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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 37. Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Magistrate of North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th January 1860, No. 3.

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government a copy of a letter from Lieutenant Drever, Superintendent of Police of North Canara, detailing the successful result of his operations against the Bund.

2. This success was reported to Government by Mr. Pochin in a letter No. 508, dated 10th December 1859, on the receipt of a demi-official from Lieutenant Drever.

3. In consequence of the indentification of the 3 persons Bablo, Rowba and Shanta mentioned in paragraph 18 of Lieutenant Drever's letter having been established, Mr. Pochin disbursed the reward of 2,100 Rupees sanctioned by Government.

4. The successful operation reported having completely broken up the bund and having resulted in the capture and bringing to justice of the leaders, induces me to beg the Government to take into favorable consideration the recommendation contained in paragraph 15 of Lieutenant Drever's letter. I am not personally acquainted with Lieutenant Giertsen, but I hear from Mr. Pochin that it would be difficult to find a more zealous or hard working officer; the entire success of the proceedings of the night of the 6th December was owing to that Officer, as will be seen from the enclosed report.

5. The reward granted to the Native part of the force by Government is undoubtedly handsome, but considering that the force is in its infancy, and that Natives attach great value to ornaments presented by Government, I strongly recommend the granting of the special reward for the Natives employed, as contained in paragraph 16 of the report; but beg to suggest that, if sanctioned, simple silver armlets be made at Madras bearing such inscription as Government may think suitable, and that they be sent direct by Government to the Superintendent of Police at Hullial to be presented at a full parade of the force.

From Lieutenant W. S. DREVER, Superintendent of Police; to the Magistrate of North Canara, dated Saugum, 7th December 1859.

From my previous communications you will have learnt my reasons for resuming offensive operations against the Bund out of our own territory, and I have now the honor to submit an account of our last success.

2. The gang had ever since August been in Goa, but it was only within the last few weeks that they had again commenced ravaging in all directions, that I consequently obtained information of their whereabouts.

Canara Police.
2 *Serjeants.*
12 *Privates.*
Belgaum Police.
2 *Havildars.*
2 *Naigues.*
14 *Privates.*

3. Lieutenant Giertsen, Assistant Superintendent Belgaum Police, having joined me with a party of 18 men of his Corps, we marched on the 1st with a force as marginally noted into Goa, via Jugglepett and Tinny.

Canara Police.
2 *Serjeants.*
12 *Privates.*
Belgaum Police.
16 *Men.*
Portuguese Troops.
25 *Men.*

4. It woud be needless detailing the places visited by us along the Frontier, once we hit the trail, suffice it to say that having met Colonel DaSilva, Commanding Phonda, at Ooghy about one P. M. on the 5th and receiving certain information from a Portuguese Dessai, that the rebels were 9 miles a head of us, in the Dungoorli jungles, we started with him, strength as per margin, and sighted their watch fires about 9 P. M.

5. Their position was most difficult to approach, being on the bank of a ravine in a dense thicket surrounded by steep hills.

6. I divided the men into 3 parties, Colonel DaSilva extending his on the right of the ravine, while I did the same on the left, Lieutenant Giertsen with a small body of Belgaum and

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Canara Police making a considerable detour so as to come down upon the gang by the ravine itself.

7. The operation was entirely successful, Lieutenant Giertsen in a most workman-like manner managed to pass their sentries unperceived and to approach within 3 yards of the fires before he was observed.

8. With a volley and a rush he was on them and captured the two leaders Rowba and Shanta after a desperate struggle, in which both these Brahmins were wounded by our men, Babloh another ruffian falling by Lieutenant Giertsen's own hand.

9. The remainder of the gang fled in all directions, but were every where met by a steady fire from our skirmishers.

10. I fully anticipated we should have taken them all, and if it had been day-light we should have done so, but after keeping them hemmed in in this way for a couple of hours or so, they managed singly to slip away by a mountain torrent and so got off.

11. We found we had captured all their arms, ammunition and every thing they possessed, that Gunbah Dessai the Portuguese Deserter had been killed and that another Portuguese subject Phondoo had been taken prisoner. I have no doubt others were wounded but the hour and nature of the country rendered pursuit impossible.

12. The conduct of the Police was most excellent, they had cheerfully made long and tedious marches, and had been without food for 40 hours when we returned to Ooghy on 6th.

13. I cannot speak too highly of the way in which Lieutenant Giertsen effected the surprise, when it is remembered that a single false step, the rustling of a leaf, or the breaking of a twig would have given the alarm, and that the ground he had to go over was break neck, it will be admitted that no praise of mine can compensate him or his party for their achievment.

14. For the last 8 months this gentleman has been intimately associated with me in all operations against these banditi and myself excepted, he is the only Officer who has not been done up by the work, I in no small measure attribute to the hearty aid and assistance received from him, the success which has now crowned our efforts and as it will be seen from what follows, that the Bund have ceased to exist, I would respectfully solicit from the Government a mark of its appreciation of Lieutenant Giertsen's services, before his return to his own District.

