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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
3th December 1862.*

No. 66. Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Magistrate of Nellore ; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Nellore, 19th November 1862, No. 39.

With reference to the 6th paragraph of the Order of Government of the 23rd August last, No. 1,380, I have the honor to recommend that rewards be given to (1) Nunna Venkatasami, and (2) Koniti Ragadu, for successfully resisting an attack made by gang robbers on the house and shop of the former, pursuing the gang, and capturing one of them.

2. Nunna Venkatasami lives in the Shrotrium village of Addepulli, at present attached to the Taluq of Guduru in this District; and, on the night of the 6th ultimo, whilst lying awake, heard the alarm given by his father and mother, who slept near the shop, that they were attacked by robbers.

3. Nunna Venkatasami caught up a spear, and ran to the assistance of his father and mother. He was in his turn attacked by the gang, and instead of giving way, he resisted the attack and stabbed one of his assailants with the spear.

4. A struggle ensued, the man stabbed laying hold of the spear. And, whilst Nunna Venkatasami and the robber were struggling, Koniti Ragadu came up behind, and, with a stick, gave the robber 3 such severe blows, that, at the last, he fell, calling out to his companions he was dying.

5. The gang on hearing the cry of their companion, gave their whole attention to him, took him up, and made off.

6. In addition to Koniti Ragadu, who lives in the same village some 20 yards off, many others of the villagers had come to Nunna Venkatasami's assistance. And, on the robbers commencing to beat a retreat, they all went in pursuit.

7. The foremost in pursuit was Koniti Ragadu, who had already given such good assistance in the first instance, and who now again distinguished himself. For he got up so close as to knock down another of the robbers, who had stopped to sling stones at the pursuers, and was knocked over in the act of turning to continue his flight. He was a Mussulman. This time no attempt was made by the gang to save their companion. And the Mussulman being left to his fate, and secured, gave up the names of his companions, who with himself belonged to the town of Guduru and had come thence some 20 miles the previous day to commit the robbery.

8. The man who had been wounded with the spear by Nunna Venkatasami, turned out to be Sidda Reddi Venkatarama Riddi, a nephew of one of the headmen of Guduru.

9. It so happened that I passed through Guduru on the 7th October, on my way to Saidapuram. And, on my return, on the 9th idem, at the request of Venkatasami who came to me and told me what had occurred, I visited Sidda Reddi Venkatarama Reddi who had been arrested in Guduru.

10. Sidda Reddi Venkatarama Reddi made no complaint. The stab was there, and the result of a straight forward well delivered thrust. And so far as the resistance to gang robbers was concerned, I might then have brought forward the case for the consideration of Government.

11. But, as the case was about to be committed to Court, it seemed advisable to stay this report till the result of the trial was known. And I now beg to state that the case as regards the gang robbery was duly tried on the 6th October, and the prisoners (1) Sidda Reddi Venkatarama Reddi, and (2) Mohammed Sultan sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment.

12. I also enclose copy of the Proceedings of the Sessions Court, under date the 6th instant, bringing the meritorious conduct of Nunna Venkatasami and Koniti Ragadu to my notice, as well as detailing briefly the facts proved before the Court as regards the part taken by these men in resisting the attack of a gang, the Court estimates to have consisted of about 20 robbers, and capturing one of them.

13. The facts proved before the Court, the Government will observe, agree with the detailed report furnished in the preceding paragraph. And I beg to recommend that a reward be

8th December 1862.

No. 373.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. ELIOTT,
Acting Sessions Judge.

To the Magistrate of Nellore.

(True Copy.)

No. 67.

ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1862, No. 1,991.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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8th December 1862

H. E. the Governor in
Council is pleased to
sanction ^{the grant of} a reward of
Rs. 100 One Hundred to
each of the men named

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Mr. Ind. ^{Department.}
From, Mr. Magistrate of Nellore.
To, Mr. Secy. to Government.
Dated 19/10/1907
Despatched 21/10/1907
Received 24/10/1907

In Com.
Enclosure.
No. 2357 No. 39.
Submits for the consideration
of Government the particulars of a
string and successful assistance
to an attack of Gang Robbers in the
Andhra Pradesh, and recommends
the sanction of a reward of 100
Rupees each to the two individuals
who distinguished themselves
in the matter.

With an Order.

be published in the District Gazette.
If the Magistrate should be of opinion
that it will enhance the value of
the Magistrate the rewards & for them in
of Nellore. the shape of silver bangles
" Inspector Genl. If he is not liberty to do so.
" Police.
" Civil Commissioner.
" Deputy Auditor Genl. } depd by A

Cal. Secy.
22/10/1907

Chief Secretary.