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25th November 1862.*

No. 172. Read the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary ;
to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George,
dated Bellary, 4th November 1862, No. 51.

1. With reference to para. 6 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,380, dated 23rd

August 1862, I have the honor, under the
circumstances stated in the enclosed original
correspondence,* to request sanction for giving
rewards as mentioned below :—

* Letter from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, to the
Acting Joint Magistrate of Bellary, No. 100, dated 15th
October 1862.
1 Do. do. No. 101, 22nd do.
1 Do. from the Acting Joint Magistrate, to the Ma-
gistrate, No. 137, dated 30th do.

1. To Sannirappa of Woblapur in the Taluk of Dharmavaram, a silver bangle valued at
Rupees fifty.

2. „ Yerra Obanna of Battalapalli in the Taluk of Penkonda, do. do.

3. „ Nirkanti Yerrugadu of do. a silver bangle valued at Rupees 25.

4. „ Boya Kamugadu of do. do. do.

5. „ Boya Mullagadu of do. do. do.

2. The rewards will be more valued, if given in the shape of bangles, as requested by the
Assistant Superintendent of Police.

From Lieutenant F. J. HICKS, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bellary District ; to J. W.
REID, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Bellary, dated Tadpatri, 15th October 1862, No. 100.

I have the honor to bring to your notice a case of resistance to robbers that occurred lately
in Pennacondah Taluk, and request you will be good enough to
recommend the grant of a small reward to the villagers mentioned
in the margin.

1. Yerra Obanna.
2. Nirkanti Yerrugadu.
3. Boya Kamugadu.
4. Boya Mullagadu.

On the night of 25th ultimo, some robbers came to the sheep-fold of Pothugah Venketa-
nah, a resident of Bathulpully hamlet of Peddapully. One of the robbers entered the sheep-fold
by removing the fence, but was immediately seized by one Yerra Obanna who was watching the
sheep and who called out loudly for assistance. Three villagers Nirkanti Yerrugadu, Boya
Kamugadu, and Boya Mullagadu answered the call, and notwithstanding that the robbers vigor-
ously pelted them with stones, advanced boldly against them and eventually drove them off, and
enabled the watcher Yerra Obanna to secure the prisoner first seized. This prisoner has been
committed to Sessions Court by Sub-Magistrate of Bookapatam. Of the villagers, Nirkanti
Yerrugadu and Boya Kamugadu were hit by the stones thrown by the robbers, the former on
right ankle, and the latter on the abdomen.

Robbers very frequently attack sheep-folds in this manner, and it will, I think, have a good
effect if villagers are encouraged to offer resistance.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. REID,
Acting Joint Magistrate.

From Lieutenant F. J. HICKS, Assistant Superintendent of Police ; to J. W. REID, Esq.,
Joint Magistrate of Bellary, dated Anantapur, 22nd October 1862, No. 101.

I have the honor to bring to your notice a case of resistance to gang robbers, and request
you will be good enough to recommend the grant of a suitable reward to the parties concerned.

On the night of the 26th July last, a gang of about 15 robbers armed with sticks and carry-
ing torches entered Woblapur, a hamlet of Moolkalaid in Dharmavaram Taluk, and attempted to
plunder the house of one Sannirappa. On one of the robbers approaching the chupper of the
veranda waving a lighted torch, the complainant's son-in-law Mallayya rushed on him, dashed
out the torch, put both arms round him and held him tight. While they were struggling, the
other robbers struck Mallayya on the head and back with sticks and he dropped, and died in
about an hour. Ajjapah complainant's son went to Mallayya's assistance, but was beaten and
driven back by the robbers. The robbers then tried to get in at the door of the room belong-
ing to complainant's brother Virbaddrapah, but Virbaddrapah held the door fast and threatened
to kill the first man that entered.

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In the meantime the complainant managed to slip out unobserved by the robbers and commenced throwing stones from behind, and at the same time calling out that people from another village were coming to the assistance. On this the robbers fled without being able to plunder the house.

Woblapur consists solely of three houses inhabited by the complainant and his family, and great credit is therefore due to them for driving off an organized gang without any other aid. The complainant is a sharer in the Patelship of Moolkalaid, and I believe well to do in the world. I would not therefore recommend a money reward, but think that the grant of a silver bangle (value from 50 to 100 Rupees) to the complainant as head of the family, would be more valued and thought more of. On previous occasions of money rewards being granted, I have been told by the recipients that a bangle would have been preferred.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. REID,
Acting Joint Magistrate.

From J. W. REID, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate of Bellary; to A. HATHAWAY, Esq.,
Magistrate of Bellary, dated Anantapur, 30th October 1862, No. 137.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Lieutenant Hicks, Assistant Superintendent of Police, recommending a reward of a silver bangle (value from 50 to 100 Rupees) to one Sannirappa, inhabitant of Obalapur hamlet of Mulkalaid, for gallant resistance to a gang of robbers by him and his family, one of whom was killed.

2. The account given by the Assistant Superintendent is with the exception of the conduct of the complainant's brother Verabhadrappe, substantially the same as gathered from the record, I have therefore the honor to recommend that a reward of a silver bangle valued at 50 Rupees be given to the prosecutor Sannirappa, who is the head of the family.

3. I have further the honor to recommend the bestowal of the following rewards. A bangle valued at 50 Rupees to one Yerra Obanna of Buttalapalli, hamlet of Peddapalli in the Penugonda Taluk, and bangles valued at 25 Rupees each to Neergunti Yerrugadu, Boya Kamugadu and Boya Mallagadu of the same village, for spirited attack on and capture of one of a gang of robbers who attempted to rob a sheep-fold on the night of the 23th of September, reported by Lieutenant Hicks in a letter, copy of which is enclosed, and from which the particulars of the affair may be gathered.

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1862, No. 1,914.

In the foregoing letter the Magistrate of Bellary has recommended that a reward, in the shape of silver bangle valued at Rupees 50, should be presented to Sannirappa, the head of a family occupying a lonely hamlet, called Woblapore consisting only of 3 houses in the Taluk of Dharmavaram, who on the night of the 21st July last beat off a gang of robbers. Sannirappa's son-in-law it appears died of the blows inflicted on him by the robbers in the course of their struggle. The Magistrate also recommends

that similar rewards should be given to the persons named in the margin, for having beaten off a gang of robbers who attacked their sheep-fold, and captured one of the gang.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the rewards recommended in each case.

3. The attention of the Magistrate of Bellary is called to para. 4 of the Order of Government, 21st May 1859, No. 801, Public Department.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

Judicial Department.

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Read letter from the
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Received 14th November 1862 No. 51

Order thereon 25th November 1862 No. 1914

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To The Magistrate of Bellary }
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Chief of Naval
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Dated 25th November 1861

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in the village of Mollapour
in Berhamp.*