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No. 26. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Commissioner, North Canara ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Sircee, 30th April 1859, No. 212.

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that for the last 10 days the Phudnees' gang has been wholly inactive.

No fresh outrage is recorded since I last wrote, and the general surmise is, that the gang has split itself into several small parties, the better to escape observation and procure the necessaries of life.

Thus, although no capture has yet been effected, the measures taken for the protection of the country have been so far successful, spoliation and incendiarism have been arrested, and the insurgents seem now more intent on providing for their own immediate safety than following up the course of active and defiant hostility which characterised their first proceedings.

My own impression is, that the main bund still lurks in the Soopa forests, but that it has partisans and sympathisers on the other side of the border, among whom Ana or Nana Mangaumkar and Krishna Ghogla are the most active and formidable.

Captain Schneider writing to me privately says, " the present bund is made up of a number " of miserables of sorts. The ostensible chief is Ana Mangaumkar a brother of Bhawoo " Mangaumkar who was shot last year, he is nobody—next to him come those Phudnees folks " who belong to a village near Hemergahserawlee. They are relics of the old Phudnees " (ministers) to the Jambootee family, but now hold no position, one was a Peon on the custom " establishment and 2 were in the Belgaum Police. They are no great things and only help to " swell the gang, the chief rascal is Krishna Ghogla, he is a confidential of Deepoo Rana's and " was attached to the former bund to show them the country and obtain assistance, and as long " as he is of the party, they will always obtain assistance in the Sattri Mahal in Goa. Then " again there is that deserter from the Phonda Regiment. His life is at stake and he is " desperate. I know of no rewards for any of the party. That villain Gunba Shenvy if " amongst them, may do mischief from his knowledge of the country as also the Seedies.

This is in fact *the* difficulty. Born and trained smugglers and engaged for upwards of a year in guerilla warfare on either side of the border, their knowledge of the country is perfect, and renders their capture by the ordinary means well nigh hopeless.

However the Goa Government seem now to be exerting themselves in good earnest. I have most courteous letters from His Excellency the Governor, and the several Commandants report that they are establishing a net-work of outposts throughout the Sattri Mahal and frontier regions of the Portuguese territory.

Their idea seems to be, and I am not sure they are far wrong, that our chances of laying hold of some of this ubiquitous rabble are better during the rains than the fair season.

We know very well that during the past monsoon the proscribed Sawunths and their large following were comfortably billeted about in the Goa village, and that had there been good faith and earnest co-operation on the part of the Portuguese Commanders, most of them would have been in our hands in a few weeks. I now hope for better things and think that the rain and leeches may after all rather facilitate than frustrate our chances of success.

Government have been pleased to place Lieutenant Drever under my orders for employment in North Canara and to entrust me with the reconstruction of a frontier Police. There are some few points in connection with Lieutenant Drever's appointment which have been referred to the Commissioner of Mofussil Police.

These cleared up, I am in hopes Lieutenant Drever may be able to enter on his new duties within the first fortnight of May.

My Police proposition was posted this day. Half measures are never satisfactory, but my proposition will I hope be found a step in the right direction and allowed to pass muster until men and money can be found to give to the new system its full and perfect development.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1859, No. 670.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Prog. of Govt. 17th May.
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From
J. D. Robinson Esqr.
Special Commissioner
North Canara 212.

Dated 30th April
Recd 6th May — 1859.

No. 747

Submitting a further report of the disturbances in North Canara for the last 10 days, and the measures he has taken on the occasion.

C 5th May
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11th May 1859.

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