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

No. 31. Read the following letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 26th June 1857, No. 20.

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter of the 20th Instant, No. 19, I have the honor to forward a translation of an Urzee, received this morning, from the Acting Head of Police of the Talook of Koilcoontlah, wherein it is stated, that 3 or 400 Rohilahs have encamped in Rageemaneepeentah attached to Basavapoorum, on the borders of this district, and have some small tents. Busvaporum, will be seen in the map, to be at the western side of the Nundecanamah ghaut, and it is now supposed, that they have entered this district by that pass.

2. Your express dated the 22nd, reached me this morning. I have applied to Major Salmon, Commanding Cuddapah, for such a body of troops as he may consider necessary to capture or disperse the band; they might march at once upon Sirwail, in the Kurnool district, where they might be placed under the immediate orders of the Agent of Kurnool, and joined by as many Sowars as can be spared for the purpose of attacking the Rohilahs. As many of the Sowars as could be collected on emergency in this district, have been ordered to join those of Kurnool, and those which have been scattered about in various stations, have been ordered to be collected under their native officers, and join the Jemadar in command of the detachment. I have requested my Head Assistant, who has returned from his examination, to proceed to Cuddapah, and accompany the troops sent out by Major Salmon, as Magistrate in this district, and I myself propose going as soon as the settlement has been completed of the talooks of Muddenpully and Goorrumcondah at present in progress.

3. I have this day written to the Agent at Kurnool, that I have applied to Major Salmon for troops, and they can be placed under his immediate orders, on their entering that district.

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

Translation of an Urzee, addressed to the Magistrate of Cuddapah, by the Acting Head of Police of Koilcoontlah Talook, dated 20th June 1857, Buswapooram.

1. With respect to the subject matter of my two Urzees, stating that the village of Roodravaram has been plundered, some inhabitants been killed, and some severely wounded by marauders, I beg to inform your honor, that I immediately started from Koilcoontlah, in spite of rain, arrived at the village on the 17th Instant, held an inquest on the bodies of the two persons, viz., Comety Bonagery Sunjeevoo, and Cotta Vencata, who died of musket balls, and took a mahazurnamah.

2. Having also taken depositions and mahazurnamahs regarding the severe wounds suffered by Chowdooroo Vencatanursiah, E. Vencatasoobiah, E. Jelliah, Golla Veeroogaudoo, Nursiah alias Puntooloo, Baleeja Poollunnah, and Cuttoobady Garadegaudoo, I was about to proceed, accompanied by 13 Sowars who came from Sirwail, in search of the marauders; when I received a letter at 3 A. M., of the 19th Instant, from the villagers of Mahadavapoorum, to the effect, that they, the marauders, have assembled at a place called Bundalayaroo, about 2 coss distant from their village, and that the inhabitants, in confusion, intend to quit the village. I instantly proceeded with the Jungy Cuttoobadies of the neighbouring villages, and Sowars, and reached the village at 8 A. M., of the 19th Idem, when certain passengers from Cumbum, viz., Abdool Rahman, an inhabitant of Kurnool, Ramakristnummah of Kristnumsettepullu of Cumbum, and Yadagery Nagadoo, of Yerlapully of Nundial, appeared and deposed before me, that they, together with some Chittagong people, were plundered in a Vunka, about a coss distant from Puchurlametta attached to Buswapoorum, that there were seated about 50 or 60 men; that they were foreigners of fair complexion, and large made, that they wore white caps, small turbands and short coats, reaching to their thighs, that some had on loose jackets, and were armed with swords and sheilds, that every one of them had a small musket, that they spoke a strange language, and that they were Rohillas of Golcondah, and not others.

3. Jemadar Geesakhan Nagur arrived from Nundial with some Sowars.

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4. Upon the information given by one Chenchoobayagaudoo at 10 A. M., of this day, that those plunderers were passing through hills about 1½ coss to the east of Buswapoorum, I proceeded there without delay, accompanied by Sowars, Cuttoobadies, and my peons, when certain Chenchoowars came and told me that the gang to the number of 300 or 400 individuals, have halted at Ragee-maneehelmah, with small tents covered with cloths, cumblies. The trees in the jungle were so close, as not allow a passage for horses, and there not being a direct way to pass on foot, I deputed Chenchoowars and others to mark their direction and place where they shall halt; they returned, and informed me that the plunderers quitted the place at about 3 or 4 P. M., yesterday, and brought to me a jacket and a torn pair of trousers that were left there. On my showing these to the Sowars, they said that they appear to be the dress of Rohillas.

5. The marauders halted, during that night, at a place called Mungalavaneevippooloo, one Moodoomala Paupunnah, and Jungunnah, inhabitants of Koilcoontlah, at present living in Buswapoorum, came and deposed before me, that whilst they were returning home from the hills with a bandy load of wood, and two pairs of bullocks, the marauders seized and conveyed them and the 4 bullocks, to a hill about a coss distant, where they tied the two men, and killed and ate the bullocks; and on the next morning dismissed the two men, giving ¾ measure of rice to each. The rice appear to be the produce of Roodravarum. The bullocks they killed, the owners state, were valued at Rupees 128. As the Chentsawars whom I deputed, have not as yet returned, I am unable to state where and in what direction the marauders retired, but they have left the said Mungalavaneevuppalo. As the owners of the bullocks also stated that 5 or 6 men in the gang supposed to be Hindoos, spoke in Telugu, and enquired of them the distance between Mungalavaneevuppalo and Cumbum, Nundial, Atmakoor and Siddapooram, I immediately reported the circumstance by express to the Head of Police of Cumbum, and also instructed the villagers of this talook to be careful and cautious.

Besides the two Sowars and a Duffadar from Bunganpully, the Head of Police of Sirwail talook has sent 50 Jungee Cuttoobadies from Paniem talook.

As I have been called away by the villagers of Mahadavapoorum before I could close the enquiry regarding the plunder of Roodravarum, I shall forward to your honor the proceedings in a very short time.

The Jungee Cuttoobadies who accompanied me state that, though they possess Enam lands, they find difficulty to support themselves in foreign places, and request that they may be provided with batta as long as they are absent from their villages. I shall abide by your honor's instructions on the subject.

(Signed) V. APPAROW,
Acting Head of Police.

(True translation.)

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

No. 32.

ORDER THEREON, No. 759; dated 3rd July 1857.

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*To the Magistrate
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To

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Acting Chief Secretary to the Government

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