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No. 11. Read the following letter from W. KNOX, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor in Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Purlah Kimedy, 5th January 1857, No. 7.

SIR,

1. I have now in continuation of my letter of the 30th Ultimo, the honor to submit a more detailed account of the capture of the Dundaseena.

2. On the 27th Ultimo, information was brought that he was at Ralybah, near Byjelly, endeavouring to collect the Gybah Sowrahs; Lieutenant Drever was sent out with orders to take the party at Varanassy and endeavour to surprise the Village, but I am inclined to think this was not the case, for the Dundaseena had, it appears, been warned by the Sowrahs to quit their country, as they would not again subject themselves to a visit from the Troops. Some of those who were with the Dundaseena have told me that the Sowrahs plundered him and them, as they were making their escape from Pootasinghy, and his wife made the same complaint. It is pretty evident therefore that the attack made on the Sowrah's stronghold has had a very beneficial effect.

3. The account given by the Dundaseena himself is, that during the attack on Pootasinghy, he escaped into the Jungles and got to Beempore, or rather to a small Sowrah hamlet close to it, a few hours after his family had been taken, he then went to a village in Jeypore called Ongool, where he was seen by two men dependants on M. Doogoorauze, the second son of the Jeypore Rajah, these men induced him to come to Sirdapore, and thence to the house of Doogoorauze at Goonipoor, where he was at once made over to the Head of Police and Sirdar of Sebundies who had been sent for from Buttely.

4. Muddeya Doogoorauze is, as Government are well aware, at variance with his father the Jeypore Rajah and elder brother, and is living at Goonipoor on sufferance. Mr. Foord, when Acting Principal Assistant Agent, had opened a communication with him, and urged him to exert himself to capture the Rebel, but I was averse to any direct intercourse, lest it should complicate matters in Jeypore, and be looked on as supporting his claims, but when I came here in November, there were so many reports of his being intriguing with the Dundaseena, that I directed the Manager to write and warn him of the danger of his course, if he was assisting the Rebel, on this he promised to do his best to take the Dundaseena prisoner, and he has done so. I shall forward the reward sanctioned to him for distribution to his followers, as I believe he will not accept it for himself.

5. From what I can learn particularly from a report of a Jemadar of Sebundies who has been into the neighbourhood of Pootasinghy, the Sowrahs are greatly disheartened, and will not again tempt the anger of Government. There is still an angry feeling in Gybah, and the Goomah Bissoye was afraid he would not be able to reduce the Sowrahs to obedience without recourse to force, but I am in hopes that this may be avoided, now that it is known that their ex-Chief is a Prisoner.

6. Having learnt from Colonel Duke that he had upwards of 200 men in hospital, I have at his request, and as the most likely way to promote the recovery of these men, and probably to save the lives of many of them, authorized the return of one Wing of the 31st, and the Artillery to Vizianagrum, there are now here upwards of 300 which will be ample even should the Sowrahs be tempted to try and revenge their losses. I do not think it would be advisable to reduce this force just at present, but hope if all is quiet till the rains set in, the Detachment may be brought back to its original strength of 2 Companies. The Peons of the Rajahs of Vizianagrum and Bobbely shall be permitted to return to their homes if all keeps quiet.

7. I have sent the Dundaseena to Chicacole Jail while the Cases against him are being prepared, those against the Bissoyes &c., captured in November, are nearly ready, indeed, would be so, but that other Prisoners have been brought in who will probably be arraigned on the same charges. It shall now be my object to restore confidence, and as all the leaders of the late disturbances have been captured, I shall not make any exertions to apprehend such of the inferiors of the party as may remain quiet and return to their allegiance.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th January 1857.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 70; dated 16th January 1857.

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2. He will also state whether any portion of the Force in the other parts of the District can be withdrawn in consequence of the capture of the Dundaseena.

3. His intentions, as expressed in the conclusion of his letter, are approved.

4. The Agent in Vizagapatam will report what notice Government may take of the good service rendered by Muddeya Doogarauze of Jeypoor in the seizure of the Dundaseena.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Fort St George
16th January 1857

Signed T. Pycroft
Chief Secy

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From Ganjam 30th Decr 1857. P. 228.
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