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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
16th August 1862.*

No 174. Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor of Vizagapatam; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th August 1862, No. 338.

The Superintendent of Police in this District came over to me this morning with three papers, two being Telegrams from the Inspector General, and the third a letter to his address from the Superintendent in the adjoining District of Godavari.

2. From these papers I learn for the first time (for not one line have I had from the Magistrate) that in the wild District called "Rumpah" which adjoins the 'Golgonda' Taluqs of Vizagapatam, certain ill disposed persons are fomenting a series of organized outrages against life and property. Captain Bloomfield, under date 29th ultimo, writes to Captain Buck as follows:

"A mild "Feetoory" (i. e., insurrection) is beginning in Rumpah, and
* Chiefly for murder and plunder. I have 34 warrants* against the inhabitants of that unknown land.

The Mutradar of Rumpah and a man named Rundipilli Tummia Dhora are chief people and have long been wanted. It is more than likely that on my pressing them, which I am going to do, that they may seek for their old hiding place,

† In Golgonda of Vizagapatam. Goodem.† These men are well known to the Goodem Sirdars, who

I want you to write to and tell them they must hand up any of the men in the list I will send you. I write this to give you warning. I am going with my Armed Reserve and some others right through in a short time."

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4. Now, in the first place, to use an Asiatic form of speech, let me ask, "where is Rumpah and where is Jeypore?" Between these territories, there intervene the large tracts of Golgonda, the Madigole Zemindari, the Pachipenta Estate and others. But my object in addressing the Government is to enquire whether it is their wish that the peace of the country, especially in disturbed times, should be left entirely to the Police, or whether the Magistrates of Districts should be held responsible. I do not believe it is the desire of Government that the Magistrate should play no part, above all in the wilder Hill Districts, where he is armed with additional powers as Agent to the Governor. And yet, a considerable section of the Armed Police Force of my District has been ordered off, directions have been issued to "watch" my most important Zemindary, and letters and warnings are to be sent to the Hill Chiefs of another out-lying quarter; the whole entirely without my concurrence, or even without request made for any aid and co-operation. Fortunately Captain Buck is a thoroughly well conditioned Officer, or all these means might have been carried out behind my back.

5. I have informed him that, as Governor's Agent, it will be for me to watch Jeypore, and that I shall further relieve him of the duty of writing to the "Goodem Sirdars." In regard to marching out the 36 Armed Reserve men, I am not sure it is prudent, as the marauders are expected to hide themselves in the Vizagapatam territory, but with the scanty information before me, I do not oppose it.

6. I trust I am right in supposing that the Magistrate of a District is still its chief Executive Officer, and that though he does not interfere with the detailed arrangements and interior discipline of the local Constabulary, that force is still an instrument in his hands for the peace of the country, whether coercion or "watching" is required. If this view of his position be correct, it is obvious that it is especially inexpedient to ignore it in the Agency Tracts, where he has frequently occasion to act in a semi-political capacity.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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