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No. 52. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 8th March 1858, No. 309.

Resolved that the following paras. from the statement of the "General Superintendent of Operations for the suppression of Thuggee and Dacoity," being one of the papers published in No. XXIV of the Selections from the Records of the Government of India, recently received, be communicated to the Magistrates of *Salem* and *South Arcot*, in reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation marginally* noted.

*Judicial Department, No. 1188, dated 16th September 1857, and No. 168, dated 3rd February 1858.

Para. 34. "These *Bunjarahs* are ostensibly engaged in carrying corn from the interior of the *Saugor* and *Nerbudda* Provinces to the Coast, and salt from the Coast to the interior; but never fail to avail themselves of the opportunities their wandering life affords for the practice of Dacoity.

35. "Conceiving that the depredations of these classes might at once be checked and eventually suppressed, by a system of escorts supplied from the Police of Districts, I furnished the Resident at *Hyderabad* and the Commissioners at *Nagpore* and in the *Saugor* and *Nerbudda* Territories, in May last, with a list of thirty-six of the principal *Bunjarah* Tandahs (or camps,) and a Table shewing the routes usually adopted by them in their progress through the country, and the sites of their encampments during the monsoon."

36. "I at the same time suggested arrangements by which every Tandah might be kept under the surveillance of the Police from the time it entered *North Berar*, till it again crossed that frontier on its way to the Coast."

37. "These arrangements have been generally adopted, and their effect has already been felt in the almost total cessation of Dacoities in the *Saugor* and *Nerbudda* Territories since that period."

38. "The thirty-six Tandahs here alluded to have about 6,000 men attached to them, and of this number only 487 are denounced and registered Dacoits; but as every new approver names fresh men as his accomplices, we must conclude that there are hundreds of Dacoits among them yet unknown to us."

39. "While the *Berar* Province and the *Nagpore* Territory remained under Native rule, it was impossible to arrange any combined system of operations by which we could hope to suppress thoroughly this formidable system of depredation; and though the arrests and convictions were numerous, the system remained unshaken."

40. "But now that these Provinces have come under British management, and a regular system of Police has been established, the great difficulties will vanish before well sustained efforts, and in a few years a very great evil will, I hope, be completely eradicated."

Jubbulpore, 28th March 1857.

(Signed) J. SLEEMAN,
General Superintendent.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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28th March/54 }

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