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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 22nd June 1858.

No. 23. Read the following letter from C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chittoor, 3rd June 1858, No. 30.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government, the occurrence on the 31st May 1858, of a most daring highway robbery in the Sayanagoontah pass through which the road from Goodiattum to Palmanair is carried. The robbery took place in the middle of the day, and was conducted in a most daring manner by a gang of 6 persons who stopped all passengers and robbed amongst others a Village Taliary who was carrying to the Talook treasury at Palmanair 34 Rupees of public money.

2. The robbery was committed in the limits of the Satghur Talook, but I have directed the neighbouring Heads of Police of Palmanair and Venketegherri Cottah, to assist the Head of Police of Satghur Talook in apprehending the offenders, I have also proclaimed a reward for the apprehension of principals and accomplices. I have had once before occasion to bring to the notice of Government how much the timid character of the people facilitates the commission of these crimes, and in the present instance it appears that a large body of travellers allowed themselves to be stopped by 6 persons.

3. In a letter dated 3rd December 1857, No. 81, I called the attention of Government to the anticipated early opening of the railroad as far as Goodiattum and to the necessity of making provision for the safety of travellers along the road from Goodiattum to Palmanair, through a pass which I described from personal observation, as affording peculiar facilities for the operations of robbers. I proposed to remove to this pass the Duffadar and 10 Peons sanctioned for employment in the Poloor Talook and I still think the measure advisable, the additional Peons whom the Joint Magistrate has obtained by substituting runners for the tappal Peons would enable him safely to dispense with the services of the Duffadar and 10 Peons. If however the Government are opposed to that measure, I would earnestly recommend that early sanction be given for the employment in the Sayanagoontah pass of a special Police such as are employed in the Mamundoor pass.

4. In para. 4 of my letter to Government of the 3rd December 1857, I shewed how effectually heinous offences had been suppressed by the concentration of an adequate force on the Mamundoor and Ballapully road. Month after month elapses without the occurrence of a single offence on a spot formerly so notorious for robbery and murder.

5. I have proposed to transfer 1 Duffadar and 10 Peons to the Sayanagoontah pass, I did not fix on that number with reference to its adequacy, but because that is the number already employed in Poloor, from which Talook I recommended the transfer to be made. If 1 Duffadar and 21 Peons which is the number employed on the Mamundoor road should be considered too many, I would beg to recommend that the entertainment of at least 1 Duffadar and 16 Peons be sanctioned for employment in the Sayanagoontah pass.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, No. 803; dated 17th June 1858.

The Government trust that the Magistrate of North Arcot will use his best endeavours to detect the perpetrators of the daring robbery reported in the above communication.

2. It is observed, that under date the 12th December last, the Government, in reference to the returns which had been received from Collectors shewing the number of Peons in their respective Districts who were employed in carrying the local posts, authorized all Collectors to entertain as many extra Peons for the conveyance of the Talook tappals as might be necessary under present circumstances, for the relief of those Peons who were urgently required for Police duties.

3. The arrangement recommended by Mr. Whittingham, 3rd December 1857, for guarding the Saynagoontah pass by a force drawn from the Poloor Talook might have been carried out under that authority. From the conclusion of the present letter it seems however doubtful whether that force is strong enough as it now stands for the due protection of the pass, and if not, the Magistrate will strengthen it by the addition of as many extra Peons as may be required—the measure to be temporary and pending the enquiry which will have to be made into the North Arcot Police establishment in connection with the question of Police Reform.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department.

No. 803

act from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 17th June 1838.

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