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No. 551

From.

H. Knox Esqr.

Acting Agent to the Governor in

Ganjam.

To.

J. Pycroft Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

Sir,

Dated 1st Dec. 1836 No 524

1. I have the honor to submit a continuation of my report on the affairs of the Estate of Purlakimedy.

2. Every opportunity was given to the Dundasseenah to come in, and to the Sowrahs to give him up. The Rajah and Mahadeven wrote to the former, and to the Sowrahs, and sent it as far as Goomah by the Chobdar and Guntayat, calling on him to surrender, he promised to meet the Goomah Dissoye but failed he then proposed by a verbal message to meet me, and I agreed to go to Burbely.

3. The Sowrahs sent evasive answers, but there is no doubt they encouraged the Dundasseenah to remain with them, and considered themselves safe in their jungle fastnesses

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4. In the mean time the Rieto from the Rajahs of Vizianagrum and Bobbily had arrived, and I was satisfied that there was no necessity to send a large body of Troops into the Hills, but as a precautionary measure I requested Colonel Durhe to move up to Bustely, and also to send a small party to Doomah, as I was apprehensive of the Elybah Sowrahs taking advantage of the absence of the Bissoye and Sebundies, and destroying the Fort.

5. I sent out 4 parties numbering about 250 including some 40 Sebundies in each, they were to have met at Pottasinghy at midnight last Monday, but the Doomah Bissoye received intelligence which led him to move up, at once attack the place on Monday morning 15th & Remitwith slight resistance, but the Dundoosenah was not captured, tho' his sword, Gun and Dagger were found in the room he was sleeping in. The brother of the Pottasinghy Dewangho was captured. Next day the other parties came up. Two of them had been obliged to force their way thro' most difficult passes and thick jungle, as the Sowrahs

Sowrahs had opposed them by every possible means, at one place they ~~[illegible]~~ had large fragments of rock retained in their position by ropes, which they intended hurling down on the party, but the leaders had notice of this and cut up parties who cut the ropes and let the stone down before the main body came up. The Sowrahs appear to have had very few fire arms. We lost no lives, and had very few hurt. On Tuesday a thoro' search was made for the Dundoosenah but to no purpose, and I am at this moment at a loss to say where he is. One report says he has gone to Jeypoor, and I have applied to the Agent at Vizagapatam for assistance. I have also sent a party to Podda Timedy in which direction he is said to have fled. He had only 4 followers with him when he left his wife.

6. I had proposed to go to Bustely on Monday to meet the Dundoosenah, but was compelled by illness to remain here, but had the Dundoosenah taken advantage of my absence, Colonel Durhe was there ready to receive him. With Colonel Durhe I have been in constant

communication

communication since he came to Kimedy, and have received from him not only the most cordial co-operation as regards Military matters, but much valuable assistance and advice in making preliminary arrangements, and deciding on the best measures for restoring quiet to the country.-

7. On Wednesday morning 17th inst. the Manager of Goonipoor brought to Colonel Dubie a letter from Khogaye Yadhan to his brother Hun-nopradhan, in which it was stated, that the family of the Dundoosenah had come down and taken refuge at a place called Bheimpore, included in the Seypoor Zemindary under the Agent of Vizagapatam. Not a moment was lost, half an hour after Captain Godfrey and Lieutenant Adey with 70 men had started taking with them the men who brought the letter from Bheimpore as guides, between 7 and 8 that evening they reached the spot, a distance of 28 miles at least thro' dense jungle. Captain Godfrey with the main body remained outside, and Lieutenant Adey with a small party taking off their shoes moved quietly thro' the village and reached the door of the house without being observed, he at once rushed in and captured the Dundoosenahs wife, younger brother, 7 Ryots and 11 women and children. unfortunately the Dundoosenah had not come, and his wife declares she does not know where he has gone. I propose to reward the Chief of Bimpore and the others who assisted in bringing the intelligence and acting as guides by distributing 350 Rupees among them, either in money or Ornaments as they may prefer, this will I trust meet the approval of Govern-ment.

