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for the month of May 1860.*

No. 51. Read the following letter from CECIL BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor General, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Simla, 4th May 1860, No. 1641.

Foreign Department.

No. 1037, dated 2nd August 1859. With reference to your letters noted on the margin, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, copy of a letter addressed this day to the Resident at Hyderabad, regarding the depredations of the Rohillas, and the means to be adopted for their suppression.

From C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor General, to the Resident at Hyderabad, dated Simla, 4th May 1860, No. 1639.

Foreign Department.

*No. 67, dated 5th August 1858.
" 18, " 31st Jany. 1859.
" 26, " 14th March " to Mily. Dept.
" 41, " 22nd " "
" 78, " 21st July "
" 85, " 12th Sept. "
" 108, " 9th Novr. "
" 28, " 26th March "

I am directed by the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted on the margin,* relative to the depredations of the Rohillas, committed not only in the Territory under the direct Government of His Highness the Nizam, but also in the Assigned Districts, and in those of the Madras Presidency.

2. In your letter of the 5th August 1858, after describing the efforts that have been unsuccessfully made from time to time, to suppress the lawless proceedings of this class, and to induce them by the offer of service to abstain from plunder and robbery, you recommend that they should be brought within the provisions of the Act for the suppression of Thuggee and Dacoity, and this recommendation you repeat in subsequent communications. It is stated by the Minister that if the British Government were to express itself without reserve on the subject, His Highness the Nizam would willingly issue a Proclamation prohibiting all Rohillas from carrying arms, and declaring that the possession of arms by any Rohilla after a certain date should be proof of his being a professional Dacoit, and render him liable to transportation.

3. The Governor General has no hesitation in desiring you to impress upon His Highness the Nizam and upon his Minister the expectation of the British Government that decided and severe measures will be taken to put a stop to the lawless proceedings of these men, whereby the peace of his Highness' Territories and those of the British Government is constantly endangered and life and property rendered insecure.

4. Wherever the Rohillas have assembled in considerable numbers, and committed acts of an unusually daring nature, they have been dispersed by the British Troops, or by detachments of the Hyderabad Contingent. The Nizam's Minister has also with praiseworthy zeal exerted himself to the utmost of his power to bring the worst offenders to condign punishment. But more energetic and systematic measures are required to suppress a system which has taken root in the Hyderabad Territory, and is constantly liable to break out. It is impossible either that the British Government should continue to employ its troops for the purpose of coercing these marauders, or that it should suffer its own frontier districts to be exposed to their incursions.

4. But the Governor General, though he desires to render the Nizam every legitimate assistance in suppressing these Rohillas, will not consent to absolve the Nizam's Government in any degree from the responsibility of reducing them to order within the Hyderabad Territory, and punishing those who continue to engage in systematic outrage. If His Highness thinks proper to organize against the Rohillas a detective machinery like that by which the crimes of Thuggee and Dacoity have been successfully put down throughout India, and to declare every Rohilla found with arms in his possession a criminal punishable by transportation, His Excellency would encourage His Highness in this undertaking on condition that the system is worked in the Hyderabad Territory, entirely by the Agency of the Nizam's own Officers. But His Excellency is prepared to assist the Nizam's Government so far as to carry into effect any sen-

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tence of transportation that may be passed, provided it be certified by you after an inspection of the proceedings that the punishment is deserved.

5. A communication will accordingly be made to the Government of Bombay requesting that all Convicts sentenced to transportation for dacoity by the Nizam's Government may on your requisition be conveyed to the Andamans and there treated in the same way as if they had been sentenced to transportation by a British Court.

6. The Governor General entirely agrees with you in opinion that it is not open to the British Government in the present state of our relations with the Nizam to act upon the proposal made by Major General Sir Hugh Rose in his letter of the 22nd February 1859.

7. The Governor General authorizes you to call upon the Nizam's Government to give compensation to the sufferers in the cases mentioned in the 9th paragraph of your letter, No. 28, dated the 26th March. If His Highness should admit the delinquency of the Tāluqdars, who are said to have connived at these depredations and shared in the plunder, and should declare his inability without aid to recover the amount from them, you are at liberty to tender to His Highness the assistance of the Contingent, in aid of any measures which His Highness may think proper to take for the purpose. Compensation for the proved losses suffered from the plunder of Captain Campbell's Camp, and of the Town of Bessode may be made from the revenues of the Assigned Districts.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. U. AITCHISON,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,
with the Governor General.

No. 52.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1860, No. 662.

Godavari. Kurnool.
Krishna. Bellary.

Communicated to the Magistrates of the Districts bordering
on the Hyderabad Territory.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 662. 29th May 1860.

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The Magistrate of
Inspector Genl. of Police.
Military Dept.

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The Secy to the Govt^r
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Genl. N^o 1641.

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Enclosure. 1.

N^o 849.

Forwards copy of a
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