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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th April 1857.

No. 42. Read the following letter from C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 21st March 1857, No. 18.

SIR,

Magistrates' Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 13th February 1857, No. 188, desiring me to inform Government of the result of the enquiry into the case of highway robbery committed on some men of the Queen's 43rd Regiment, also directing me to report what measures I adopted to trace the robbery, whether I have offered any rewards for the detection of the offenders, what steps I have taken for the future protection of travellers and finally, whether any thing has been done during the last 6 months towards suppressing these highway robberies on this frequented route.

2. I regret that I have not been able to report sooner as to the results of the enquiry, in consequence of the non-receipt, till the 19th Instant, of information on the subject from the Head of Police of Caveripauk, in which Talook the robbery was committed.

The Head of Police reports that he has given publicity to the list of stolen property, which I had procured from the Officer Commanding the Regiment, and has used every means to discover the robbers, but hitherto without success.

Copy of the list of stolen articles which was forwarded to me by the Commanding Officer, is enclosed. Many of the articles are easy to identify, and it argues a great defect in the detective powers of the Police, that no discovery of any part of the stolen property has yet been made.

3. As I found that the expectations held out to me personally, by the Head of Police of Caveripauk, of a speedy capture of the robbers, was not likely to be realized, I requested the Acting Additional Joint Magistrate to send one of his Moostasurs (an Officer whose special duty it is to trace out robbers) to the Caveripauk Head of Police, who would furnish him with instructions, and give him Peons to assist him. This officer is now engaged in endeavouring to trace out the thieves and property.

4. As the Head of Police informed me as I passed thro' Arcot, that he hoped he had obtained some traces of the offenders, I did not in the first instance offer any reward, but finding that "the ordinary process for the apprehension of the offenders was ineffectual," I on the 27th Ultimo, offered a reward of 100 Rupees for the apprehension of a leader of the gang, and of twenty Rupees for each of the inferior offenders.

5. For the future protection of that part of the Trunk road which extends from Arcot to the Northern limits of the Tirvellum Talook, I have directed the Police Duffadar of my establishment, hitherto employed in other parts of the District, and two Peons to patrol it.

6. What has been done during the last 6 months towards suppressing these robberies on that part of the road which extends from the Northern boundary of the Tirvellum Talook, to the boundary of the Mysore country, is shewn in the letter of the Acting Additional Joint Magistrate, of which a copy is submitted. Before the arrival of that Officer in this District, I stationed on the 5th February 1856, a Deloyet and two Talook Peons on the high road between Moogely Ghaut and Palamanair. On the 5th February 1856, I stationed another Deloyet and 2 Talook Peons on this same Trunk road between Graemepett and Cottapully. I had previously ordered another Deloyet to patrol from Cottapully to Tirvellum. Mr. Dillon was attacked on this high road on the 19th April 1856, but as the Government are aware, the robbery was deferred till Mr. Dillon had passed out of the limits of this District.

7. With the exception of that now under report there has been no highway robbery committed on this road *throughout its whole extent* during the last 6 months, i. e., from Arcot to the limits of the District on the Mysore side. and I would beg particularly to call the attention of Government to the exceptional nature of this one case, and would respectfully urge the unfairness of estimating the degree of safety to travellers on the road from the fact of four unarmed men in charge of valuable property, having in the middle of the night, at a distance of 2 miles from any habitation, been attacked by robbers, whom the largeness of the expected plunder, and the known feebleness of defence, had collected together in overpowering numbers.

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
Magistrate.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th April 1857.

From C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Head Assistant Magistrate; to CHARLES WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, Trivettur, dated Ranceput, 23rd February 1857, No. 18.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you, that up to this time, no clue has been obtained so as to lead to the apprehension of the band of robbers that attacked the bandies conveying the property of a Detachment of the 43rd Light Infantry, between Arcot and Tirvellum. I have had the Peons, under me, despatched in several directions, and many parties have been taken up on suspicion, but no evidence having been brought which could warrant their being detained, I have released them. From what I have learnt from people at the Railway at Amoor, as well as parties at Tirvellum, I am led to believe that some of the party attacked were under the influence of liquor, at the time.

Your Memorandum No. 70, dated February 20th 1857, forwarding a list of the property lost by the Detachment, arrived this day, and with reference to the concluding part, I will use my utmost endeavours, and will let you have any information I may obtain on the matter.

(Signed) C. N. POCHIN,
Head Assistant Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) CHARLES WHITTINGHAM,
Magistrate.

List of Articles stolen from a Detachment of H. M.'s 43rd Light Infantry, on the 27th January 1857, at Arcot, when on the march from Poonamallee to Bangalore.

Rank and Names of parties from whom stolen.	Description of Articles stolen.	Amount.		
		Rs.	A.	P.
Ensign William Livesay	1 Silver pencil-case. 3 Table knives. 3 Silver forks. 3 Steel forks. 3 Silver table spoons. 3 Do. tea spoons. 1 Do. salt spoon. 1 Do. mustard spoon. 2 Do. egg spoons. 2 Hot-water plates. 2 Large plates. 1 Soup plate. 2 Boxes black and brush. 2 Linen sheets. 1 Towel. 2 Razors. 1 Comb. 30 Colt's revolver cartridges. 1 Tumbler. 4 lbs. tea. 6 lbs. sugar. 40 lbs. potatoes. 4 lbs. coffee. 1 lb. mustard. 2 Bottles beer. 1 Bottle sherry, Money stolen.—Public Money, Rupees Money belonging to Ensign Livesay	408 13 1 124 0 0		
Ensign H. O. Bateman.....			532	13 1
Private William Glen	1 Razor, 1 cap cover, 1 haversack.			
Do. Thomas Roberts ...	1 Do. 1 towel.			
Serjeant Thomas Fisher	1 Do.			
Private Samuel Siler	4 White shirts, 1 flannel shirt. 1 Hold all, 1 button stick and brush. 1 Razor, 1 shaving brush, 1 comb. 1 Spoon, 1 knife and fork.			

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
Magistrate.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th April 1857.

From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Additional Joint Magistrate of North Arcot; to C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 27th February 1857, No. 65.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 24th Instant, I beg to state, that no highway robbery has taken place during the last 6 months, on that portion of the Bangalore and Arcot road which passes through my jurisdiction. The part most favorable for robberies of this description, is the road up the Moogly Ghaut, and the limits of Palamanair; I have increased the number of Peons stationed at the former Pass, and have nominated an active head Peon to overlook them and report to me every 15 days what happens; a Mooktasar Deloyet and Duffadar are also patrolling in the Palamanair Talook, each having his separate Division. I am happy to say, that in that Talook 6 of a band, dangerous and daring, owing to its being headed and assisted by persons of influence, wealth and apparent respectability, have just been committed by me to the Criminal Court as well as two other gangs from that neighbourhood; if these evil-doers receive the punishment they deserve, it will have doubtless an excellent and salutary effect.

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Acting Additional Joint Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
Magistrate.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, No. 407; dated 7th April 1857.

1. The Magistrate of North Arcot will inform Government of the result of the measures now adopted for tracing the men who committed the robbery referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. He is also directed to submit a Statement shewing what Patrols and Stations of Peons there are throughout the whole course of the great Western road from Arcot to the borders of Mysore; the position of each Tannah; number of Peons attached to it; and distances which they have to patrol. A sketch of the road should be sent in illustration, with the Tannah Stations marked on it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department

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