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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 4th August 1857.

No. 63. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 20th July 1857 No. 21.

Sir,

A body of Rohillas (estimated variously at 300 to only 70) lately attacked a large village, Roodraverum in the Cuddapah District about 50 miles from the Bellary Eastern Frontier, and completely looted it, killing 2 or 3 persons; it appears from former reports that they had escaped across the Kistna into the Hyderabad Territory; though, in pursuit of them, the Kurnool and Cuddapah Police, aided by some Companies of Native Infantry, were despatched. The Government are no doubt in possession of this information direct from the Kurnool and Cuddapah authorities.

This morning Major General Macleod received a message from the Officer Commanding Kurnool, (copy of which is enclosed) reporting that the Residency of Hyderabad had been attacked by a body of insurgents who had at once been dispersed, and had fled towards Kurnool: and it would seem that there were still about 200 of these Rohillas secreted in the Kurnool and Cuddapah Districts, and 500 ready on the other side of the Kistna. I trust that the Agent and Magistrate will be able to prevent these banditti from proceeding further into the Ceded Districts.

But as it would appear, beyond question, that there are now large bodies of these fellows ready to loot and commit depredations in the Company's territories, it would seem expedient to have an efficient Police Force organized to meet and apprehend or destroy them; and thus prevent the sad depredations they may otherwise commit. An efficient Police Force would also be of material assistance should any large bodies of the Bengal Sepoys make their appearance on this side the Toombudra, and it would be ready to take the place of the regular Troops should they be required elsewhere, and relieve them from the duties of Police which otherwise they will have to undertake.

The Government have, I am aware, in contemplation the formation of an effective Police Corps, and it appears to me that the present time calls for the early enrolment of the new Corps in Bellary. I have therefore the honor to submit the matter for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with a large body of well equipped Police, foot and horse, under the command of an able Officer, I think there would be no reason to fear the incursion of any body of Rohillas from the Nizam's territory; but the ordinary Police would not be able to do much against such foes as Rohillas and Sepoys, should they appear in force; and long before troops could be despatched they would have committed immense mischief.

A body of about 500 new Police might be raised in the first place, and put under the command of an active Officer; and it could be added to as might seem expedient; its operations would at first be confined to the northern frontier whence danger is first to be apprehended.

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Magistrate.

IMMEDIATE.

From Kurnool, Sunday, nineteenth July, 5 P. M.
From Officer Commanding To Major General Commanding Division.
To Bellary.

W. One hundred and thirty-nine S. R.

I received accompanying messages this morning from Resident Hydrabad. The Agent tells me that there are two hundred Rohillas supposed to be hiding in this and Cuddapah Districts and five hundred ready on other side Kistna, and now that an influential chief is stirring. I deem it right to inform you the thirtieth Company has been kept at Nundial. First message. The Residency was attacked on the seventeen, and the insurgents dispersed with grape and canister. All quiet here. No person of influence engaged in this revolt. Toorabay Khan the leader is spoken of as flying towards Kurnool. Second. At present Toorabay Khan is stated to have a small following, but is supposed to be about to join the Rohillas who have located themselves in th jungle about Kolapore and Kolarum in that neighbourhood of Paungaul.

(Signed) E. MOBERLY,
Asst. in charge.

Bellary, E. T. Office,
19th July 1857.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Magistrate.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, No. 939; dated 1st August 1857.

Government observe that they have allowed the Magistrate to raise a body of 500 Cuttoc badies, to protect his northern frontier, and given him the services of an experienced Office Major Hughes, to take charge of them. Arrangements have also been made in the Military Depar ment, to have two moveable bodies of troops in the Ceded Districts. These measures are co sidered by the Government sufficient to guard against the inroads of Rohillas or other bandit as far as there is any present appearance of such attempts being made.

The Government have no power to form an organized Police, however much they may desi to do so.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

This Govt cannot at once order the organization of a regular police.

The Collector must make the best provision he can under the circumstances.

It appears that for the temporary measures - nothing further could be done - a large number of

been made in the armed
can be got together - what
is all - for I suppose -
that a really efficient
police force could be formed
at once merely because
it is known that same.
is simply utterly unattainable.
It must take time to
form such a corps -

I think Mr Dalley exaggerates
the case - so far as our in-
formation goes. the Robbers
are not so numerous
as he supposes - & there
is no probability of the Royal
troops appearing on the
frontier armed & in
formidable numbers,
[illegible]. I write also

to make every preparation
~~to protect~~ his frontier
~~effectually~~

AH

See no cause for such alarm. Toora baz Khan is given up to the Resident wounded & there is no likelihood of Rohillas or armed Arabs coming into the Ceded Dists. Govt have provided much more effectually for the security of the frontier by the measures they have already taken in sending a force to that quarter. Mr Pelly has already engaged 500 Cuttoobaddies to guard the frontier. WE

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EMC dated 1 Augt/57
From Magte of Bellary
20 July/57

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WE

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~~to the Magts suppose~~ is ~~contemplated~~

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Reply to the Mag of Ballarat – Septr 1st

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