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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
7th April 1862.*

No. 65. Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Magistrate, Kistna District; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated March 1862, No. 133.

* Dated 11th instant, No. 12.

I have the honor to submit a letter* from the Head Assistant Magistrate, recommending that a reward be given to three Kattubadi Peons, for brave resistance to a gang of robbers.

2. The village of Vavilala, in Tiruvur Taluq of this district, was attacked by a gang of robbers, said to be 30 in number, on the night of the 4th instant, after plundering the houses of Nagubandi Kistnamma, and Nagubandi Kotam Setti, Merchants, of property said to be worth 1,800 Rupees; the robbers were about to torture them, to procure information of any further property that they might have concealed.

3. They had posted a guard at the gate, who were firing off their muskets, to deter the inhabitants from interfering with them, when, the 3 Kattubadies named in the margin fired on the guard, killing one on the spot, and dangerously wounding another and caused the gang at once to retreat carrying away the wounded man and the property.

1. Selam Pentanaikudu.
2. Dontala Jagannaikudu.
3. Chenna Ramudu.

20 in cash and a Silver Bangle worth 20 Rupees.

4. Mr. Melville recommends a reward of 40 Rupees each to be given to the three men, and I trust the Government will accede to his request.

5. As the Taluq of Tiruvur has not been taken over by the new Police, I make this application direct, instead of through the Inspector General of Police: Mr. Robinson is moreover at a distance from Madras, and any recommendation submitted through him would necessarily be much delayed.

From R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Head Assistant Magistrate, Kistna District; to G. THORNHILL, Esq., Magistrate, Kistna District, Masulipatam, dated 11th March 1862, No. 12.

I have the honor to enclose a record this day received from the Tiravûr Sub-Magistrate. From the Arzi and record it appears that on the night of the 4th instant, a gang of robbers attacked Vâvilala (a village close to the frontier and about four miles from Tiruvûr) and entering the houses of two Komaties, Kistunsetti, and Kâtemsetti, robbed from them about 1,800 Rupees worth of property. The robbers were about to torture the Komaties, in order to force

- † 1. Dontala Jagannaikudu.
2. Selam Pentanaikudu.
3. Chenna Ramudu.

them to give up any concealed property they might have, when three Kattubadi Peons† fired on those of the robbers who were on guard at the doors of the houses, killing one on the spot and severely wounding another. In consequence the robbers at once decamped taking with them their wounded comrade and the stolen property.

From the statement of those present it would appear that the gang numbered about thirty men, and though the number may possibly be somewhat exaggerated, as is usual in such cases, still, there seems no doubt that the gang was a strong one, and this being the case, the conduct of the three Peons in attacking them is most praiseworthy.

† A Bangle worth 20 Rupees and 20 Rupees in cash.

I have the honor therefore to request that a reward of (40) forty† Rupees each may be given to the above named Peons. The Sub-Magistrate in his Arzi recommends that those two whose shots were successful should receive double the reward of the third who missed his aim; but I do not agree with him, as the things to be encouraged is the spirit of resistance to such outrages and not good marksmanship.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Magistrate.

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No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1862, No. 564.

The Government authorize the Magistrate of the Kistna District to present each of the Cuttoobady Peons named in his letter, with a Silver Bangle of the value of twenty Rupees, and Rupees twenty in cash, in recognition of their courageous conduct in putting to flight a gang of robbers, when plundering two houses in the village of Vavilala, Tiruvur Talook

2. A notice of the affair and the rewards granted by the Government, should be published in the District Gazette.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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 From J. P. of April
 The Magistrate
 R.D.
 To J. P. Chief Secretary
 to Govt. of the Province
 D. No. 24 March 1862
 Recd. 29th —
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Submitting an ap-
 plication from Mr
 Melville, R.D. for
 Magistrate R.D. for
 rewarding & assisting
 persons for the resistance
 against a gang of robbers
 in Tirunelveli.

Encl. on Order.

Tirunelveli Taluk.

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The Magistrate of the
 District District.
 Inspector Genl. of Police.
 Civil Paymaster.
 Sect. Genl.

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