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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 29th April 1859.

No. 43. Recd the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of
Ceylon, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George,
dated Friday, 19th April 1859, No. 181.

Sir,

Little of importance has occurred in this quarter since I last had the honor of addressing
you. The gang are still in the Pandellah forests, and constantly in movement, making occasional
raids towards the petty hamlets in the neighbourhood, in which they are much favored by
the moonlight.

One of their numbers however has made his escape and come into camp and from him I
have received some important particulars respecting the composition of the present band.

The band are 6 in number of whom 3 are the "Pudum" brothers Chintala, Rawala
and S. and the other 3 are named in my correspondence, the 4th a man in all respects
deserving the name of Gentle Breeze, and the 5 others members probably of one or the
other family.

I should mention here that Gentle Breeze's and the Pudum family are connected.

To these are the others, Pidi Bantana and his brother, and a man of some influence and influence.

The gang are present in these jungles in 80 or more fully armed and well provided with
ammunition.

They have adopted exactly the mode of life and tactics pursued by the Samanthas, elect
their Captain of the day, armed guard, post parties more little by day-light and wear a bold
and confident front.

I do not wish to be gathered of course probably that there is a branch band on the other
side of the forest commanded by Ann a brother of those Himmamutha Samanth's brother-in-
law and a brother of Pidi Bantana's and a man named on our list. The Pudum family is of
Bengal origin, and is said to have possessed at one time, some little influence and position
in the part of the country where it resided.

I should now gradually to have taken on the same side, as the very members of the
band, which when we have seen to do were found in the Government service on
the outbreak of the Samanth disturbance. These names are associated with last year's distur-
bance, in which they took active part, but rather as partisans than leaders. I am well in circum-
stances to have them more with Captain Bantana and Mr. Bantana, Superintendent of Bellary
District, who will have more about their antecedents than I can, and will be able to inform me,
in what manner they are employed in the present disturbance on the Bellary side of the
border, and whether any rewards have been offered, and are still open for their capture.

Meanwhile I have forwarded a notification the offer of rewards of 1000 Rupees for each
of the 5 Pudum brothers, and also offered. In Gentle Breeze and Pidi Bantana rewards of that
amount, and the same amount are already aware, have published by me.

As the forest, the forests of the forest are now occupied by Military and Police guards, the
only chance of I should rather say (for there is no sign of disaffection in the country) the more
effectual of the population has been reduced, and provided with ammunition, and
some other supplies taken, that my friends and the nature of the country permit, to keep the
gang in and bring them to bay.

Finally I should to Pandellah where George M and with a party of boys has been directed
to hunt me.

Meanwhile 2 parties composed of the regular Police and some of the Bluebellies whom,
as before, I have been recently raising, are scouring the jungle between this and Pandellah,
and other numbers being taken to ensure prompt and reliable intelligence of their various
movements.

With an overwhelming force around me and a gang of hostile footpads who know its very
haunts and paths to do with my prospects of success are not of the brightest, but what I can
do in person and effect with the aid of my troops, which Government may feel assured, be
performed to the best of my judgment and ability.

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P. S. — I am perfectly satisfied of the good feeling and loyalty of the vast majority of the other parts of the Taluk. These outlaws have found no sympathy and are being exterminated and their ranks so far as my information goes.

This fact is further confirmed by the evidence of the escaped prisoner before a. a. l. l. e. who states that of the whole gang there were but 2 whom he recognized and these were S. S. Bhatnagar and his brother whose native place is Purnea, one coss distant from his depuration village Mundaorhi.

To this disappointment may no doubt be attributed that change of policy already noticed, which instead of concentrating the good will of the country as in the days of the Sultanate, has been rather calculated to excite its execration and hostility.

True however in one respect to the Sawunthi policy there are two here, make a point of wreaking their vengeance on all who have in any way betrayed or taken active part against them, and it need not therefore be matter of surprise if out of a very sense of his personal obligations to these exiled hamlets should be somewhat backward in volunteering information which may bring upon them so severe a retribution.

No. 11. ORDER THEREOF, No. 528; dated 27th April 1970
The Government hereby order that the

The Government authorizes the offer of \$100,000 for the apprehension of each of the three Pauline brothers, Chastola, Kansas.

(Signed) T. P. CHURCH,
Chief Secretary

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