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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
30th August 1862.

No. 300. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st August 1862, No. 1,849.

General Department.

With reference to Government Order, dated 16th August 1862, No. 1,333, I beg to explain:

2. The Superintendent of Police of Godavery District telegraphed to me some weeks back that the processes of the Magistrate had been set at defiance by certain parties in Rumpah, that the Magistrate had resolved to enforce his authority, and that he (the Superintendent) was proceeding, under the Magistrate's instructions, into the country with the Armed Reserve of his Police (late *Sibandis*) to enforce the Law as had been done on a previous occasion.

3. I understood that the Magistrate of Godavery District deemed that no stronger force than his own Armed Reserve was necessary for this service. The occurrence was such as had been successfully dealt with by Captain Bloomfield and the Rajahmundry *Sibandi* Corps on the occasion above alluded to.

4. I, however, felt anxious. The Godavery District *Sibandi* Corps had been reduced to one-half its former strength on amalgamation with the Constabulary, and the change had led to a number of new men being entertained. The Superintendents

* Vizagapatam and Krishna. of two neighbouring Districts,* who both have Armed Reserves, were therefore directed by me, by telegraph, to send in 30 to

35 men each to re-inforce Captain Bloomfield in case of accident, I was exceedingly unwilling to leave any thing to chance. The force is young and it was the first time it had been required to enforce order amongst these Hill tribes.

5. I regret to add that these instructions to the Police Officers were not communicated by me direct to the Magistrates and the Agent of Vizagapatam. It was an oversight consequent on my being absent from my office travelling on by tour of duty in Tanjore and closely engaged. For this, I must apologize to these Officers. There was no intention whatever of setting aside the Magistrates or the Agent. No one knows better than the Agent of Vizagapatam how entirely my views and practical administration of the Police are opposed to any such intention, how thoroughly I do subordinate Police Officers of all grades to the District Magistracy; and, even in matters of departmental detail, require District Officers to consult and act on the views of the chief of the District. The District Superintendent communicates every matter that comes to his knowledge to Mr. Carmichael, and very properly takes all such communications as those alluded to in his letter to him.

6. I regret likewise that Captain Bloomfield did not, if there was time and opportunity, write formally to the Magistrate of Godavery in regard to the Gudom *Sirdars*. The Magistrate would have passed on the letter, if he thought the Agent's assistance requisite. The Agent has, however, kindly done what the Superintendent wished for on the personal representation of Captain Buck. Captain Bloomfield's communication was a demi-official note, hurriedly addressed to his brother Officer in the next District while busily engaged in preparing for a rapid expedition into the Hills. Instructions will be given for his future guidance.

7. With reference to my second telegram, I have instructed Captain Buck to keep me acquainted with any thing he learns of the effect of this disturbance in the temper of Jeypore. I am directed to carry out the new Police arrangement in Jeypore as soon as possible. The organization has already proceeded far, and a large body of men is under training at Vizagapatam for the occupation of the *Zamindari* early in November. I am naturally anxious to know any thing that transpires in regard to the feeling of that country at such a time as this; but I do not think it expedient to trouble the Agent while I have two Officers on the spot whose duty it is to inform me.

8. The use of the concise word "watch" of my telegram seems to have led to mis-apprehension. Practically speaking, neither the Agent nor the Police Officer have any organized means of "watching" Jeypore. But I trust that within a few months the Agent will have an

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Communicated to the Agent
in Viragapatam. The

The Govt Agent, Vinnagapatam.
" Magistrate of the Kistna District. with No 1333
" ————— do ————— Godavery ————— of 1862.
" Inspector General of Police. "