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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 10th November 1857.

No. 1. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 16th October 1857, No. 297.

SIR,

I have the honor, in continuation of my letter of the 7th Instant, to report the further proceedings against the gangs of marauders on the north-west frontier of this District. Nothing of importance has taken place, or I should have reported on an earlier date.

2. When I last wrote, I mentioned that the Acting Joint Magistrate with the Company of Sappers, had gone into the part of the country in which the gangs were believed to be, but that they had not been successful in capturing any; but a few stragglers.

3. Mr. Morris, who was accompanied by my Acting Head Assistant, proceeded with the troops from Chintalagoodem, at which place he was when I last wrote, to Kopillee, where there was a somewhat formidable stockade, but no attempt was made to defend it; of course it was destroyed before the troops left the place. In the course of the day a watering party was fired upon, and a camp-follower received a flesh wound in the leg.

4. From Kopillee, after waiting two days for the detachment from Masulipatam, which however did not join them, they went on to Chintapilly, and made an attempt to surprise this village and another called Mungaloor, but they started later than was intended, and the plan miscarried. One of the two parties into which the troops had been divided, was fired upon, but no harm done.

5. From Chintapilly they went on to Shedoor on the banks of the Godavery. They were unable to obtain any information which could in any way be depended upon of the present whereabouts of the gangs. The probability is that the great body of them have for the present dispersed, and the remainder, with the leaders, retired still further into the hills. No further lawless acts are yet known to have been committed by them, but they still have in confinement the * Moonsiff. man Soonkara Swamey* alluded to in my letter of the 1st Instant.

6. As it appeared to me that nothing was to be gained by keeping the Company of Sappers longer out at this season, and as they had already been subject to a good deal of exposure and fatigue, I directed they should return to Dowlaiswarum, where they have arrived to-day, having been brought down the river in a Steamer and flat, obligingly placed at my disposal, by the District Engineer.

7. The detachment of two Companies, one of the 7th and one of the 9th N. I., from Masulipatam, arrived at Yednagoodem, on the 8th Instant, from whence they went on with the intention of joining the party in advance, but they did not come up with them. I have requested the officer in command, to station a strong party at Boottayagoodem, and to remain with the remainder of his detachment at Deppakayalapaud, or Kunnaporum, whichever he may think the most convenient place. He will thus be in a position to check any attempts of the hill-men to come down into the low country, or on the line of high road, and preserve Boottayagoodem, and Magavarum, from further attacks.

8. A body of the most efficient peons of the Police force of the district, will move about the hill tracts, and I trust prevent the gangs re-assembling in any force, and may, I hope, be successful in their endeavours to seize the ring-leaders.

(Signed) A. PURVIS,
Magistrate.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 10th November 1857.

No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1438; dated 4th November 1857.

The Magistrate of Rajahmundry is expected to procure more authentic intelligence of the authors of these outrages referred to in the above communication, and also to trace the Moonsiff Spoonkaraswamy who has been carried away captive.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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The Magistrate who endeavours to procure
more authentic intelligence of the
authors of these outrages desires to
trace the Moonsiff Spoonkaraswamy
who has been carried away captive.
There is a Lawless fellow in
the middle of the Gorge through
the Co-davary forces the way who
has been in the habit of carrying
off on the river traffic & who has
on more than one occasion shown
symptoms of insubordination. His
name I think is Siva Reddy or some
such appellation. His family have
always been refractory many years
ago a military detachment sent to
conquer them was defeated in the attempt.

Judicial Department

No. 1438

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 4 November 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Magistrate of Rajahmundry.
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(Here enter 10th Oct/57 No 297)

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Sooramey who has been carried
away captive.

Yth

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Copy to Magistrate of Rajahmundry. Disp^d Pth 10th Oct 57

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By the Hon. C. J. H. H. H. H.
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Dated 11. November 1857
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