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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 18th May 1858.

No. 9. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Benda-moorlunkra, 30th April 1858, No. 164.

SIR,

I have the honor in continuation of my former communications on the subject to report that since the 10th of last month no outrages of any kind have been perpetrated by the hill chiefs, and their followers, on the north western border of the District, and on the banks of the Godavery.

2. I was early in March able to induce the holder of the Nagavarum Moottah, where the disturbances first commenced, to return to her place of residence, and with the aid of a strong body of the Police force that part of the country has been cleared of disturbers of the peace, is now quite quiet, and I have reason to hope will so continue.

3. Goorooogontla Commereddy, one of the leaders of the gangs who had taken up their quarters in that part of the country, was compelled to fly into the Nizam's dominions, where he was shortly afterwards apprehended, and is now on his trial before the Commissioner under Act XIV of 1857, at Rajahmundry.

4. As I stated to be my intention as soon as arrangements could be made, the iron steamer, placed at my disposal by the District Engineer, went up the river as far as Coratoor, the place of residence of the chief leader of the rebels on the banks of the river. A quantity of cotton, consigned to a gentleman at Cocanada which had been some time detained, was brought away. The party were fired at from the banks when near Coratoor, and when removing the cotton, and my Assistant, Mr. Horsley, who accompanied Lieutenant Bloomfield, had a narrow escape, his arm having been grazed by a matchlock ball. An attempt made to capture Karkonda Soobbareddy failed, but so suddenly had he been compelled to leave his lair, that various articles, especially a dufter of letters and papers, from which useful information has been obtained, were left behind.

5. This expedition, and it being known that the steamer was available at Polavarum to go up the river at any time, had a very good effect. The endeavours which had hitherto been made to induce the inhabitants of certain hill villages between Polavarum and Coratoor to disconnect themselves with the rebels, had hitherto not been very successful, but when they found we were able at any time to pass up the river, and land at any point on the banks, they seemed to think that it would be better to declare against the rebels, and they have since desisted from aiding them in any way, and some have been active in their endeavours to apprehend the leaders. The chiefs being from this cause, and by the various guards posted along the hills, prevented from committing further depredations, and thus having lost the means of paying their followers, have found them gradually falling off, and they have lately had but very few men with them.

6. The last attempt to capture Karkonda Soobbareddy was made a few days ago. The steamer with Lieutenant Bloomfield and his Sibbundies went up the river and the party landed at Coratoor whither they at once proceeded to the place where information which had been received, led Lieutenant Bloomfield to the belief Soobbareddy would be found. Other parties had been moved towards the same point by land. The expedition was not, I regret to say, successful. Soobbareddy and his sons having crossed the river some distance higher up and fled, almost unattended, into, it is said, the Rumpa country.

7. As I trust I shall be able to prevent the leaders re-assembling any men, and committing any further depredations, I propose allowing the Detachment of the Golconda Sibbundies, who have been employed under my orders since the middle of December, and whose services are, the Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam informs me, much required in his own district, to return, and I gladly take this opportunity of acknowledging the valuable aid I have received from them. To the judicious arrangements and constant activity of Lieutenant Bloomfield, the Officer in Command, is in a great degree, to be attributed the result now reported and to him my acknowledgments are especially due.

8. Lingareddy of Condamadaloo, whose father used to participate in the fees levied by Soobbareddy, has, under the advice of his mother, given all the assistance in his power to the Government Officers during the late disturbances, and I am about under the orders conveyed in Minutes of Consultation of the 10th December 1857, to recommend through the Board of Revenue

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that a certain allowance should be made to him in compensation. A guard of Peons has been stationed at his village to aid him and his people in keeping the river free. I am happy to say that traffic is now uninterrupted and will, I trust, continue so.

9. In my letter of the 24th February, I stated my intention of applying for a Company of Sappers to aid in the operations against the rebels. Circumstances however prevented the Major General in Command of the Division granting the services of any of the Corps named, but he was good enough to place as many men as I required from the Detachment of the 43rd Regiment N. I. now stationed at Rajahmundry, at my disposal. Two small parties have lately been located at Polavarum and Gootalah. I hope to be able to relieve them almost immediately.

10. In conclusion, I beg to assure His Lordship in Council that my endeavours to secure the apprehension of the ring leaders, who are still at large, will not be allowed to relax. I have great hopes that the large reward authorized and offered for the principal man, will go far towards effecting the object desired.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 624; dated 12th May 1858.

The report made by the Magistrate of Rajahmundry in the above letter of the state of affairs on the frontier of his District, is satisfactory. He will not however relax his efforts until he has effected the capture of Karkonda Soobbareddy and Korla Soobbareddy. In addition to the rewards of Rupees 2,500 and 1,000 offered for their apprehension, Mr. Purvis will be at liberty to expend any moderate sum in procuring information likely to assist him in accomplishing that object. No mention is made by the Magistrate of the Moonsiff who was carried off. He will expend any money that may be required to ascertain his fate, and if there be reason to believe that he is still alive, will offer a reward of Rupees 2,500 for his being restored to the Rajahmundry authorities.

2. The Detachment of the Golcondah Sibbundies may as proposed be sent back to Vizagapatam. The Magistrate will inform the Sibbundies that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has learnt with much pleasure their good conduct whilst in the Rajahmundry District. He will also convey to Lieutenant Bloomfield the approval of Government of his exertions. This Officer it is remarked has recently been appointed to the command of the Sibbundy Corps now being raised for Rajahmundry. The Governor in Council wishes to be informed how the levy of that force proceeds and to be furnished by the Magistrate, after consultation with Lieutenant Bloomfield, with a statement showing exactly its constitution and the expense attendant on it. Lieutenant Bloomfield's Staff allowance as Commanding Officer will be Rupees 200 per mensem.

3. No time should be lost by the Collector of Rajahmundry or by the Board of Revenue in sending up to Government the application referred to in para. 8, respecting compensation to Lingareddy.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

At 624. Judicial Department
Extracts Mins. of Cons. 2/12 May 1858.
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