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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th January 1858.

No. 14. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Raidroog, 19th December 1857, No. 52.

SIR,

In September last, a person who gave his name as Mr. A. D. Scott appeared before me, and stated that he was on his way from Secunderabad to Paumbum, and had been robbed of almost every thing he possessed in His Highness the Nizam's Territories. I immediately addressed the Resident at Hyderabad. I beg to enclose copy of Mr. Scott's statement before me. Being in a destitute state, I assisted him with a loan from my private purse, which he *promised* to repay me on his arrival at Paumbum. I invited him also to my house two or three times, and he gave me the impression that he was a quiet well behaved man, gentlemanly in his habits, though not of high birth and education. He informed me that he was an Assistant Opium Agent attached to the Government of the North West Provinces, and was on his way to Paumbum to his uncle Captain James Ingle, who he said was the Master-Pilot and Collector of Sea Customs at Paumbum.

2. After some days residence at Bellary, and having equiped himself with a Poney and supplies of all he needed to prosecute his journey, he gave me cause to suspect him by some acts of intemperance. I subsequently heard casually that he had been seen on the road towards Hurryhur and not to Bangalore (which would be his route) and had been misconducting himself and passing himself off under other names. I wrote to the said Captain James Ingles, but have not received any reply. And my suspicions being excited that the story of the robbery might be false, I communicated them to the Resident of Hyderabad, and that Officer has informed me that nothing can be ascertained respecting Mr. Scott or the alleged robbery.

3. Under these circumstances, and not having heard from Mr. Scott of his arrival at Paumbum, from whence he promised to return the money advanced him, I have little doubt but the man is an imposter, and beg to report the same to Government, in case they should have other information respecting him. Mr. Scott seemed to speak Hindoostany very fluently; and he may probably have been what he represented himself to be, viz., an Opium Agent, but perhaps one that had been dismissed.

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Magistrate.

I Alfred Dudby Scott, Native of Plymouth, son of Captain A. W. Scott, Chief Magistrate of Ariet at Cape Briton, do solemnly declare on oath, that on my way from Agra to Phamwell on or about the 9th September 1857, about 5 miles from a village called Isetepurla in the Nizam's country, I was attacked by a gang of robbers, who robbed the undermentioned articles namely:—

1 Chesnut Horse with saddle and bridle.
1 Cream colour Poney with cloth.
4 English leather trunks marked A. D. Scott, containing clothing, &c., &c., &c., marked, and in cash (400) Company's Rupees, also one Agra Bank Book.
1 Rosewood writing box containing one gold hunting patent lever watch by Vincent. On the case is marked A. D. S., 5th August 1854.
1 Country gold Albert chain, shaped cable with a gold ankur and proportional compass in English gold.
1 English gold ring set with 2 rubies, one emarald.
1 Do. do. do. guard.
1 Revolver, 5 Chambers.
1 Double barelled gun with a case, by Manton.
1 Dressing case.
4 of my servants by name Abdullah a Mahomedan, Wardapah a Hindoo, one Hindoo Horseman, deserted on the same day.

Bellary.

(Signed) A. D. SCOTT.

The village near which I was robbed is about eight marches from Secunderabad and about five marches from the Kistnah. There is an old ruined Fort at the village. I complained to a man who said he was the head man of the place and he told me to go and catch the robbers myself and bring them. I said I would report him. He replied he did not care and bid me take care what I said. I suppose there must have been about 25 or 30 robbers.

My things were on the cart. I did not see any more of the cart or the things afterwards. I ran off myself and got up a tree in the jungle and remained there during the night. The robbery took place at about 8 o'clock in the evening, I was about to encamp. The servants I procured at Secunderabad. They had characters some of which I have with me (here produced) one the Mussulman brought a note from one Mr. G. or I. Green, whom he said he had last served.

I saved one small box which had gone a head carried by a Cowry Cooly I got at Secunderabad. I got the bandy also at Secunderabad. I put up at the Travellers' Bungalow at Secunderabad, which I left at the beginning of this (September) month.

I have omitted above to mention among the articles stolen :

6 large table silver spoons.
6 dessert, and 6 tea spoons.
6 table forks, 6 dessert forks.
2 salt spoons, 1 butter knife.
1 sugar tongs, 1 ladle (small).

the above were all silver. The crest on them was unicorn head and neck and two cross swords.

There was also some common crockery and bedding and a brass travellers folding bedstead, which cost 70 Rupees, and an iron travelling easy chair.

I am on my way to Paumbum to join my uncle Captain James Ingle, who is Sea Custom Collector and Master-Pilot at that place.

(Signed) A. D. SCOTT.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Magistrate.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 1679; dated 28th December 1857.

Resolved that copy of the above letter and of its enclosure, be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police at Madras, and to the Magistrate of Madura, for any information which they may be able to afford regarding the party in question.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Bxd. F. Cartledge.

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Fort St. George
28 Dec 1857

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Public Department
To the Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated Camp Doddeary
December 28th 1857

Received 2nd January 1858

No 2814

Public Department the enclosed
letter from the Superintendent
of Police Bellary dated 26th
instant forwarding a letter
from Jaweeny Kistnamah
addressed to the Raja of Sundur
with a request that the
contents of the latter may
be communicated to the
Raja with information
that his application
cannot be complied with

I have &c
W. M. Ar. Wade
Sec.

Fort St. No 108/58