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

No. 46. 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. 19.

SIR,

Para: 1. I have the honor to forward herewith, translation of an Urzee received this day, from the Acting Head of Police of Coilcoontlah Talook, together with letter from the Head of the village of Roodravarum, to the address of that officer, intimating that a body of Arabs or Rohilahs, amounting, it is said, to 400, entered that village on the evening of the 15th Instant, and plundered it, after having murdered two men and wounded nine others, whose lives are despaired of. Immediately upon the receipt of the information, I wrote to the Government Agent at Kurnool, and the Magistrate of Bellary, to render every assistance in their power for the apprehension of the parties, and also an order to the Jemadar in charge of the detachment of Kurnool Horse at Cuddapah, to assemble his men and proceed to the spot with as little delay as possible.

2. The village of Roodravarum is situated at the foot of the Nulla Mala Hills, at nearly the western extremity of the province of Cuddapah, and on the boundaries of Kurnool, from the direction in which they entered the village, it would appear that they must have passed through a portion of the Kurnool district, as they entered by the road leading to Seervail in that province. Further particulars have not yet been received, but will be intimated to you, on the Head of Police forwarding a more particular report.

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

Translation of an Urzee from the Acting Head of Police of Koilcoontlah Talook; to the Magistrate of Cuddapah, dated 16th June 1857, and received on the 20th.

Having already reported the circumstance of some foreigners having come to the village of Roodravarum, and plundered it and committed serious injuries on the person of certain of the inhabitants, which was brought to my notice by a report from the heads of the village, at half past 1 o'clock this day, I beg to state, as the gang appears to have been great, it was my intention to assemble some people and set out to that place this evening, to enquire into the depredations, when I received a letter, addressed to me by the Tanadar, Reddies and Curnums of the village in which it is stated, that the gang of robbers were very large, that of the persons wounded, two had died, and the recovery of others is doubtful; a copy of the above is herewith forwarded for your information. On receiving the first report of the above circumstance, I sent official letters to the Tahsildars of the neighbouring Talooks, for the necessary assistance, and the place where the Agent of Kurnool was, being near, I have also addressed an Urzee to that gentleman, begging that the parties may be secured in his jurisdiction in the event of their being discovered there, a copy of which Urzee, I beg to forward for your information, in order that a letter may be addressed to that officer on the subject. I have also asked the aid of one Duffadar and 12 Peons from the Head of Police of Jummulmadogoo. By the depositions of Cuttoobady peon Venganah, who brought the letter from the heads of village, and the Attavany peon Sunjeevoo, who went on some other business to that village, it appears that the gang amounted to 400, and are either Arabs or Rohilahs, and not natives, that they had threatened to come back and plunder the village, and cut off the throats of every one. Under these circumstances, I do not think it would be in the power of my present Police establishment to apprehend any of them, and I therefore trust, that a sufficient force of Sowars and Sepoys will be sent as soon as possible.

(Signed) V. APPAH ROW,
Acting Head of Police.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

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Translate of a Deposition given by Kotha Sunjeevee, Attavany Peon, before the Acting Head of Police of Koilcoontlah Talook, on the 16th June 1857.

Q. You went to Rooddraverum yesterday, state what took place there?

A. Yesterday, two hours after sun-set, I was at the village choultry. The Reddies, Curnums, Tannadars, and Cuttoobadies were there then. At that time there was a noise that the Maratta Horse had come in. We all went in a gang, with the intention of surrounding them, by which time they came into the village and robbed the houses of the carpenters and pot-makers, and came near Cholawatiwaroo's houses, and burnt some of them. The gang was about 400 in number. Some were of a fair complexion, and some dark. Besides the guns, spears and swords, &c. they had, they also held lighted candles in their hands. When they fired, 2 of the Comities of the village were wounded, of whom one died immediately, and the other late at night. Some of the Brahmins, &c. were wounded, but I cannot say what sort of wounds each of them received. They plundered for about 4 hours, and went away towards the east side of the village, through Colloomullah, towards the hills. I was there until 9 o'clock this morning, and came away. Those people spoke some kind of language. I can't say what it was. I stated the fact that I have seen.

Q. Hear the Deposition read to you, is it correct?

A. I heard, it is correct.

(Signed) SUNJEEVEE, Attavany Peon.

(Signed) V. APPAH ROW,

Acting Head of Police.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) M. MURRAY,

Magistrate.

Translate of a Deposition given by Cuttoobady peon Venganah, of the village of Rooddrawarum, before the Acting Head of Police of Coilcoontlah Talook, in the Zillah of Cuddapah, on the 16th June 1857.

Q. It appears that last night, some foreigners had come to your village, and committed great trouble, what was their number, at what hour did they come, and what took place there, state the particulars?

