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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 5 — 8 — ~~19~~ 1857

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No. 5. From Captain J. G. RUSSELL, Officiating Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George at Kurnool; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th April 1857, No. 8.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that what I dreaded* has, I am sorry to say occurred, that is, Dacoits emboldened by the withdrawal of the Irregulars have made their appearance again; a gang said to number about 100, plundered‡ a house in the village of Chintacommadinny in the Talook of Chagulmurry, on the confines of the Cuddapah District, and grievously maltreated the inmates. The same night, another gang robbery took place some miles off from this village but in the Cuddapah District, and it is also reported that numbers of Dacoits are assembled in the jungles at the foot of the Nulla Mulla, bent on mischief.

* Vide paras : 3 and 5 of my letter to Government, dated 9th March 1857, No. 3.

‡ On the night of the 30th March 1857.

2. Fortunately the expected arrival in Kurnool to-day, of a Wing of the 49th Regiment Native Infantry, enabled me to despatch yesterday a party of Sowars to assist the Police, the Peons withdrawn for the protection of Kurnool being relieved, will return forthwith to their respective posts.

3. Some of the Dacoits having been recognized whilst committing the first outrage, above alluded to, I am in hopes they may be traced and apprehended.

(Signed) J. G. RUSSELL, Captain,
Offg. Agent to the Govr.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 495; dated 29th April 1857.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 7. From T. PYCROFT, Esq. Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated the 29th April 1857, No. 496.

SIR,

With reference to my letter under date the 24th Ultimo, Judicial Department, No. 350, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council the accompanying copy of a letter of the 4th Instant, from the Acting Agent in Kurnool, reporting that Dacoity had begun to re-appear in his District.

2. The 49th Regiment N. I. have, I am instructed to state, been ordered to remain at Kurnool. Meanwhile I am desired in transmitting Captain Russell's letter to accompany it with reports of two daring attacks recently made in the District of North Arcot, near Madras, by large gangs of robbers on Military, &c., stores and families under the escort of Native and European Soldiers, as also to forward certain papers as per margin, connected with a Minute recorded by His Excellency the Commander in Chief on the state of the Army. These last, I am instructed to state, are now sent for information, but will be brought more particularly under consideration on a future occasion in reference to the subject to which they more immediately relate.

From North Arcot, 4th February 1857.
Extract Minutes Consultation Military Department, 3rd and 7th April 1857, with accompaniments.
Extract Minutes Consultation, Military Department, 12th August 1856, with Minutes therein recorded.
Extract Minutes Consultation 13th January 1857.
" 20th October 1856, Military Department.
Extract Minutes Consultation, 26th March 1857, Military Department.
Extract Minutes Consultation 30th March 1857, with Minutes.

3. I am directed to solicit the attention of the Government of India to these documents, and in expressing the opinion of this Government that the Civil authorities are not in a position to take charge of the country, and that the same spirit which has manifested itself in Kurnool and North Arcot must be expected to show itself in other Districts earlier or later according to the character of the population, strongly to urge that the contemplated measures for the reform of the Police of this Presidency may be carried into effect as early as possible.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Remarks by the Members of Government on a letter from the Officiating Agent to the Governor of Fort St George at Kurnool d/ 4th April 1857 No 8.

By the Right Honorable the President -

They had better stand fast, this only confirms the impression I had already expressed that the Civil authorities are not in a position to take charge of the Country - and I believe that the same spirit would be evinced all over the Country - it being shown in action early or late according to the character of the population -

It is very advisable in order to press this most important subject thoroughly home - that the papers lately

lately received from North Arcot and there in Military Department founded on the Commander-in-Chief's Minute on the state of the Army - and these should be forwarded to the Supreme Government as soon as possible -

(Signed) F.
" W. C.
" P. G.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief

The 49th have been ordered to stand fast at Kurnool - until further orders.

(Signed) P. G.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 29 April 1857
Read the following
No 496

From the Acting Agent in Kurnool 4 April 57

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The Offg Agent to the Govr of Fort St George at Kurnool
To the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George
Dated 4th April 1857
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No 694

Reporting the occurrence of a gang robbery in the Chagalmarry Taluk & another in the Coomool district, the Robbers taking the advantage of the withdrawal of the Irregular Cavalry from Chagalmarry

Judicial Letter to Eng. dated 20ᵗʰ Octr
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To
The Secy. to the Govt. of
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