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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th April 1859.

Read the following letters.

No. 73. From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Sircee, 24th March 1859, No. 141.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government, transcript of a letter addressed by me to the Governor General of the Portuguese Indies.
2. To the facts there stated I have little to add.
3. This resuscitated Bund seems contemptible enough in point of numbers and constitution, and had their haunts been confined to the Soopah forests, I should not have despaired of bringing eventually some of the leaders to account.
4. Now however that they have managed to slip through my fingers, and have concentrated on their old haunts in Deepoo Rana's country, it is impossible to say what amount of mischief they may not do before they meet their deserts.
5. Rumour has it, that certain proceedings of the Goa Government connected with the embarkation of the Sawunths, have so thoroughly disgusted Deepoo Rana, that distrusting all professions and promises, he holds himself aloof in his own fastnesses, in a very doubtful state of allegiance.
6. The Governor General's answer may throw some light on the chances of the future, for without some real reciprocity in that quarter, the exertions of the Police on this side of the border, are utterly futile and purposeless.
7. Meanwhile, I am exerting myself to the best of my means and ability, to secure the tranquillity and confidence of the border villages and protect them against renewed inroad.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate; to His Excellency the Governor General of Portuguese Indies, dated Sircee, 23rd March 1859, No. 140.

MOST EXCELLENT AND ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

I regret to find, by several consecutive reports, that armed parties of men connected with the late Bund have again appeared on our common frontier, and resumed their old course of pillage and incendiarism. One of my informants tells me, that on the night of the 11th, a gang of some 60 armed men was observed in the "patri" jungle, 2 cos from Diggi on the Goa side of the frontier, and to-day it is further reported, that on the night of the 17th, a party of 12 made a descent on the small border villages of Paldi Vatie, and Vingole of the Soopah Talook, which they partially burned down, wounding several of the inhabitants, and destroying some head of cattle. On receipt of the information, the Tahsildar seems immediately to have proceeded to Tinnie, where he will put himself in communication with the Officer Commanding that out-post, and make such further distribution of the Police force with him, as circumstances may render necessary. My object in now addressing your Excellency is once more to claim your kind assistance and co-operation in hunting down these out-laws.

All accounts agree in placing their present rendezvous in the jungles on the Goa side of our common frontier, and this being the case, I need not after the experiences of the past year, remind your Excellency, that without an earnest reciprocity on the part of your Police, no exertions on this side can terminate successfully. It yet remains to be ascertained, who are the leaders in this movement, but my own impression is, that the brothers Fhudnees, and the two notorious bandits Sidi Bastian and his brother Benove play a prominent rôle. These out-laws were during the early part of this month, more than once recognized in the Kala Nadi forests, in which neighbourhood, I myself happened to be at that time. Not finding the sympathy and assistance they had calculated on, and alarmed at the measures taken for their capture, they seem to have made their way across the Talook, to their old haunts at the foot of the Ghata.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th April 1859.

The rewards for Sidi Bastian and his brother Benove, Rupees 500 and 100 respectively, are still open. I am prepared to pay them to any one who shall be instrumental in bringing these miscreants to justice.

With assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Joint Magistrate.

No. 74. From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Sirree, 5th April 1859, No. 166.

SIR,

The posture of matters on the Goa frontier has not improved since I last had the honor of addressing you.

The foray of the 17th reported in my letter of the 24th Ultimo, has been followed by a 2nd where 3 more border hamlets were burned down, 2 villagers so severely injured that their lives are despaired of, several others carried away prisoners, and a considerable quantity of live stock and other farm-property destroyed.

Sidi Bastian was on this as on the former occasion the leader of the attack and several other fugitive adherents of the former Bund have been recognized among the gang.

Their numbers do not appear to have increased since their return to their old haunts in the Sutttri Mahal and from all I can learn I still believe the gang is not more than 30 or 40 strong.

In point of numerical strength therefore these out-laws are contemptible enough, and, under ordinary circumstances, I should feel ashamed to confess the want of success that has attended my exertions to protect my frontier and bring them to justice.

Government however are so fully aware after last year's experiences, of the peculiar difficulties, attending operations on the confines of a foreign State and amid hill fastnesses and forests, where pursuit is almost hopeless that I need not here recapitulate them. Every expedient likely to contribute to success has been resorted to; Police patrols have, as far as my limited establishments permit, been located along that portion of the frontier, the Tahsildar directed to remain on the spot and keep up a close intercommunication with our own and the neighbouring military out-posts on the Goa and Belgaum sides of the border. Letters have been addressed to the several Officers in command at those stations, soliciting their earnest co-operation, every man who can be safely spared from the quieter parts of the division has been sent North. A Proclamation has been issued offering liberal payment in the secret service and intelligence department, and finally the reward for Bastian's capture has been raised from Rupees 500 to Rupees 1,000. I

hope I have not erred in supposing that the former orders of Government* justify my using

* Telegram, 29th May 1858, 11-5 A. M.

my own discretion and doubling without further reference the reward hitherto offered for this miscreant's apprehension.

