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No. 106. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th March 1861, No. 284.

General Department.

In submitting the report of the Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah, of a gallant resistance to a gang of robbers made by the Villagers of Sidareddipulli, I have the honor to recommend the following rewards:

1. Cumbaghari Venkata Reddi, silver bangle and 50 Rupees.
2. Gangavaram Annamantu... ... ... Rupees 50
3. Jerripotu Yenkataputty. ... ... ,, 50
4. Mada Reddi Venkatareddi... ... ... ,, 50
5. Mayakal Gurapah... ... ... ,, 50
6. Govindu Reddi... ... ... ,, 50
7. Goorlee Condapah, a silver bangle and 50 Rupees.

2. The District of Cuddapah requires this example. There were 30 gang robberies in one month, and nothing can put a stop so effectually to this lawlessness, as the people taking courage to protect themselves.

3. I beg the earliest sanction to this recommendation—gang robbery is fearfully rife at present, and I am anxious that no time be lost in proclaiming the approval of Government of this gallant conduct.

From C. S. HEARN, Esq., Superintendent Police, Cuddapah, to the Inspector General, Madras Police, dated Poolumpett, 1st March 1861, No. 224.

I have the honor to report the following circumstances.

2. On the night of the 25th instant a torch robbery was committed in the hamlet of Seedareddy Pully. The gang was headed by one Dungaram Reddy, a notorious organizer of gang robberies dreaded through the country.

I was personally acquainted with this man who, though known to be implicated in robberies, had always escaped actual detection. He offered his services to me as a spy, probably as a blind, but I had a warrant out against him as concerned in a former robbery when the occurrence I am about to relate, took place.

3. The Villagers of Seedareddy Pully on hearing the robbers approach, withdrew into the fields with their women and children. They then returned, attacked the gang robbers (who were plundering grain) with axes, swords and clubs, killed 5 including Dungaram Reddy, the leader, and inflicted wounds on a 6th, which have led to his detection and apprehension.

The men killed and wounded are as follows:—

1. Dungaram Reddy, a notorious leader, much dreaded.
2. Nursigah, a well known robber from Chitvail.
3. Gunga Reddy, of Nuggary Pad, known to be leagued with robbers.
4. Ramigadoo, a Jungi Kattubadi of Anumrazpett.
5. Ramiah, a Taliary or Dhir of Pedda Rampad, *wounded.*
6. Chinniah, a well known robber from Chitvail.

I visited the spot myself and inquired particularly into all the details. The villagers on returning surrounded the outskirts of the village on 3 sides, and attacked the robbers. Cumbaghairee Venkatreddy, an old ryot, killed Dungaram Reddy, the leader, with 2 blows of a long axe. Dungaram Reddy was armed with an axe and a club, and appears to have been rallying the robbers against the villagers.

Gungavaram Annumuntoo a weaver, killed Chitvail Nursigah with one blow of a long sword on his neck. Nursigah carried a sling and a heavy club.

Jerripotoo Yenkataputty, a young ryot, attacked Kattubady Ramigadoo with a club—the Kattubady struck him in the thigh with a large stone, but he knocked the Kattubady down. Madee Reddy Venkatreddy a ryot, then came up and killed the Kattubady with a spear.

Mayakul Goorapah, a ryot, gave Gunga Reddy 3 blows with a large axe on the neck and back and killed him.

Ramiah, a Dhir of Pedda Rampad, a very powerful man was running to the assistance of Gunga Reddy, when Govindoo Reddy a ryot, brained him with one blow of a club. This same Govindoo Reddy also wounded the robber who is now in custody.

I believe this instance of stout determination on the part of the villagers, is almost unprecedented. It has created a wonderful effect through this part of the country, and the death of Dungaram Reddy is regarded as a general blessing.

I solicit that a handsome reward may be given to these brave villagers, and I would suggest that it should consist, at all events in part, of a bangle to be worn by them as a permanent memorial of their gallantry—a money reward might be added:

The names are as follows:—

1. Cumbengharee Venkatreddy.
2. Gungavaram Annamuntoo.
3. Jerripotoo Yenkataputty.
4. Madee Reddy Venkatreddy.
5. Mayakul Goorapah.
6. Govindoo Reddy, and to these I would add the name of
7. Garlee Condapah,

who killed a Gang robber in most gallant style a few days ago. The robbers entered his house and one presented a musket at him. He knocked up the musket, snatched the robber's dagger out of his girdle, and stabbed him twice with it, killing him on the spot.

This led to the apprehension of Chenna Reddy a Missal Reddy of Ootkoor, who has been convicted by the Sessions Court, and sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment.

The spirit of the people has been wonderfully raised by these occurrences. I asked the villagers of Seedareddy Pully how it was they had allowed gang robbers to oppress them so long without resistance. They replied "we thought there was no order to attack gang robbers with weapons, but when you came to Chitvail and told us we might take their lives in self defence, and when we heard you had given a man 50 Rupees inam for killing a gang robber, we determined to do the same."

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector Genl. of Madras Police.

No. 107. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1861, No. 310.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is highly gratified at learning the gallant resistance made by the villagers of Siddareddipully to a gang of robbers, which terminated in the killing of five of the robbers including the leader and the wounding of a sixth.

2. His Excellency in Council sanctions, as proposed by the Inspector General, a reward of (50) fifty Rupees to each of the seven villagers named, in appreciation of the courage displayed by them on the occasion, with a silver bangle in addition, to the two individuals named in the margin.

Cumbughari Venkatāreddi.
Goorlee Condapa.

3. The bestowal of these rewards and the circumstances under which they have been conferred should be notified in the District Gazetts of Cuddapah and of the adjoining Districts of Bellary and Kurnool.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Department.

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Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police

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Cumbuchari Venkata Reddi
Goorlee Kondappa

Inspector Genl of Police
Civil Auditor
Accountt General
Dispd 12-3-01

5. The best thanks of this Council are conveyed to the Inspector General of Police and to the Superintendent of Police Nellore for the able manner in which the case has been conducted and for the successful issue of the operations resulting in the capture of the whole gang of dacoits.

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Government are highly gratified at learning the gallant resistance made by the Villagers of Siddareddipully to a gang of robbers. Sanction a Reward of Rs. 50 to each of the seven Villagers named.

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