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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 29th September 1857.

No. 57. Read the following letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 14th September 1857, No. 31.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 31st Ultimo, No. 1112, requesting the Magistrate of Cuddapah to state for what time he wishes to entertain the extra Police peons.

2. In reply, I beg to state, that under the circumstances underneath referred to, it is impossible for me to state distinctly the time for which the extra Sibbundy peons will be required, but should the Government allow them, together with some others, up to the end of the year, it will be of very great service, at the expiration of which, I will again report to Government whether their services can be dispensed with.

3. On the 26th of August, the head of Police of Cudree talook reports that a acting Police peon named Hoossain Khan, whilst passing the ghaut between Calasumoodrum and Cootacoola, about 7 miles from Cudree, not far from the Bellary frontier, was taken by 6 thieves into the jungle, where they came to a large body of men said to be 150, apparently under a leader, who was seated on a carpet. The peon was asked when the Tahsildar was going into the district, to which he replied he did not know. They then tied him up and took from him a talook from the Tahsildar, and a letter from the villagers of Koodamalapully, which letter, they tore up. Shortly after, they all left the place, after having covered him with his own cumby and some leaves. They having departed, he made his escape and came and gave the information to the head of Police. On receipt of the head of Police's report, I collected 30 of the Sibbundy peons allowed for the Malyerum, with 2 Duffadars and 10 Sowars and sent them in pursuit.

4. The head of Police in his Urzee dated 2nd Instant, reported that the following day he had despatched some Boyah people to ascertain the direction which the band had taken; they first went where the peon had seen them, and followed their traces to a retired spot where there was water, and discovered the place where the leader had been sleeping upon a quantity of leaves, and at a little distance, where they had been killing sheep and cooking their food, they traced them up to where other roads met, after which the tracks became obliterated.

5. The head of Police of Chennoor in his Urzee dated 28th August, states that he had been informed by the wood-cutters, that 200 people had been seen among the hills near Cazeppett, in the Chennoor talook, and had gone towards the Rawaljee Gundee.

6. The head of Police of Royachoty reported on the 6th Instant, that a party of 40 men had been seen with guns near Nullapothoolacamah, between Veerabully, Saneepayah and Potheemaneer ghauts, and had beaten and taken away the rice of some parties who had gone to cut wood, &c.

7. The Sidhout head of Police in his report dated 9th Instant, states that 100 persons had been seen in the Lunkanalah hills, near Rollapentah, who had beaten two Mahomedans who had gone in search of their bullocks, and taken their cloths.

8. On the evening of the 10th, a Duffadar of the Kurnool Horse reported to me that the grass-cutters belonging to their detachment, had seen a number of men upon the Palacoundah hills, where they had gone for grass for the horses.

9. Upon receipt of this information, as many peons and Daloyets as could be collected, were armed and despatched, one half to Palacoundah hills, and the other to Lunkamala, but up to the present time, no information has been received from them. From the above reports, there seems to be no doubt, that a large body of men are moving about and concealed amongst the hills, but whether they are the same party reported by the Cudree head of Police or whether that party has divided into two, cannot at present be ascertained. But as the number is considerable, I would recommend that 38 peons be allowed in addition to the 42, the entertainment of whom the Government have already sanctioned. I would recommend, that they will be constantly on the move, their pay be 4 Rupees instead of 3½ from the 1st September 1857. This, I consider, the more necessary, as the season reports received from the different Tahsildars, are becoming daily more gloomy. In the talooks situated to the west, the inhabitants of which are chiefly dependent upon the chalum crops and cotton, there has been no rain, and the seed has not

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yet been sown, as this is the season for sowing, and should no heavy rains be experienced within the next 10 or 12 days, to enable the seed to be got into the ground, the sowing season for this species of produce will have passed, and none other can be procured upon the raggedda or black soil. To the east and south, the Bajara crops are reported to be suffering for the want of rain, and further, as the road-making has been put a stop to, where the poorer classes could find employment when not engaged in agricultural pursuits, and grain rising in price, it is to be feared that robbery will become more frequent, and it is necessary by a better pay to induce the peon to exert themselves for the apprehension of the thieves, and the protection of the people. Every peon that can be spared has been already despatched after the information was received from the different heads of Police.

10. The Chennoor head of Police, after having been to concert measures with that of the Sidhout, has proceeded to the Palacondah hills, where he has been ordered to concert with the head of Police of Royachoty, and call out the villagers who live in the neighbourhood, and scour the hills to discover where the thieves may be.

11. I have issued an Istyar under the provisions of Section XXI, Regulation IX of 1816, offering a reward of 100 Rupees for the leader, and 20 Rupees for each of the other members of the gang.

I trust that the exertions which have been made, will prove successful, and the parties be dispersed.

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, No. 1245; dated 26th September 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing communication, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the entertainment, by the Magistrate of Cuddasah, of eighty extra peons on a salary of Rupees (4) four each per mensem from the 1st of September to the end of the current year. At the expiration of that period, Mr. Murray will report whether the services of these men cannot be dispensed with. The number of peons now sanctioned includes those referred to in Extract Minutes Consultation 31st August 1857, No. 1112.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

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