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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th May 1857.

No. 43. Read the following letter from C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 22nd April 1857, No. 23.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 15th April 1857, No. 424, requiring me to report the result of the investigation into the case of robbery committed on the families and bandies of the 39th Regiment N. I.

2. As the crime was committed within the jurisdiction of the Acting Additional Joint Magistrate, the investigation has been conducted by that Officer, who has in a letter this day received reported the result of his enquiries up to the present time. Copy of this communication dated the 21st Instant, is herewith submitted.

3. Communication of the occurrence was not made to me as stated in the letter of the Officer Commanding the Regiment dated 27th Ultimo, but in my absence in the District, to the Acting Additional Joint Magistrate who was then at Chittoor.

4. No robbery had occurred on that road during the previous 10 months, and it does not appear that the offences in question were committed by persons residing in this District. As however that road will be much frequented after the opening of the railway as far as Vellore, it will be advisable to erect a strong Tannah near the Nurrahurypett at the junction of the Vellore and Arcot roads, and I shall at once submit for sanction estimates for erecting it, also for other Tannahs which are required along the high western road.

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
Magistrate.

From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Additional Joint Magistrate of North Arcot; to C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, dated 21st April 1857, No. 132.

SIR,

Para. 1. In reply to your Memorandum † of yesterday's date, I have the honor to inform you that immediately Major Fitzmaurice communicated the fact of the robbery on the 26th Ultimo to me, I proceeded to the Camp of the 39th Regiment, made the necessary enquiries into the matter, and had depositions taken from the persons who were present when the attack took place.

† Original Enclosures are herewith returned.

2. I despatched two parties of Police Officers at once to endeavour to obtain traces of the gang and one party headed by one of my Deloyets succeeded in gaining some information concerning the perpetrators of the attack and apprehended 4 persons, one of whom is recognized as one of the robbers by the Sepoy Gunapathy who shot and wounded the assailants at the time they attacked the bandies. The four men are now in custody, pending the production of further evidence, and the trace obtained is still being followed up. The prisoners apprehended are vagrants and have no settled means of honest subsistence.

3. As far as I can learn the attack was made by a body of wandering beggars termed Dodda Gollavandloo and of which the people now in custody are members; they lately arrived in the limits of the Chittoor Talook and also attempted to commit a gang robbery in the same neighbourhood, but were defeated in their object. I have taken the best precautions available to disperse this body of vagrants and apprehended the actual offenders, and no reports of any outrages have since reached me. As the neighbourhood in question had been previously free from robberies and as none have since taken place, I am induced to think that the information I have received as to the attack having been committed by the wandering band in question and not by any residents in these parts is correct. Should the proof adduced before me be insufficient to warrant a conviction before the higher Court, I shall demand security from the parties now in custody under Clause 1st, Section III, Regulation II of 1822, and Clause 1st, Section VI, Regulation VI of 1827. With regard to the attempt made on the Mess Bandies, no report ever

reached me, but I should say it must have been committed by the same band, as no highway robbery has taken place in those limits since I joined the North Arcot District.

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

(True Copy.)
(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
Magistrate.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 575; dated 16th May 1857.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing communication be furnished to the Military Department with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 15th April 1857, No. 424. The Acting Additional Joint Magistrate will report, through the Magistrate, the further result of his investigations.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 16th May 1857

Read the following Letter from the Magistrate of North Arcot.

(Here enter 22d April/57 No 23)

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing communication be furnished to the Military Dept. with reference to E. M. C. 15th April 1857 No 424. The Actg. Addl. Joint Magistrate will report, thro' the Magistrate, the further result of his investigations.

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