Sidi Bastian	Rs. 1,000	0	0	The rewards now offered are as per marginal list, to which has been given the widest publicity.
Sidi Benove	100	0	0	
Virajpalekar Bhiccho	100	0	0	
Karumbikar Ghongloo	20	0	0	
Karumbikar Babbar	20	0	0	

I have not yet received an answer to my letter to the Goa Government, nor have I any reliable information as to how Deepoo Rana is bearing himself since these out-laws re-appeared in his part of the country.

Judged from their recent acts their tactics are not very comprehensible.

Instead of conciliating the country as the Sawunth leaders did, they seem to be doing all in their power to arouse its indignation and hostility.

Disappointed of the assistance and sympathy they found last year on this side of the border, their game is probably that of mere desperados who have no motive or purpose beyond the present gratification of revenge and desire of plunder.

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That they did not ransack the villages they have burned down is easily accounted for. They knew there was nothing in them worth carrying away and their sole object doubtless was to re-establish a state of terrorism and expel from the neighbourhood of their rendezvous unfriendly neighbours whose espionage might bring on them some unpleasant surprise. When these marauders first made their appearance in the central forests of the Soopa Talook, I did not hesitate to re-arm, under certain precautions, the more trustworthy portion of the neighbouring population. The effect of this and other measures, already reported to Government, was instantaneous.

Pillage ceased, and the bund never gave sign until safe across the border and in their old haunts in the Satttri Mahal country. To this measure, I dare not resort in the case of the outlying hamlets now threatened and attacked; not because I distrust the good feeling of the population, but because I hesitate to place arms and ammunition in hands which would yield them without a struggle to the enemy and thus infinitely augment his means of future mischief and molestation.

What can be done with safety has I believe been done. The villagers are required to furnish a small contingent to the Police patrol party sent for their protection and relieve each other by turn carrying fire arms and ammunition whilst on service. Beyond this I have not yet ventured, and am unwilling to go further until I have watched the progress of matters a little longer.

Much depends on the earnest reciprocity and assistance of the Goanese authorities, and I wait with anxiety to see what results the several urgent letters I have addressed to them on this subject will have.

At the same time I must candidly confess that, as the matter now stands, I look as much to some happy accident giving things a favorable turn as to any direct success to be achieved by my own combinations or our neighbours' co-operation. I should mention in conclusion that with a view to keeping the more exposed frontier region occupied by its ordinary population and in partial compensation of some heavy losses, I have made an additional assignment of 100 acres of Coomry land to the more suffering householders of those parts, to be by them enjoyed tax free for one year.

This is now the season for clearing the hill slopes and as these hamlets are almost wholly occupied by Coomry cultivators, the inducement thus held forth to remain in the country is more readily appreciable than any other that could be devised.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, No. 499; dated 12th April 1859.

The Government approve the measures adopted by the Joint Magistrate of Canara for the suppression of the disturbances on the Goa Frontier, and for the capture of the leaders.

2. They must impress upon Mr. Robinson the necessity of the most vigorous measures to put down these inroads at their commencement and whilst the season is favorable for active operations.

3. His Excellency the Governor General of the Portuguese Indies will also be addressed and strongly urged to give his ready co-operation. Copy of this letter will be furnished to Mr. Robinson.

4. He will acquaint the Government with any communications that he may receive from the Goa Government and keep them informed of the progress of affairs.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 76. To His Excellency General Viscount de TORRES NOVAS, Governor General of the Portuguese Settlements in India, dated Fort Saint George, 12th April 1859, No. 500.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS AND MOST EXCELLENT SIR,

Mr. Robinson, Joint Magistrate of Canara, has reported to me that armed parties of men connected with the late Bund have again appeared on the frontier of Canara, and of the Goa territory, and resumed their former career of pillage and incendiarism.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th April 1859.

2. Some border hamlets have been burnt down, several villagers wounded, some very severely, others carried away prisoners and a considerable quantity of live stock and other farm property destroyed.
3. I enclose copy of Mr. Robinson's letters.
4. The ring-leader in these attacks is Sidi Bastian, for whose apprehension a reward has for some time been offered. This reward Mr. Robinson has now very properly increased from Rupees 500 to Rupees 1,000.
5. Mr. Robinson has forwarded to me copy of the letter, that he had the honor of addressing to you, on this subject, on the 23rd Ultimo.
6. To this communication he had not, up to 5th Instant, received a reply. It is however clear that this band of miscreants, although at present in no great force, will become more formidable, if not promptly dealt with; and that they cannot be destroyed, nor the country protected, unless by the joint efforts of the British and Portuguese authorities.
7. The ready and valuable co-operation afforded by your Excellency for the suppression of past disturbances will, I feel assured, not be wanting on the present occasion.

Accept Sir, the assurance of the high consideration with which

I have &c.,

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

Judicial Department

No 499

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 12th April 1859

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Dated 24th March & 5th April 1859 Nos 141 & 166.

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Int. Secy
12th April 1857

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