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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 28th August 1863.

No. 254. Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Magistrate of Salem; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated on Circuit, Sankerrydroog, 19th August 1863, No. 133.

I have the honor to forward the enclosed copy of a communication from the Acting Joint Magistrate of Salem, and to recommend that a reward of Rupees 100 be given to Sonnan for the courage he displayed in attacking a gang of robbers.

2. The sanction of Government is therefore requested for the disbursement of this sum to Sonnan.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate of Salem; to the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Magistrate of Salem, dated Usur, 6th August 1863, No. 99.

With reference to paragraph 6 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,380, dated 23rd August 1862, I have the honor to report upon a case in which I consider a reward is merited for courageous resistance offered to robbers.

2. One Sonnan hearing that his brother's houses were being robbed by eleven men at night, ran to the rescue. One of his brothers had an arm broken near the wrist, another had his head laid open, and others in the houses were so grievously wounded that after two months even they have not recovered. Sonnan himself received bad sword cuts in three places. Though Rupees (500) five hundred worth of property is said to have been robbed, one of the robbers was mortally wounded and the rest driven off by the determined resistance offered by this man Sonnan. On first coming to the rescue he laid about him with a sword till he was disarmed and seized by one man whom he hit in the chest till he let him go. Then he was seized by others and held and pressed down under a bamboo, till he contrived to wriggle out and make his escape. He ran straight to his own house and came back armed with a spear and struck the first man in the bowels, and the others seeing his entrails come out, immediately decamped. This prisoner died of his wound, and before death gave a deposition confessing the robbery and naming (10) ten others that had accompanied him; but it was subsequently found that he had given names which had no existence in the villages he mentioned, and unfortunately none of the other robbers have been apprehended.

You are aware of the importance of making an encouraging example of men who show what this country so much wants, courage in resisting the attacks of robbers. I presume therefore you will be able to recommend the grant of a handsome reward to this man to be made into a ring, bangle or other ornament as he may prefer.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Magistrate.

No. 255. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1863, No. 1,398.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Magistrate of Salem to present a reward of Rupees (100) one hundred to Sonnan, the individual referred to in the foregoing letter, for his courageous resistance of a gang of robbers.

2. The reward may be given either in money, or in a Silver bangle or in such other form as Sonnan may elect.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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The Governor in Council
authorises the Paymaster of Civil
Debts to present Ahmed of Rho-
dus with the sum of Fifteen
Rupees in addition to the Reward
granted him for his Courageous
Exertions in the apprehension of Robert
Lee Cadee of a gang of robbers

The Secretary may be pleased
to give an order or in such other form as
may be

To the Board of Salem
" Civil Paymaster
" Board Secretary
" Superintendent of Police

dated 31/8/03