied it to report whether any of the prisoners who have been convicted of participating in the late disturbances in this district under the leadership of the late Poligar Narasimha Reddi can be released or have their sentences modified without detriment to the public interest or danger to the peace of this district.

2. On a reference to the records it appears that of the total number of 901 persons apprehended and brought before the Magistracy as having been concerned in the late outbreak no less than 412 were released unconditionally and 273 on moderate and adequate security, such leniency having been discriminately shown towards the least guilty of the poligars followers agreeably to the views expressed by Government in paragraph 5 of the minutes of consultation dated 13th November 1846 in consideration of various circumstances of their having been misguided and induced to join in the insurrection from motives of alarm and dread of the consequences which would otherwise be entailed upon them, and also from the want of means of subsistence in a year of scarcity, and in consideration also as respects several of their having dispersed themselves on the first collision with the troops, when confidence had been established and when they had reason to suppose from the presence of a military force that they had no cause for alarm for having deserted Narasimha Reddi's cause.

3. Of the 112 persons, however, who suffered the penalties of the law, 75 were apprehended in arms with Narasimha Reddi and others, his principal adherents on the occasion of the storming of the Pairsomala hill pagoda, upwards of two months after the disturbance had once been quelled during six weeks of which, intervening period, Narasimha Reddi was a fugitive in the Nallamalla and Yerramalla hills, while the remainder are persons who took more or less a conspicuous part at the commencement.

4. I am not myself aware of there being any extenuating circumstances in favour of these prisoners, it being in my opinion established beyond all question of

doubt that the insurrection was in no way attributable to the resumption of lapsed cuttoobady inams agreeably to the plans proposed by the Board of Revenue, or to that of lapsed bhatta-vritti inams in default of heirs to succeed, these measures having been assigned by the late Commissioner as the chief causes of the outbreak, but as the Honourable Court of Directors have expressed their opinion that these prisoners have a strong claim on the clemency of Government and as a mitigation of the sentences passed on them with the exception of a few, is certainly not under any circumstances likely in my opinion to prove detrimental to the public interest or dangerous to the peace of the district, I beg to suggest that their sentence may be modified as hereunder specified with reference to the accompanying memorandum*.

(* Vide separate sheet.)

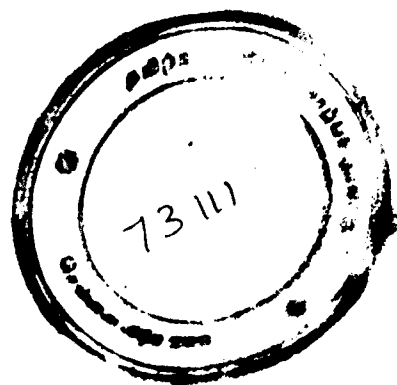
† Rantala Pedda Cumbadoo, Pylooman Ven-
categandoo, Curnam Nursappa.

The sentences passed on Nos. 1, 2
and 3 † in column 3 of 14 years' imprison-
ment to be commuted to 8 years.

The sentences of eight years passed on all entered in column 4 be modified to
six years' imprisonment.

The prisoners sentenced to seven years entered in column 5 to undergo five
years' imprisonment.

The sentences of five years passed on the prisoners entered in column 6 to be
commuted to three years' imprisonment.



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