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No. 215. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th March 1862, No. 8.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government copy of a letter to my address from the Acting Joint Magistrate of Cuddapah, recommending a reward to be bestowed by Government on one C. Goontiwadu, who resisted the attack of three robbers, on another ryot's house, on the night of 22nd January 1862; one of the robbers was armed with a deadly weapon, and is reported to have been a powerful man, and to have been killed by Goontiwadu by a lawful act of self-defence. I need say nothing further than refer to Mr. Molony's letter on the subject, and add my recommendation thereto.

2. Instead however of a reward of Rupees fifty, I would suggest the bestowal of a silver bangle, with an inscription showing it to be the gift of Government, which is more prized than a sum of money and Rupees twenty-five will suffice for this purpose. There can be no doubt of the efficiency of these public rewards for the encouragement of the people, and the suppression of crime. I learn from a subsequent letter of the Joint Magistrate that two persons have been apprehended on the above charge of robbery, and are now under investigation.

From F. B. MOLONY, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate, Cuddapah; to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Magistrate, Cuddapah, dated Voilpaud, 15th February 1862, No. 19.

I have the honor to report that between the hours of 11 and 12 on the night of the 22nd January 1862 a party of robbers, three in number, attacked the house of one Gooroovadoo at Edigapalli a hamlet of Chintaparty in the Kalakadu Taluq. The door of the house was broken open and two of the robbers went in, leaving one outside. This man was armed with a hunting hatchet and is said to have been a very powerful man named Saka Soobadoo. A ryot named Cooraba Goontiwadoo, attracted by the noise, came to the spot and was attacked by this man whom however he succeeded in knocking down with a blow of a heavy club, following it up with others by which the robber was killed. The remaining two robbers decamped immediately with ornaments valued at Rupees 29, Annas 6, which they had taken from the persons of Gorovadoo and his wife. For this spirited conduct I would beg to recommend that a reward of (50) fifty Rupees be given to Cooraba Goontiwadoo in as public a manner as possible. The present system of giving rewards for resistance has had the very best effect in this part of the country, violent crime is rapidly diminishing and in a great number of cases robbers are now successfully resisted by the villagers and driven off before they can effect their purpose. This case is only one of three cases of resistance now under enquiry, and I shall make a similar recommendation in the other cases should they be as satisfactory as this one.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Magistrate.

No. 216. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1862, No. 501.

His Excellency in Council is pleased to sanction a sum of (Rupees 50) fifty Rupees being disbursed to Goontiwadoo, for his spirited conduct against three robbers, who were attacking another ryot's house. The reward may be given in the form recommended by Mr. Wedderburn, viz, a silver bangle, with an inscription on it, of a value not exceeding Rupees 25, and the rest of the amount in cash.

2. A notice of this affair should be published in the District Gazette.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 501 - 26 March 1862

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The Magistrate of Cuddalore. 1
" Inspector Genl. of Police. 2
" Civil Auditor. 1
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