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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 13th October 1857.

No. 57. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th September 1857, No. 272.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that a gang of marauders have made their appearance in the hill tracts of the Taudemul-lah Talook on the north west frontier of this district, and a few days ago they plundered *two villages in that part of the country. They attempted to set fire to the house of the proprietrix of Nagavarum with the view of gaining an entrance, but, partly owing to the state of the weather, and partly to the defence made by the inmates, were unsuccessful. The inhabitants of the villages named were not subjected to any ill-treatment. The gang is believed to have been assembled by two petty hill chiefs of that locality. The number is given at 400, but I have every reason to believe that this is a great exaggeration. They are but indifferently armed. The Talook is within the Joint Magistrate's Division, but my Head Assistant being nearest the scene of action proceeded to the locality. He at first hoped to be able to effect the apprehension of the gang without other aid than the Police force, which I have of course been obliged considerably to increase, but from information since obtained it appears that the main body, said to number about 100 men, have taken up their quarters in a sort of stockade at the village of Kopillee and it is doubtful whether the Police force unaided could secure the apprehension of the gang. Under these circumstances, and as it is of the utmost importance that time should not be allowed these marauders to mature their plans, or to admit of their being joined by other lawless characters. I have called on the Officer in command of the Sappers and Miners at Dowlaiswarum to furnish a Company of the Corps under his command to aid the Civil power in seizing the gang, and repressing any further attempts to disturb the peace of the country. The troops will of course be accompanied either by the Acting Joint Magistrate or my Head Assistant, and will not be kept out a moment longer than is really necessary. A further report of proceedings will be submitted in due course.

(Signed) A. PURVIS,
Magistrate.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 1332; dated 13th October 1857.

To be recorded.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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of Rajahmundry
To The Asst. Secy
to Govt.
Fort St George
Dated 26th September
1857
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by a gang of Marau-
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