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

No. 67. Read the following letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 1st July 1857, No. 21.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that from information received this morning from the Head of Police and Sheristadar of Coilcoontlah it is known that the Rohillas who entered this district and plundered Roodrar have again retired, and from an Urzee dated the 25th Ultimo, received from the Jemadar of the Kurnool Irregular Horse, deputed by me to proceed to Roodrar, it appears that he received information from Chenchoowars who inhabit the hills that they had proceeded to a place called Munty Condah in the Kurnool District, and the Head of Police in a subsequent Urzee, dated the 27th Idem, states that they were at Yelgode Canama on the morning of the 22nd and at Davadaru Nurwa on the evening of the same day. From this it would appear that they are making their way speedily through the hills to recross the Kristnah.

2. As a party of Rohillas have thus discovered the secret path through the hills, it is not improbable that having escaped they may return at some future period with a stronger reinforcement and precautionary measures would be advisable to prevent such an occurrence.

3. The troops despatched from Cuddapah left on the evening of the 25th, and would arrive much too late to encounter and capture the Rohillas, for there seems to be no doubt they were Rohillas as the Government Agent at Kurnool in his letter of the 22nd Ultimo, states that a number of Rohillas or Arabs had been collecting in the country of Kolapoor Rajah or adjoining it and that he had heard that a party of 60 had been seen lurking near the jungles between this (Kurnool) and the Cumbum district.

4. The Rohillas having passed unobserved into the Company's country and having asked the way to Cumbum, I think it would be advisable were the Detachment which was formerly stationed at Cumbum and which has lately been withdrawn by orders of Government, be replaced, it would greatly tend to the security of the country as upon inspection at the map it will be seen that the country between the Kristnah and Cumbum is mountainous and affords shelter to any band of marauders coming from the other side of the Kristnah; and as there are no troops within a hundred miles, they would have abundance of time to retire with their plunder before they could be pursued; since the settlement of the country to the present time a Detachment has always been stationed at Cumbum and very probably the above is the reason of its having been kept there. I would most respectfully beg to suggest the advisability of a garrison being again stationed there at least temporarily, if not permanently, until the country beyond the frontier is in a more settled state.

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, No. 777; dated 6th July 1857.

Resolved that this letter be communicated to the Provincial Commander in Chief with a request that a Detachment may be kept at Cumbum to protect the town and treasury until measures are arranged for strengthening and improving the Police of the district.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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that we have an
effective armed
Police a Detachment
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necessary.

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Resolved that this letter be communi-
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St. George,
6th July 1857

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