8. I am sorry to say Sombare Gomango did not remain true to Government, he deserted the Goomah Bissoye en-route to Pootasingy, his followers plundered a party of Goomah people going out with supplies, and fired on some of the parties as they returned from Pootasingy Therefore directed the Goomah Bissoye to seize him, and

and asked Captain Revell in Command at Goomah to assist if necessary. The result was that 26 Sowrahs were taken, tho' not the Gomango, and the Village was burnt. Capt. Jan Revell has now returned he having fully carried out my wishes, and shown much judgment in doing so. Colonel Duke and the Head Quarters have also returned, and the Irregulars are also on their way to their respective posts. These last I shall have soon to call together again to help to take possession of Sybak, but I hope not again to require the troops. On this point however it will be impossible to form a decided opinion until it is seen what course the Sowrahs will take. I am led to believe that the lesson they have had has been a severe one, and one not likely soon to be forgotten, they have learnt how completely they are in the power of Government. Still they may try to retaliate, ~~and~~ ~~we~~ I am perfectly ~~we~~ satisfied that no more troops will be required,

indeed

indeed I hope soon to be able to dispense with a wing of the Regiment here, the remaining wing should I think be kept in case of any sudden outbreak.

9 I would beg leave respectfully to suggest that Government notice with approval the readiness with which the Rajahs of Vizianagrum and Bobbely have sent in their quotas, the Sirdars and men have acted as themselves & the utmost, and have given me much satisfaction.

10 I have duly received Gov.t Consultation dated 6th Instant No 1307, as yet I have not had time or indeed strength to go thoroly into the Case again. Since that other parties have been apprehended and more evidence elicited. I must therefore beg the consideration of Government, and request to be allowed to delay my answer till I am able to go over the evidence in other Cases, and see how it bears on these mens guilt or innocence.

Vizianagrum District
Govt Agents Circuit Office
Sorlakoteey 23d December 1856

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Acting Agent

Rec.d 2d Jan.y
2d P.M.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 3.

Extract from the Minutes Consultation under date the 3rd January 1857.

Read the following letter from the Acting Agent in Ganjam.

Reports proceedings with the Sowrahs, the success of the joint attack on the Sowrahs, the flight of the Dundoosenah, and states that a continuance of the field force for any length of time will probably not be necessary. } (Here enter 23rd December 1856, No. 551.)

The information conveyed in the above letter is very satisfactory. The Government quite approve the proceedings of the Acting Agent. He will follow up the Dundesanah and the Sowrahs unintermittingly with parties of Regulars or Irregulars and require complete submission from the latter.

2. The Government also notice with approval the promptitude with which Colonel Duke, detached the party under Captain Godfrey and Lieutenant Adey, 31st Light Infantry, and the spirit with which those Officers executed the duty assigned them. Mr. Knox will, as he proposes, distribute 350 Rupees in money or ornaments among the Chief of Bimpoor and others who brought intelligence or acted as guides on the occasion. The Acting Agent will give the money or ornaments as soon as possible, if he has not already given them. For the future he will consider himself authorized to give such reward at once without waiting for the sanction of Government, as the effect may be expected to be greater if the recompence follow promptly the service rendered.

3. Copy of para: 9 of Mr. Knox's letter will be furnished to the Agent in Vizagapatam and he will be instructed to communicate to the Rajah of Vizianagarum and Zemindar of Bobilly the acknowledgments of Government, for the ready and efficient assistance which they have afforded.

4. The Acting Agent will send in his answer to Extract Minutes of Consultation, 6th Ultimo, when he has had sufficient leisure for going into the case.

(A true Extract.)

/ signed / T. Pycroft

Chief Secretary.

Ex'd. J. A. Wilson.

Judicial Dep[t]

No 3

Extract Mins: Cons: Dated 3d January 1857

From Acting Agent in Sanjan 23 Dec 1856.

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Sowrabjee inaccuracies
& irregularities
Sowrabjee

Complete submission
from Mr Eaton

Col Dickinson's apprehensions
and explanations should
be received

The impression conveyed in the above letter is very satisfactory. The first point upon the proceedings of the Act[g] Agent — He will follow up the Dundeesamah

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4 The Act. Agent
will send in his
accounts to 8 Mch
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Instd. D. L. Exp. 9/9 June
No. 16 of 1857 Para 7

Resp.ts to issue of 1858 P.J.
Proceedings approved

In Dpt. Com. 6 January 57.
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Extract Mins. of Cons.

D/ 31st Jany 57.
Recd 27/60

No 1846

Copy
Orders
Wm. Hy. Sparke Esqr.
Advocate
Genl.
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Sir

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Petition of Mr. Sparke to the Governor in Council praying for the appointment of Counsel to defend him against the charges preferred against him by Mr. Advocate General Dickson.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
Chief Secretary

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