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Judicial **DEPARTMENT**

G.O. No. 1125 Press ~~Mis.~~

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No. 69. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 27th August 1857, No. 31.

SIR,

I am sorry to have to report that, owing to the suspension of works in the Department Public Works, and the consequent throwing out of employment of many Wadders and others, gang robberies are becoming more prevalent in the southern part of the District bordering on the Mysore frontiers.

2. Measures will be taken to suppress them as much as possible, but the Tahsildars will require an addition of peons, to enable them to detach parties for the detection of the robbers.

3. One gang robbery of a very extensive nature, in which property to the value of nearly ten thousand Rupees was taken, was perpetrated on the 17th Instant at Chellamatoor, a village in the Codecondah Talook, bordering on the Bangalore Division, and the Joint Magistrate has requested permission to employ temporarily 15 extra peons to aid the Tahsildar, which I have directed him to do; pending the sanction of Government.

4. It will probably be necessary to employ about 50 extra peons in the southern Talooks for the suppression of crime, and I beg the sanction of Government for the same, should I find it necessary to avail myself of it.

5. I trust after the Mohurrum (should no disturbances occur in the Nizam's territories,) to be able greatly to reduce the force of 500 extra peons in the northern frontier, sanctioned by Government under date the 21st July last.

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Magistrate.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, No. 1125; dated 1st September 1857.

Government give the Magistrate a discretionary power to employ temporarily 50 extra peons in the southern Talooks, if necessary.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

6 Augt

To J Macaulay Esq
Sy Secretary to Govt.

Sir

I have had the honour of
receiving your letter of today dat
calling on me to explain - First
that reasons I took on the case
and Secondly upon what authority I
a short time back that several
meetings in Sirdhana of
this Court were applicated
were being held among st the
various Chamars within the
- Secondly upon what authority
I made the observations regarding
Sultan Baig in my letter to the

Mussel Opinion Magistrates of the 1st
instant and thirdly - what notice
has been taken of two Hindoos who
intrude themselves into meeting
Christchurch -

2. In reply to the first question I have
to inform you to state that the Circuit
Superior Judge never acquainted me
that meeting was being held
at Christchurch on that two hours
of the Court sitting other parties, were
implicated - The only circumstance
he brought to my knowledge in
private was that he had been
informed that one of the Brahmans
mentioned was said to be a professor
of a Freemasons Lodge - that he was
anxious to obtain - that he had
questioned him about it but the
man had denied it and brought
a Hindustani Newspaper of two or
three days or two afterwards,
that the man was a truly lazy
fellow who came to Court and did
pretty much as he pleased, but that

he understood to keep his eye on him
& then if he found reason to
suspect -

3. He received Superior Judge brought nothing
further to my knowledge and I am not
certain if I may not have misjudged
upon something I may have learnt
from Mr Todd who that Brahmin
friends are anxious to procure
his flight to Bombay to proceed
with them on nothing in the Bombay
note which led me to suppose that he
wished me to take up the matter that
he wished me to do so, he could have
by the courtesy he paid me by
his intention of visiting
himself and I proceed to act as
to information he gave might from
time probable he proper I thought
upon complaint used have thwarted
him in his enquiries & prevented him
bringing them to light
4. I believe it will be allowed that I
can only acting with good discretion
in the steps I took to procure the enquiries
can be stopped -

I have -

5 [illegible] letter of the 5th inst. to the Head Constable Pragjiwan, I have the honour to state that I was kept in [illegible] agreeable of his Proceedings relative to Sultan Beg the culprit upon by your an a demi Officer [illegible] to depart on them, and that his demi Officer depart on the next morning the 26 hours after Sultan Beg had been confined in the Town Jail. It was clearly the duty of the Head Constable Pragjiwan to have communicated with me immediately relative to Sultan Beg and to have sought my instruction from me relative to his [illegible] Police and informed him that had he done so, he [illegible] I would not have implicated the Government in his arrest. At the same time the many actions of many authority is assumed & followed & appeared to me peculiarly desirable that the direct action of Government in the arrest of particular individuals should not be taken. I was guided in my observations by the idea that it was the bounden duty of every servant of Government to take

the whole responsibility of his Proceedings on himself and that I was not the case of Sultan Beg I still had come before me I still had ordered a reference to Government at the same time it was made and that it would in consequence have been better if the Head Constable had not referred to them for instruction having sought my

him.

I have to observe that now that Sultan Beg had been called on to furnish his responsible [illegible] I have the honour to state that I have received no information relative to the Hadoo who are said to be of his company and [illegible] in a cave. I shall make a report on the subject for a report on the subject. Some days ago a petition purporting to come from a Village in [illegible] and some [illegible] residing at Kathay near Chinchpat-

[illegible] Mahomedan Festival
from the dread in his house and
distributing [illegible] among the
Mahomedans in his neighbourhood
but on any landing a Sepoy and
some Sirdars to keep and
search the parties they were unable
to find a single Weapon
and the people in the village
and all declared that no one in
the shape of a Fakeer had been seen
by them, or any Mahomedan col-
-lecting & assembling. The whole
of the Papers lying in the house
were translated by Mr Bellasis
the Assistant Translator and
were found to refer to Domestic
matters exclusively - the papers
only written before the disturbance
in the North West began were
also in possession of the
Mahomedan population and
their bearing no date

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Sydapet
6 August 1857. C Chester Lt.
Assistant

No. 1125

Government give thanks to Magistrate for discretionary power to suppress tumultuous assemblies of Natives in the Districts

Fort Wm. George
1st Sept. 1857

To the Mag: of Sultanpore
" Secretary to Govt.
" Civil Auditor

Judicial — 1857 Department.

Jud. Cons: 11th August 1857.

From

The Magistrate of Chinglepet.

Dated and
Rec'd 6th Augt 1857.

No. 1332

Order on the letter
No 69 at — not
delivered —

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J. C. 11th Augt 1857 No. 61-62 & 71.

G. C. 1st Sept 1857 No. 29.

Submitting explanation with regard to the three questions put by Govt. as to the measures taken by him on certain information having been communicated to him by the Civil and Sessions Judge of Chinglepet. 2. Upon what information he made the observations regarding Sultan Burge in his letter to the Asst Magistrate

of the 1st inst. 3 What notice has been taken of 2 Hindoos who were said to be professing collecting coming events & were assembling meetings at night