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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 15th February 1859.

No. 13. Read the following letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Budwail, 6th February 1859, No. 7.

SIR,

I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that a letter was received last evening at half past 10 P. M., from the Assistant Magistrate of Kurnool, dated the 3rd Instant, intimating that a large body of Rohillas had crossed the Krishna, near Parvut, time and number not mentioned, and that two Companies (150 men) and 100 Sowars were sent to Yelgode, and 80 to Cumbum via Nundycanama Ghaut. On receipt of this communication, I immediately despatched a copy of it with a letter to Colonel Cherry, Commanding Cuddapah, requesting him to order out a party of the 1st Light Cavalry under his Command to protect the large and populous town of Proddatoor and others along our frontier; should he consider it necessary, that Infantry should accompany the Cavalry, he could give the order, being in command of the station.

2. I would here beg to point out that there were lately only two Officers with the 3rd Extra Regiment, the Commanding Officer and his Adjutant, there may be some difficulty in finding Officers to command a Detachment of this Regiment, should they be required for active service against the Rohillas. On receipt of further information, I will keep the Government informed of it.

3. I propose accompanying the Troops as soon as any further information is received of the movements of the Rohillas. I request you will be so good as to inform me whether the Government will authorize me to collect a body of Natives and arm them with the Muskets which are now in my Treasury and pay them at the rate of 3 or 4 Annas a day, the pay of a Sepoy.

4. Copies of the correspondence on the subject, are herewith submitted.

5. Since the above being copied, I have received an Express from the Officer Commanding Cuddapah at 9 A. M., and beg to enclose copy of Colonel Davidson's letter to Colonel Cherry.

From M. MURRAY, Esq., Magistrate; to Colonel P. T. CHERRY, Commanding Cuddapah.

SIR,

At 9½ P. M.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter received from Lieut. H. S. Grove, the Assistant Magistrate of Kurnool, from which it appears that a large party of Rohillas have crossed the Kristna river near Parvut on the Nulla Mullah hills. I think it would be advisable if a large Detachment of the Cavalry under your Command were at once ordered to move out, so as to cover the large village of Proddatoor in this District, and if they were to move at once towards Nundial, it would be a great protection until further information is known of their movements.

The earliest information will be given to you, and I myself will move out and render you every assistance in my power; should you think it advisable that a party of Infantry accompany the Cavalry, you being in command of the station, can give the necessary orders.

This letter is despatched from Budwail at ½ past 10 P. M., on the 5th February 1859.

From Lieutenant GROVE, Assistant Magistrate, Kurnool; to M. MURRAY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, dated 3rd February 1859.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that a large body of Rohillas are reported to have crossed the Kistna near Parvut into the Nullah Mullah hills. The object and direction of their journey is unknown.

Two Companies (150 men) and 100 Sowars leave this afternoon for Yelgode, and 80 to Cumbum via Nundycanama Ghaut. The first party crossing, if necessary, by the Yelgode pass.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 15th February 1859.

From Colonel J. DAVIDSON, Commanding Kurnool; to the Officer Commanding Cuddapah, dated Kurnool, 3rd February 1859, No. 83.

SIR,

Captain Nelson, Head of Police of the Siddapoor and Peddacherroo Zemindary, has reported that a body of Rohillas, said to be at least 1000 strong, has crossed the Kistnah near Parvut, opposite to Neela Gunga.

Two Companies, 36th Regiment N. I., with 100 Kurnool Horse, march towards Yelgode this afternoon, the remainder of the Horse (80) proceed to Gazoolpully under Lieutenant Grove, to-morrow morning.

I have the honor to report this to you for information.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. T. CHERRY, Colonel,
Commanding Cuddapah.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON, No. 184; dated 10th February 1859.

The Government do not think it would be of any service to collect and arm a body of Natives as suggested by the Magistrate in para. 3 of the above letter, but will not prohibit his doing so, should further information lead him to consider such a measure requisite.

Mr. Murray will keep them informed of any further intelligence that he may receive regarding the movements of the Rohillas.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Fort St. George regarding the movements of the
10 February 1859. Rohillas.
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