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No. 123. Read the following letter from Mr. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 29th September 1862, No. 2,219.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit a copy of Captain Bloomfield's letter* reporting the end of the Rumpah disturbances and the breaking up of the concentrated Constabulary Force which has so satisfactorily dealt with the difficulty.

2. Captain Bloomfield and Lieutenant Robertson report most favorably of the conduct of the whole body of Police engaged, under difficulties and deprivations of no small magnitude; sickness had, I regret to add, began to appear—as I learn from a recent Diary.

3. Both Officers notice with great commendation the services of Mr. Inspector Williams and Head Constable Kissick.

4. I beg to support Captain Bloomfield's recommendation that a Bangle worth 100 Rupees be presented to Chagal Dora. The Magistrate fully concurs in the application.

5. Captain Bloomfield testifies, it will be observed, to the worth and services of Applerauz, Sub-Magistrate of Rajahmundry, already brought to the notice of Government. The Magistrate. Lieutenant Robertson writes in Diary, dated 8th instant, as follows:—

“His information generally was excellent. He knows thoroughly how to manage the Hill tribes, among whom he has had nearly 40 years' experience. I have never seen his equal in this way. The Hill-men in return appear to place the greatest confidence in him and he obtains intelligence and assistance when others would fail entirely. Though upwards of 60 he is as active as any of half his age and accompanied the Superintendent and myself frequently on foot.”

From Captain A. BLOOMFIELD, Superintendent of Police, G. D., Rajahmundry; to Captain TENNANT, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Northern Range, Waltair, dated 11th September 1862, No. 431.

General Department.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Inspector General the return of Lieutenant Robertson from the last move into the Rumpah country. He has been very successful in apprehending the chief disturbers of the peace; and the knowledge of the country, hitherto unvisited by Europeans, gained by him must prove of great value and render any further operations (which I have every hope may not be required) comparatively easy. I would bring especially forward the surprise of the party (among whom were 10 men from Jeypore) in a small Pakah 18 miles distant from the base of Lieutenant Robertson's movements, so secure did these men consider themselves that they had not even taken the precaution so universally adopted by Hill men in future, of having a scout at a distance to give warning of the approach of strangers. This move combined with the constant activity of the Police while in the Hills has fully demonstrated to the inhabitants of the country that it is quite in our power to vindicate the law. The number apprehended at present is 27. Indeed only one man of note remains at large. After consultation with the District Magistrate it has been decided to break up the Force assembled at Gokarum. I have therefore directed the return of the Armed Reserves of Bunder and Vizagapatam. While mentioning these parties, I beg to bring to notice of Mr. Robinson the good behavior of the men which has been conspicuous. The present arrangement considered by Mr. Purvis to be ample is that a Company of the Armed Reserve remain at Gokarum, sending Patrols into Rumpah from time to time, this has been carried out, the remaining force of the Rajahmundry Police have returned to Rajahmundry. Lieutenant Robertson came across numerous passes that had been stopped up; from the numbers and situations of them, I am convinced that all the inhabitants of the central Moutahs have been concerned in this future. Lieutenant Robertson's Diary of his movements in the Hills herewith forwarded will give full particulars, hence my so partially alluding to the operations. The Assistant Superintendent has brought to my notice the good behaviour of all, stating, “I have had hardly a single case of misconduct and have never had a

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more cheerful and willing body of men under my command. I trust the Inspector General will consider this satisfactory, as owing to the weather, want of cover and constant moving by night and day from the 26th of August till the 6th of September has been trying work for so young a Force. Mr. Williams and Head Constable Kissick have been of great assistance during the whole affair—320 men including Kotah contingent have been rationed constantly since the beginning of the operations in the early part of August, precautions having been taken at an early date to store rice at points S. E. and W. of Rumpah from whence we could draw as required; for the above arrangements, we are entirely indebted to the foresight and unwearying zeal of Sub-Magistrate Applerauz. This man's conduct is worthy of all commendation. I have known him intimately since 1857 when I was associated with him in the disturbances in this District, of that year. His perfect knowledge of the Hill tribes, his great tact, unflinching pluck and honesty of purpose render him, I respectfully suggest, well worthy of some special mark of the Government's approbation. I am aware that the Magistrate of the District is bringing his conduct to notice. There is another man whom I would submissively suggest be rewarded by a Silver Bangle and 100 Rupees reward. His name is Chenal Dhora; his father was the chief of the former Ramboopaty's retinue and had very great influence in Rumpah, as his son has at present, who is much looked up to by all Moutadars; in consequence of this he has fallen under the displeasure of the present Zemindar, and constant complaints were preferred against him by the Zemindar, all of which I believe are utterly false. In the early part of 1860 an uneasy feeling was abroad about Rumpah and a rescue of prisoners from Gokarum by Rumpah men was reported (falsely I believe) to have been effected; Chenal Dhora was then with the Magistrate of the District under surveillance. Mr. Purvis permitted his being handed over to me, and at the same time transferred Sub-Magistrate Applerauz to the Rajahmundry Taluq from Gootalah; through their instrumentality upwards of 20 of the Rumpah Moutadars met me at Gokarum and accompanied me to Cocanada to see Mr. Purvis where all their grievances were heard, and I believe this meeting had much to do to stave off the future, then somewhat imminent, and I am inclined to think has had its effect to the present day, as almost all those that then came in have been on the present occasion on the side of order; through Chenal Dhora a great deal of information has been received and he was a very valuable aid to myself when entering the country at first, and continued to give his unpaid for assistance throughout. A sign from Government that this man's conduct has been appreciated, and that though most inimical to the Munsuphdar of Rumpah, he never sided with those who would have taken the law into their own hands.

It may be thought I have dwelt somewhat longer than necessary on this subject, but from experience I have learnt in dealing with these little known of Hill tribes, the great value of having a sensible man thoroughly conversant with country and inhabitants like this, to consult and am free to confess have often been guided by him, and Applerauz, I am therefore anxious particularly at the present time to attach this man if possible more completely to the State and it will be an incentive to others to act in the same manner. In conclusion I would beg to record the valuable aid and hearty assistance given me by Lieutenant Robertson; this Officer's merits are well known to the Inspector General and I am indeed proud of the kind manner in which Mr. Purvis has thought fit to record the services of the Constabulary in a late letter to the Secretary to Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of M. Police.

No. 124.

ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1862, No. 1,694.

The Magistrate of the Godavery District is authorized to present a silver Bangle of the value of one hundred Rupees to Chenal Dora for his services with the Police Force which was engaged in the Rumpah country.

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2. The Government have already noticed with high approval the conduct of Captain Bloomfield, Lieutenant Robertson, and A. Appalaraz. They observe that Mr. Inspector Williams and Head Constable Kissick are also favorably mentioned by the Officers of the Department, and that the entire body of Police present in the expedition behaved well. The result of the operations is very satisfactory.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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