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No. 32. Read the following letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah ; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd November 1858, No. 28.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you, that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctioned 50 of the Kurnool Irregular Horse being stationed in Cuddapah under the orders of the Magistrate. They have been distributed in various parts of the District where their services were most required and proved themselves to be a great protection to the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of the village which was ordered to be their Head Quarters, they patrolled the roads in the neighbourhood, and protected travellers, passing along the ghauts, but since the last change of Sowars, the Magistrate of Kurnool has taken upon himself to deduct 15 out of the 50, and on being applied to for them, states that three Talooks have been taken away from Cuddapah and in consequence 15 were detained at Kurnool. I would here beg to state, that the party of Sowars allowed to Cuddapah was not stationed in those Talooks which were made over to Kurnool at any time, but in the Southern and more Eastern portions of the District, their withdrawal is found to be a very serious inconvenience and I request that Government will be pleased to order the 15 Sowars detained in Kurnool to be forwarded with as little delay as possible to me at Cuddapah.

2. I have been informed that the Regiment of Kurnool Sowars were lately increased by 116 men in order that 50 might be detached to Cuddapah and 50 to Bellary, by this arrangement the Magistrate of Kurnool obtained an addition of 116 men or 16 men more than the original number of the Regiment when raised for duty in Kurnool, and if it would not be presumption on my part, I would suggest that this, together with the Troops and Peons allowed for the District ought to be sufficient; should this be the case, which I have reason to believe is so, it is unreasonable that the Magistrate of Kurnool should detain 15 out of the 50 allowed by Government, and as the Magistrate of Cuddapah is better aware whether their services could be dispensed with in his District, it would have been but courteous in the Magistrate of Kurnool consulting me on the subject prior to deducting a portion of the number which Government have allowed and which for some years have been in the District.

3. Upon looking at the map, it will be seen that the Zillah of Cuddapah is more mountainous than that of Kurnool, which is comparatively an open plane and consequently a greater number of ghauts, which afford facility for the escape of thieves who may attack and plunder travellers passing between the ranges of hills, require to be guarded and it is evident that in a mountainous country a larger number of Police are required for the protection of the roads. Gang robberies have increased lately in the Talooks of Goorrumcondah, Cudree, and Poolevendalah the frontier of the province and the services of the Sowars are urgently required in these localities.

4. I do not deem it necessary here to enter into particulars of the different passes required to be guarded, but shall do so should the Government require it at any future time.

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No. 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 1801 ; dated 23rd December 1858.

The Magistrate of Kurnool will be called upon to explain his reasons for reducing the number of the detachment of the Kurnool Horse sent to Cuddapah.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. P. Cartledge.

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The Magistrate of Kurnool will be called upon to explain his reasons for reducing the number of the detachment of the Kurnool Horse sent to Budvahah.

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Fort St. George
25th December 1858

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