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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES Esq., Agent to the Governor in Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chetterpore, 4th February 1862, No. 11.

Paragraph 1. Adverting to my letter No. 222, dated 21st November 1861, regarding apprehended disturbances among the Khonds and to the Order of Government thereon No. 1,484, dated 2nd December 1861, in the concluding paragraph of which they desire to be kept informed of occurrences in the Khond country, I have the honor to report that the party of Sibbundies (numbering 70 men) sent into the Hills by the Superintendent of Police on my application served to check these disturbances to all appearance, and that the petty chiefs who were named as the instigators, came in on Summons to Russelconda and assured the Assistant Agent there that they had no hostile intention towards each other or any one else. Things being to all appearance quiet in the Malia attached to Goomsoor, the Guard was withdrawn after a stay of about three weeks.

2. The Native Officer in Command however gathered from some of the Khonds that the hostile parties (who were at variance regarding a disputed boundary) had settled among themselves that a series of combats should take place for the next three years, and that the party which had the best of it at the end of that period should possess the disputed lands; that the Khonds would not act in open opposition to Government, but would take care on the occasion of these fights to evade interference.

3. This strange statement appears by subsequent events to have had some foundation, for since the Guard has been withdrawn more than one collision has taken place, the hostile parties have been joined on both sides by friends and allies, and the last fight is said to have been followed on the part of the victors by the plunder and burning of several villages.

4. The Sub-Magistrate who is stationed at Poornaghur and who reports this matter has moved to Wodiaghery for security, and I have thought it necessary to apply for a strong party to escort him back to and protect him at his Station. As the quarrel has now enlisted on either side many of the villages in the Goomsur Malias, I propose to go up in person taking with me the whole of the available Armed Reserve which, including the Guard now being despatched, will number about 170 men of all ranks.

5. My first object will be to cause the villages which have been plundered and burnt to be re-occupied under our protection, and after ascertaining the names and whereabouts of the principal persons engaged, to endeavour to secure their persons and demand a restitution of the plundered property and an immediate cessation of all hostile acts.

6. Under the recent Order of the Government of India terminating the Meria Agency, the duty of suppressing barbarous rites is devolved upon the authorities of this and other Districts, and they are further charged with the *maintenance of peace and good order*, a task which will involve the location of parties of Armed Police in suitable posts throughout the extensive Malias of Chinna Kimedy, Bodagudda and Pedda Kimedy.

7. The steps to be taken in view to this object will be shortly discussed between Mr. Robinson, Mr. Fane and myself, and as Mr. Robinson will probably be here on the 10th, I propose to go with him to Russelconda and be in readiness to go on from thence into the Hills by the 15th; I will however await any communication the Government may think it necessary to make to me by Telegraph at that place up to the 15th.

P. S.—I am about to call upon the Officer Commanding the 5th Regiment for two Companies to occupy Russelconda when I withdraw the Armed Reserve.

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1862, No. 267.
Communicated to the Military Department.
(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.

Exd. F, Cartledge.

Ganjam District Governor

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Enclosure mentioned
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To the Military Dep't Dated 19th

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