15. On a somewhat similar occasion the Government of Bombay presented Mr. Souter, Police Superintendent, with a sword, and I trust I may be permitted to mention that no other testimonial would be more acceptable to Lieutenant Giertsen, late of the British German Legion.

16. As Mr. Giertsen informs me that he intends applying to his own Government for special rewards for his Police, it only remains for me to do the same for mine, and I would therefore solicit for the Canara Police the sanction of Government to present to each of the 2 Serjeants engaged, 1 pair of bangles of the value of Rupees 50 and to each of the 12 privates a similar ornament of the value of Rupees 25.

17. It is the first time the new Police have been under fire and a speedy recognition in this shape, of their services, would be of great help to me in raising the Corps and would act as an incentive to the men to go and do likewise when other occasions offered.

18. The rewards for the dead and prisoners are as follows:

	Madras Government.	Bombay Government.
For Babloh, dead.....	Rupees 100	0
Rowbah, prisoner.....	„ 1,000	200
Shanta „	„ 1,000	200
	2,100	400
Grand Total Rupees...	2,500	

19. From this total I propose paying Rupees 250 to the Dessai who gave me the information, and the balance I intend dividing into three equal portions of Rupees 750, one each for

the Portuguese, Bombay and Madras men engaged, each Officer can then proportionally disburse the amount among his own followers.

20. Rowbah acknowledges himself the leader of the gang and states that they will never reassemble, there not now being a man among them capable of taking the lead, indeed I shall be much surprised, if they do not all surrender within a few weeks as there are not more than 12 remaining; Amah Saib and Phondoogoo Khab having surrendered to Colonel DaSilva who by their help has also captured four more.

21. In conclusion I have only to bring to the notice of Government the ready aid and assistance afforded me by Colonel S. DaSilva, Commanding Phonda and Embabagem, ever since I joined and I should be much obliged if the Madras Government would convey this the Government of Goa their gracious appreciation of the same.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) V. H. LEVINGE,
Magistrate.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1860, No. 105.

With the above letter the Magistrate of North Canara submits a report from Lieutenant Drever giving a detailed account of the attack made upon the Bund upon the night of the 5th December, a brief notice of which was submitted in Mr. Pochin's letter of the 10th idem.

2. The affair appears to have been very well arranged and carried out with great spirit. It reflects much credit on all concerned, Lieutenant Drever himself, Lieutenant Giertsen, Colonel DaSilva and the men under their command.

3. Government sanction payment of the rewards, amounting to two thousand one hundred Rupees offered for the rebels, named in the margin, who, the Magistrate reports, have been identified with the one man killed and the two captured on the occasion.

Babloo, killed.....	100
Rowba...	1,000
Shanta...	1,000
Rupees.....	2,100

4. It is observed that one third of the above sum and of the rewards given by the Bombay Government for the two captured leaders, after payment of Rupees 250 to an informer, will be distributed among the members of the new Canara Police, who were engaged in the attack. Under these circumstances it does not appear to the Government to be necessary to give them in addition any special mark of distinction as recommended by Lieutenant Drever.

5. The Governor in Council resolves to forward to the Government of Bombay copy of Lieutenant Drever's report, and to direct their attention to that part of it which represents the good service rendered by Lieutenant Giertsen. It will be for his own Government to take such notice of it as may to them seem called for.

6. The Government further resolve to forward a copy of Mr. Levinge's letter and of its enclosure to His Excellency the Governor General of the Portuguese Indies in reference to his letter of the 15th December, and to express to him their sense of the services rendered by Colonel DaSilva and the force under his orders in the attack.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 39. To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort Saint George, 30th January 1860, No. 106.

With reference to my letter of the 6th instant, No. 19, I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward a copy of a letter from the Magistrate of North Canara and of its enclosure being a detailed report by Lieutenant Drever on the attack made on the Bund on the night of the 5th ultimo.

2. Lieutenant Drever, it will be observed, speaks in high terms of the services rendered by Lieutenant Giertsen on the occasion.

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No. 40. To His Excellency General Viscount de TORRES NOVAS, Governor of the Portuguese Settlements in India, &c. &c. &c.

I have had the honor of receiving your Excellency's letter of the 15th ultimo and of its enclosure, being a report by Lieutenant Colonel DaSilva on the attack made by himself, Lieutenant Drever and Lieutenant Giertzen on the Bund on the night of the 5th December.

2. I have very recently received a letter from Mr. Levinge, Magistrate of North Canara, forwarding a report from Lieutenant Drever, in which that officer gives a detailed account of the affair in question.

3. I do myself the honor to enclose a copy of that report, and in so doing would beg to express the acknowledgments of the Madras Government for the services rendered on the occasion by Lieutenant Colonel DaSilva and the party under his command.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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To the Magistrate of North Canara.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Military Department.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.—

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