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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 19. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 1st October 1857, No. 282.

SIR,

I have the honor, with reference to my letters of the 24th and 26th Ultimo, to report that the Company of Sappers from Dowlaiswarum reached Yernagoodem, the Cusba town of the Talook, in the north western part of which the peace is disturbed and on the line of the high north road, on the 26th Ultimo. They were accompanied from this place by my Acting Head Assistant who had returned for the purpose, and the Joint Magistrate joined them on the morning of the following day.

2. The rebels, for such they may now be called, as the chiefs have issued proclamations calling on all parties to pay the revenue of the part of the country in which they and their followers are assembled, to them, are reported to be in two gangs each of about 300 men, and it was not considered advisable to attempt active operations against them with the single Company of Sappers. The Acting Joint Magistrate is now waiting for the aid from Masulipatam which I reported having applied for. I have just heard that the Detachment was to leave Masulipatam the morning of the day before yesterday.

3. The gangs do not appear to have any present intention of advancing towards the high road, probably deterred by the presence of the Military force, and no reports have since been received of the plundering of any other places, but a peon who fell into the hands of some of the gang has had his skull fractured and was otherwise mutilated.

4. I ought perhaps to have given in my last letter the details of an occurrence in which my Acting Head Assistant had rather a narrow escape from the gang. His zeal, and the information he had received leading him to believe that the gang was not in such great force as subsequently appeared to be the case, induced him to stay longer in the locality, which I reported in my first letter, he had visited, than was altogether desirable, and when at a village called Boottoyegoodem he suddenly found himself surrounded by a large body of men. Many of the peons temporarily employed with him failed him at this crisis and the number who stood by him was quite insufficient to cope with the gang. The leaders demanded a parley which Mr. Molony had no alternative but to grant, and it ended in his being compelled, though much against his will, to give up to them two prisoners, who had shortly before been caught under suspicious circumstances, and they also carried off the Moonsiff of the village, but whom they appeared to have no intention of ill-using in any way, nor though he is still with them, are they believed to have done so. The gang then withdrew, and Mr. Molony lost no time in retiring with his party, including the Tahsildar of the Talook, who had accompanied him. He effected his return to Yernagoodem in safety.

(Signed) A. PURVIS,

Magistrate.

No. 20.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1353; dated 16th October 1857.

To be recorded.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Jud. L. L. Eng. 2^d March
No. 2 of 1858. Para 16

By the Com. 20th Oct
Judicial 1857 Department

From
The Magistrate of
Raphimundry

To The Ag. Chief Secy to Govt
Fort Saint George

Dated 1st October
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No. 282.

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Submitting a further
report with reference
to his letter of the
24th & 26th & 28th ult.

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