A. Yesterday evening, two hours after sun-set, the Reddies, Curnums and Tannadhars were in the choultry, and I also was with them, when there was a noise that a gang of 400 persons had come through Pedda Rajoocheroovoo. Some were of fair complexion, others little dark, some wore black caps on their heads, and others red turbands and black jackets with black cloths tied round their waist, with knives in their girdle, each carrying a gun, sword and spear, with lighted candles in their hands, that they entered the village and came by pot-maker Veeranah's house, then the Reddy, Curnum and the Tannah-peons went in a gang by Nundeeswara pagoda, with a view to go to the place where they were, by which time they had plundered the said pot maker's house, the house of Wudlah Obalapathie, and afterwards came round the houses of Curnum Chensial and those of some Committies, and set fire to the house of one of them named Soobbarayadoo, afterwards they began to get into every house and plunder. At that time we began to make a great noise, the gang began to fire, when one Comitty named Bonagherry Sunjeevoo, who received a wound, died immediately, another Comitty named Vengategadoo, who came and stood where we were, was hit by a ball, and died early this morning. The gang had only robbed the houses, but did not hurt people. When they were assailed, they beat those who came on them, and wounded them. As there was a great noise and bustle at the time, I do not recollect who were wounded and who were not. They also brought 4 horses with them, and they were there for about 4 hours. After robbing, they went away by the east of the village through Colloomallah, towards

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the hills. This much I saw, as I was present, and afterwards the village officers having given me a letter to go to the Cutcherry, I came away and stated the facts what I have seen.

Q. Hear the Deposition you have given, is it correct?

A. I heard, it is correct?

The mark of VENGUNNAH,

(Signed) V. APPAH ROW,

Acting Head of Police.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) M. MURRAY,

Magistrate.

Translation of a letter addressed to the Acting Head of Police of Koilcoontla by the villagers of Rooddrawarum, dated 8 A. M., 16th day of June 1857.

We, the Reddies, Curnums and Tanadar of the village of Rooddrawarum, beg to inform you that, in our communication despatched at 1 A. M. this day, we stated that a gang of Arabs, with lighted torches, entered the village, plundered certain houses, severely wounded some persons and shot to death a boy named Bonagery Sunjeevee, but from the enquiry held into the subject this morning, we came to know that one comety named Vencategadoo also died of wounds, certain Brahmins, viz., Chowdooree Vencutnursoo, E. Venkutsoobbiah, E. Chulliah, Esacapully puntooloo, and some Soodras, viz., Venkutreddy's son-in-law Kasetty Poolligaudoo, Paradasee Garedegadood, Gollapeeroogadood, Taliary Veeregadood, and Telooogoo Poolligaudoo, are severely wounded, some of them received sword cuts and dagger thrusts on their heads and hands, and the others are stabbed with spears on the sides and backs; and thus hurt. Blood flowed copiously from the wounds. The lives of some of them are in danger. Many others have been more or less wounded. We further beg to state, that we are unable to ascertain the nature and amount of the property lost, as the owners of the plundered houses and the temple of Nundeswarasawmy, Maydum Soobbiah, Vunkadaree Yellaloo, Polapully Goroovuppah, Godumsetty Govinduppah, Macum Baliah, Booggamulla Condiah, E. Ramunnah, E. Soobbunnah, Cholavattiramucka, Curnum Chenchiah, Camatum Venkutreddy, Curmala Goroovuppah, Vodla Vobalaputy, Saraboo Annapah, Nagella Chenchoo, have abandoned their houses, and concealed themselves in some unknown places, for fear of a rumour that was spread that those Arabs would once more return in the afternoon, plunder and kill them. The whole village is put to great confusion. We humbly request you will be good enough to come down to this village within this evening, accompanied by Cuttoobadies, and provided with powder, balls, and muskets, or else, our lives will not be saved. To show they are Arabs, we have secured in the village choultry, a cap, musket, a ball and two slippers, belonging to them.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

(Signed) VENCATA REDDY,

(„) Curnam LUTCHMEEPATY,

(„) TIMMUPPAH,

(„) Curnam Goomastah RAMIAH,

(True Translation.)

(Signed) M. MURRAY,

Magistrate.

No. 47.

ORDER THEREON, No. 767; dated 4th July 1857.

To be recorded.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

End, F. Cartledge.

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From
The Magistrate of
Cuddapah
To The Acting Chief Secretary
to Government in the
Judicial Departt
Fort Saint George;

Dated 20th June 1857.

Received 24 } No 19.

Enclosure No 4

Reporting that about 400
Arabs or Rohilaks have
entered the village of Poodra
warum in the Talook of Coil.
on the evening of
the 15th plundered it, shot to
death 2 Constables, and wounded
several others, and stating that
further particulars will be
furnished hereafter.

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