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No. 40. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th November 1857, No. 343.

SIR,

I regret to have to report that since the withdrawal of the Detachments of the 7th and 9th Regiments, a step which, as reported in my letter of the 28th Ultimo, was rendered absolutely necessary from the state to which they were reduced by sickness, the hill men in the Taudemullah Talook have again assembled in considerable force. I have received certain intelligence of their having plundered two villages not far from the scene of their first depredations, and reports, which I fear will also prove to be well founded, reached me this morning of their having attacked and plundered two more villages more in the open country.

2. I have, under these circumstances, been obliged to apply to the Officer in Command of the Sappers at Dowlaiswarum for a Detachment of 50 men to secure the Cusba Town Yernagoodem, from attack. They will march this evening, and I have also requested the Brigadier in Command at Masulipatam to furnish a Company of Sepoys to be located at some convenient place in the Talook. I consider this step absolutely necessary to keep the marauders from coming down into the low country.

3. Experience has just shown that the employment, at present, of Regular Troops among the hills, is out of the question. I do not therefore propose that either of the Detachments should be required to proceed within the influence of the jungle malaria. A large body of armed Peons are already out against the marauders and I have adopted measures to strengthen them as far as the means at my disposal admit, but many of the Peons hitherto employed on the duty are laid up with fever, and it is not very easy to find efficient substitutes for them all.

4. I was greatly averse to calling on the Military Authorities for further aid after the Detachment already furnished had suffered so much from sickness, but there appeared to me to be no alternative, and as the present Detachments will not, as already explained, be allowed to advance into the hills or jungle tracts, there will I hope be no risk of their suffering in a similar manner.

(Signed) A. PURVIS,
Magistrate.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, No. 1495; dated 17th November 1857.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge

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