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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th January 1858.

No. 32. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 4th January 1858, No. 27.

Read letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, 30th December 1857, No. 1635; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, in forwarding for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying copy of a communication as per margin, to state that the Byragees should have been seized when they were first seen in the station, and that this should be invariably done in all cases of suspicious vagrants who cannot give a satisfactory account of themselves.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division, dated 23rd December 1857, No. 233, forwarding a demi-official from the Officer Commanding Russelcondah and reporting that he has ordered measures to be taken for the protection of the Treasury at Nowgaum.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division, Waltair, 23rd December 1857, No. 233; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward an original demi-official letter from the Officer Commanding Russelcondah, as per margin, for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief; with reference to the remark regarding the Treasury at Nowgaum, the Officer Commanding Russelcondah has been directed in communication with the Civil Authorities to provide for its protection if it cannot be removed to Russelcondah.

18th Instant to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General of the Northern Division.

From the Officer Commanding Russelcondah, 18th December 1857; to Captain Mason.

I think it proper to report for the information of the General that fifteen men disguised as Byragees were in the neighbourhood of Russelcondah on the 15th Instant, and some came into the Bazar during the day and left in the evening.

It appears that they passed the night under a tree at a short distance from the Cantonment and left early on the morning of the 17th, apparently going towards Berhampore, but Lieutenant McNeill, Agent for the Hill Tracts, has ascertained that only thirteen (13) went on that morning, and that they proceeded a very short distance towards Berhampore and then struck off in the direction of Juggernautpersad.

Two of the party, it is said, returned up the Koormingiah Ghaut, having left this neighbourhood about 11 A. M., on the 16th. Lieutenant McNeill has found out that the party came down that Ghaut, and when there, said that they had come from Sumbulpore, but when here, they professed to be from Cuttack begging on their way back to Juggernaut.

Two of the party can talk Oorea, and the rest apparently cannot, but speak Hindostanee with a Bengal accent.

Lieutenant McNeill is reporting to Mr. Knox in consequence of Captain Smith having previously proceeded to Berhampore.

Almost all these circumstances have been ascertained since the departure of the men, but a party of Sebundies was immediately sent after them as well as after the two who returned, but they may elude pursuit, the road being through dense jungle.

I may observe that it is the general impression of the population about here, that attacks will be made on their villages so soon as the grain is stored, and I do not myself feel satisfied that merely a Sebundy Guard is sufficient for the protection of the Nowgaum Treasury, which might be looted before help could possibly arrive from this.

Communicated to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 77; dated 16th January 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Magistrate of Ganjam, whose attention is called to para. 3 of Circular dated 10th July 1857, No. 798.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Fort St George
16 January 1858.

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Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department. With 3 Spare Copies

,, Adjutant General.

Recd 11th [illegible]

Exd. R. Spears.