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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 71. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. RUSSELL, Officiating Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, at Kurnool; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 28th May 1857, No. 12.

SIR,

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, having, according to the sanction forwarded by Electric Telegraph, on the 26th Instant, raised a 100* Sowars, 8 Duffadars, and 8 Naib Duffadars, which I have divided equally amongst the existing 4 troops. This fresh levy is a great boon indeed, to many an old Pathan family, whose occupation ceased with our assumption of the country, and yearly lapses of pensions.

2. In 24 hours, I had a selection out of 500 picked men, averaging in age from 18 to 30 years, candidates for service.

3. As I suppose, that in future one troop, relieved periodically, will serve in each of the Collectorates of Bellary and Cuddapah. I would respectfully suggest, that an intelligent young Officer should be attached to the Kurnool Horse, with no other duties to perform, but to visit all out-posts in the 3 districts of Kurnool, Bellary and Cuddapah, chiefly those in suspicious localities.

4. Many reports, injurious to Government, had artfully been put into circulation during the last 3 months, and I regret to say, I have failed in tracing their source. I feel convinced that they did not originate here, but came from Raichore, as the same prevailed there, previously to being circulated here.

5. One of these reports was, that Government feared an attack from Hyderabad, and had ordered grain and stacks to be concealed or destroyed; another, that the population was to be disarmed, and lastly, that no ploughing was to take place.

6. The burning of stacks, only in those villages bordering the Toomboodra, was no doubt the work of foreign incendiaries. I took prompt steps to stop their mischief, by sending a few Sowars, and some trustworthy peons, proclaiming a reward of 100 Rupees for the apprehension of the guilty party or parties, sending the Tahsildar, Assistant Agent and some others to re-assure the timid, and lastly, by forbidding the crossing the river after dark or before day break.

7. I fear there is much discontent in the Raichore district, and this I have communicated to both Captain Taylor and Major Davidson.

8. All is quiet at present, and I think will remain so.

9. The very unguarded language of the Bombay press, most of which turns out untrue, might have done much mischief before the real truth was known.

10. Some 20 or 30 Rohillas, people always ready for mischief, under the pretext of trading, had come into Kurnool from different directions. I had them watched night and day, and they are leaving.

11. An European renegade, who gave out he had been an officer in the Bombay Artillery, begged from house to house. I requested he should visit me, upon which he packed up and quitted the Company's territories; he is gone to Hyderabad; I have reported the circumstance to the Resident, as his object for travelling is not apparent.

(Signed) J. G. RUSSELL, Captain,
Offg. Agent to the Governor.

No. 72.

ORDER THEREON, No. 780; dated 7th July 1857.

Orders have been issued, through the Military Department, for the appointment of an Officer to the Kurnool Horse as suggested in para. 3 of the foregoing letter.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Bxd. F. Cartledge.

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Fort St George, G.
7th July, 1857
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an officer to the Armual House as
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To the Offs Agent to the
Govt of Fort St George } Dept-10
at Armual

I think the right of an African to sit,
I understand to rise, at a gentleman's table
is right & well becoming to himself
William, I am that you should be
sent alone. All
Wm D. W.

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The Offg. Agent to the
Govt. at Port Louis
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
St. George
Dated 28th May 1857

Received.

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burning of stacks &c
with an order