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Read the following papers :—

No. 196. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Berhampore, 28th February 1862, No. 526.

General Department.

Para. 1. I have the honor to request, with reference to the enclosures* (submitted in original), the sanction of Government to disburse small rewards, at the rates shewn in the margin,† to four individuals for meritorious conduct in aiding the Police in apprehending 2 highway men and dispersing a formidable gang of robbers that has infested the Eastern Taluq of the Bellary District for some time. In all (50) fifty Rupees.

* The Asstt. Supdt. of Police, Bellary No. 3 without date.
" Supdt. of do., dated 24th January 1862, No. 49.
" Magistrate of do., of 12th February 1862, No. 39.

† C. Narainnapah... ... Rs. 10
S. Chidambrapa... ... " 10
Nursigaudu.. ... " 10
Lutchmi Reddy.. ... " 20
Total Rupees.. 50

2. The Magistrates and Police Officers of Districts hitherto infested by gang robbers and highway men are anxiously exerting themselves to arouse the people in self-defence and associate them with the Police in energetically suppressing these crimes. The countenance of Government shewn by the grant, as a mark of distinction, of even a small reward is much appreciated

3. I have put a higher reward against the name of Lutchmi Reddy than that named by the Magistrate. He was most active and prompt, and he belongs to a class, the village Reddies, which it is our special object to interest in the suppression of crime.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, Madras, dated Raidroog, 12th February 1862, No. 49.

1. I have the honor to forward herewith for your favorable consideration, an original letter, No. 39, of the 24th ultimo, with its enclosure, received from the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, recommending that a reward may be given to the individuals marginally noted, for the valuable assistance rendered by them, in apprehending the prisoners alluded to in the said letter.

1 Komaty Narayanapa.
2 Sungal Chidambrapa. } of Pamdurti.
3 Ryot Narasigadu.
4 Latchmi Reddi of Kistnapur and the Reddi of Pamdurti.

2. In my opinion, a reward of Rupees 10 to each of the said individuals, is sufficient.

From Major A. C. McMASTER, Superintendent of Police, Bellary; to A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary, dated 21th January 1862, No. 39.

I have the honor to forward, for such consideration as you deem fit, copy of a letter addressed to me by Lieutenant Hicks my Assistant, with a view to a small reward being granted to the Reddy of Pamdurty and three other individuals, for the assistance afforded by them in the pursuit and apprehension of two of a gang of 15 persons, who attacked and plundered four inhabitants of Pamdurty.

The Prisoners have been committed by the Principal Sadr Ameen to the Sessions Court.

From Lieutenant F. J. HICKS, Assistant Superintendent of Police; to Captain McMASTER, Superintendent of Police, Bellary District, No. 3.

I have the honor to inform you that on the 13th ultimo, four inhabitants of Pamdurti coming from Reddypully to Pamdurti were attacked at about 10 o'clock A.M., by a gang of about 15 men and plundered of property said to be worth 25 Rupees at a place situated in the boundaries of the Reddy of Agrar, news of the robbery was received at the station house at Pamdurti at about 12 o'clock noon. The Deputy at once wrote off letters to the Reddies of Agrar and Cottacotah requesting them to be on the alert and assist in seizing the robbers. He himself with 2 Constables accompanied by the Reddy and

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several inhabitants of Pamdurti, and a Deputy and 2 Constables of the Cuddapah District who happened to be at Pamdurti on duty, at once set out to apprehend the robbers. At about 3 o'clock P.M., two scouts (who had been posted on a hill) gave the alarm "that the robbers were running away." The party at once gave chase, but with some difficulty as the country about is full of low jungle. A Police Constable named Madar Sahib‡ No. 856 however assisted by 1st class Constable Shally Sahib,‡ Comaty Narrainapah§ and Sungal Chuddumbrapa§ succeeded in apprehending one of the robbers named Kurach Timmagadoo. Another robber named Culloor Sooboodoo was caught by Ryot Nursigadoo¶ assisted by Letchmareddy, inhabitant of Kristnapoor, who deserves great credit for the spirited way in which they joined in the pursuit. The remaining robbers managed to escape although they were pursued until long after dark.

‡ Both of the Bellary Force.

§ Both of Pamdurti.

¶ Of Pamdurti.

At the place where the robbers were first seen, a loaded gun, a spear, several cooking chatties and other property were found. A hatchet and other articles were also found on the persons of the 2 robbers apprehended. Of these articles, a woman's cloth, a bag and another cloth were recognized by the people who had been robbed in the morning. The 2 prisoners have been committed to the Court of the Principal Sadr Ameen, Bellary, by the Sub Magistrate of Bookapatam.

The Reddy of Cottacota did not answer to the call for assistance and states he was absent from his village and did not receive the letter sent by the Deputy Constable until evening. The Reddy of Agrar did not arrive until after the 2 robbers had been apprehended. As the robbery took place in his limits he should have been one of the first on the spot. If he had promptly answered the call for assistance made by the Deputy Constable of Pamdurti, he would probably have cut off the retreat of the robbers, as in proceeding from his village to the scene of the robbery, he would have passed in the direction the robbers took in their flight.

The Reddy of Pamdurti rendered great assistance and at once assembled his villagers to accompany the Police. He and his men also actively engaged in the pursuit and perhaps it would have a good effect to grant a small reward to the 4 individuals mentioned as having assisted in the actual apprehension of the robbers.

The Deputy Constable of Pamdurti was most active in this affair and I strongly recommend him for promotion. He has a good knowledge of the Police Act and has conducted his duties most satisfactorily since he has been in the Police service.

2nd class Constable Madar Saib has already been promoted to 1st class, the other Constable was already ot the 1st class and being unable to read or write is scarcely qualified for the grade of Deputy Constable.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) A. C. McMASTER, Major,
Superintendent of M. Police.

No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1862, No. 490.

The Government sanction the disbursement of rewards, Rupees (20) twenty to the Reddi of Pandurti and Rupees (10) ten each to three other inhabitants of that village for the active assistance rendered by them in the capture of two gang robbers.

2. The Collector of Bellary will publish in the District Gazette a notice of the circumstance and of the rewards granted by the Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Govt: sanction the disbursement of rewards, Rs:/20/ Twenty to the Reddi of Poudurti and Rs:/10/ Ten each to three other inhabitants of that village for the active assistance rendered by them in the capture of two gang robbers.

2. The Collector of Bellary will publish in the District Gazette a notice of the circumstance and of the rewards granted by the Government.

To the Superintendent of Police.
" Collector of Bellary.
" Civil Paymaster
" Accountt General.

Dated 24th

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