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No. 14. Read the following letter from H. AMES, Esq., Commissioner of North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Soopah, 18th August 1859, No. 404.

In continuation of my letter No. 394 under date the 12th August 1859, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Lieutenant Drever detailing an attack made upon the Bund by himself, Lieutenants Giertsen and Drury on the 15th Instant.

2. The loss to the Bund, weak as they now are, of 7 muskets, will I hope prevent their again entering Soopah, but if, as is not impossible, they obtain muskets, they are very likely to again increase in number and become as troublesome as heretofore.

3. The Bund attacked a village 3 miles from Mr. Wood and myself on the evening of the 15th and replaced almost all that they had lost with the exception of the muskets. Mr. Wood, his party, and myself were on the spot an hour after receiving the intelligence but were too late and no track could be found.

4. I have garrisoned three villages which have given us intelligence on this expedition and am proceeding into Jugglebett to arrange with the Commanding Officer the more effectual protection of the country.

5. Lieutenants Drever and Giertsen are preparing to descend into Goa to visit the different hiding places there frequented by the Bund according to the information of our spy prisoner Bhundari Gopala.

6. I applied to the Commanding Officer at Mangalore for another Company on the 12th Instant, and, until the 6 leaders of the Bund are secured, I consider their presence still necessary to restore confidence throughout the Talook.

From W. S. DREVER, Superintendent of Police; to the Joint Magistrate of Canara.

I have the honor to inform you that with a force as per margin,* on the 15th Instant, we surprised the "Bund" 12 or 13 strong, in the Mundoorli jungles.

* Lieutenant Giertsen, 3 Privates Sawuntwarree Corps.
Lieutenant Drury, 11 Privates 51st Regiment, 7 Privates North Canara Police.

They had taken up a most inaccessible position in the bed of a mountain torrent whose banks were nearly prependicular and of great height, and as we were tracking down stream when we sighted them, it was impossible to close with them without alarming them, our only chance was to fire on them at once which was accordingly done, but from the long distance at which we had to fire, I regret to say none of them dropped. They immediately bolted down the river leaving 7 muskets, 1 sword and a lot of cooking apparatus and clothing in our possession. The rocks in the river bed were so slippery that we were unable to pursue them rapidly and although we followed their tracks till evening overtook us, we did not again come up with them.

They have now but five or six muskets with them and appear to have made again for the Goanese territory below Coondul.

It would be impossible to convey to you any idea of the nature of the country through which we followed them, but I may mention that Lieutenant Drury with a small party became separated from us, and passing the night in the jungle only rejoined us here on the evening of the 16th. We had the Prisoner Bhundary Gopala, with us as guide and without his assistance could have done nothing, I am in hopes that with his further aid we shall again be enabled to fall on the gang, and I would therefore recommend that his trial be postponed till such time as the Bund are utterly crushed.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. AMES.
Commissioner.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1859, No. 1189.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Pres: of Govt. 9 Sept
Judicial 1859 Deptt.

From
H. Ames Esqre
Commissioner of Roth
Canara

To
J. Ryerott Esqre
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

Dated 18th August 1859.
Received 25th

No 404

Enclosure 1

Forwarding copy of Lieutt Dreweis letter with remarks on another attack made upon the Bund

No 1189
To be recorded
(signed) T. G.

Forwd. Copy of Lieutt Drewe's letter dated 18th Augt. 1859 Reflects to day the Dec. 97 Stat. for India 7/24 Feb. 1860

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