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No. 4. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Magistrate of South Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Villapoorum, 15th January 1858, No. 3.

SIR,

1. Shortly after assuming charge of this District, my attention was drawn to the frequent occurrence of gang robberies in certain Talooks through which people of the Koravur class, and other wandering tribes, are in the habit of passing with salt and grain. It seemed necessary to adopt measures for the better surveillance of these classes, in the 3 northern Talooks particularly, and the Police were therefore directed to watch closely the movements of all Koravurs and Lumbadies, journeying to and fro between Murkanum and the Chengamah pass, through Tindivanum, Gingee and Trenomally, to prohibit their diverging from the main road, and to pass them on from one Talook to another without giving them the opportunity of plundering in the villages on either side.

2. Having observed however at page 34 of the Salem Gazette, a Circular Order of the Magistrate of that District organizing a somewhat similar system for the protection of the people from the depredations of these tribes, I addressed that Officer on the subject requesting to be favored with any information it was in his power to give me. Mr. Brett has obligingly forwarded to me in reply the original papers specified in the margin,* and has expressed a wish that I should adopt in this District the same system which has been authorised for Salem, adding "as so many bad characters pass through the two Districts, it would no doubt be of advantage if we could co-operate in carrying out the plan."

* Extract Minutes Consultation under date the 6th August 1857, No. 962.
Extract Minutes Consultation under date the 16th September 1857, No. 1188.

3. Fully concurring in this view, I am desirous of at once extending these measures of restraint over the wandering tribes throughout this District, but more especially along those lines of road which lead from the coast to the passes near Chengamah, and towards Ahtoor in the Salem District. Adverting to the remark of Government at the close of para. 3 in the Extract No. 1188. Minutes of Consultation of 16th September above quoted, it is perhaps unnecessary to address you on the subject; but, as it might hereafter be objected that I had failed to obtain sanction for this particular plan, the object of the present letter is to solicit the authority of Government for the adoption in this District of precisely the same system of surveillance and restraint over the movements of itinerant tribes, as has been sanctioned for Salem.

(Signed) G. N. TAYLOR,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 168; dated 3rd February 1858.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council will not object to the Acting Magistrate of South Arcot adopting towards the wandering tribes in his District, arrangements for their supervision similar to those which the Magistrate of Salem has been allowed to carry out for his District. He will remark however that the measure for South Arcot as for Salem is to be experimental, subject to report at the end of a year, and should be accompanied with due precaution to guard against abuse.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Rxd. F. Cartledge.

Memo.

It is to be observed that the amendment proposed by the Inspectors of Salem for the suspension of the law during the war in this District was carried by one vote only at the meeting held in Salem last. The measure was strongly objected to by the Inspectors at the time and the Inspectors were ordered to submit a full and "particular report with the results" "after the Inspection for one year" which each of which has not expired —

The plan in Salem however is only experimental and the experiment has

been under trial for a very little time —

Would it not be well to wait until a better opportunity offers and some acquaintance has been gained with the habits of the system, before introducing it elsewhere? Why should we be in so much hurry? Many things can be done in Montreal with the Police, which cannot be done here effectually & quickly, with the same security against abuse —

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Gov. and Chief Secretary
Adelaide
Sth Jany 1858

Sir By the Govr-in-Chief
Adelaide 15th Decr 1858

From The Hon. the Resident
South Coast

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Adelaide

Date 15th January 1858
Rec'd 20th Jany 1858

No 23 No 121

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Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

J. Magistrate

South Brot.
Magistrate's Office
Villapoorium
15th January 1858