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No. 122. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Salem, 8th August 1863, No. 2,084.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying application for a pension to Ravana Bhai, widow of the late Amajee, Constable No. 787 of the Bellary Force, who met his death under the following circumstances.

2. On the night of the 19th June, he proceeded with a village watcher on night patrol on the high road in the neighbourhood of Anantapore. About midnight they came upon a gang of Dacoits preparing to attack the house of a merchant. The gang of Dacoits attacked the deceased in a very brutal way and in a strong body. He held his ground, and the intended Dacoity was prevented. But the Constable had his leg broken—a compound fracture—in the fight. The leg had to be amputated. Tetanus set in and deprived him of life.

3. The widow has been left quite destitute with four children* to support. Her husband was a good servant of Government.

* Munnajee aged 8 years. } Sons.
Venkajee aged 3 years. }
Lukshmi Bhai aged 7 years. } Girls.
Venkatamah aged 10 years. (adopted.) }

4. The pension should be three Rupees (3) per month.

5. I am most anxious to secure the liberality of Government in consideration of this good service. Dacoity is *the* crime of the Ceded Districts, and is often attended with a ferocious disregard of human life, such as is met with nowhere else. The crime is being checked effectively by the Police; and it is of the utmost importance to encourage the Force in the service, for it is attended with considerable personal danger.

From Lieutenant F. J. HICKS, Superintendent of Mofussil Police, Bellary; to Captain C. S. HEARN, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Vellore, dated Bellary, 27th July 1863, No. 516.

I have the honor to forward you a letter from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, reporting the death of Constable Amajee, No. 787, from injuries received in an encounter with robbers in the execution of his duty. I most strongly support the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent that a pension be granted to his widow. Constable Amajee was a well conducted man and was enlisted on the 18th November 1860, and served 2 years, 8 months and 10 days. He also served in the old Police and was an old servant of Government.

From Lieutenant W. H. HOSKINS, Assistant Superintendent of Police; to Lieutentant J. F. HICKS, Superintendent of Police, Bellary District, dated Camp Gotoor, 16th July 1863, No. 46.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to make an application for a pension on behalf of widow Ravana Bhai, in consequence of the death of her late husband, 2nd Class Constable, Amajee, No. 787, having been caused by injuries sustained at the hands of robbers, while he was in the performance of his duty.

2. On the night of June 19th, Constable Amajee, 3rd Class Constable Paupunah, and Talari Rayeegadoo, when patrolling one of the roads in Anantapur had their attention attracted by seeing six men standing behind a merchant's house, yet outside the milk hedge which confined it on that side; and stopped still to watch them. After a short time they passed through the hedge and appeared within the compound. Talari Rayeegadoo then in a loud tone called to Constable Paupunah to run for assistance, and the latter ran towards the Station house. The sound of the Talari's voice followed by that of steps of a man running away seems to have given the robbers sufficient assurance to come forward to the spot it proceeded from. The Talari on seeing their approach immediately fled; but Constable Amajee stood his ground to face them. He was alone and they attacked him. He instantly struck the foremost man two blows in succession, the others however surrounded him, he was knocked down, and afterwards, when picked up, discovered to have had his leg broken. The bone below the right knee was severely fractured. It was set next morning by a Native practitioner, as no better person could be obtained in the

absence of the Apothecary. Some days elapsed before the latter arrived after attending the Constable for a couple of days more, he gave his opinion that amputation of the limb was necessary. The operation took place under chloroform, but Constable Amajee gradually sunk, and on the 30th of June died with tetanus.

3. The widow Ravana Bhai is aged 35 years. She is now destitute with four young children, viz., two sons Munnajee and Venkajee, aged 8 and 3 years respectively; also one daughter Lukshmi Bhai, 7 years of age, and an adopted girl, Venketamah, aged 10 years.

I cordially support this recommendation.

The death of Constable Amajee ensued from the courageous and faithful performance of his duty as a public servant.

(Signed) C. S. HEARN,
Deputy Inspector General of Police.

VELLORE, 31*st July* 1863.

To the Inspector General Madras Police.

No. 123. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 16th September 1863, No. 1,490.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed by the Governor in Council to submit, for the orders of the Government of India, the annexed copy of a letter under date the 8th ultimo, from the Inspector General of Police, recommending that a pension of Rupees 3 per mensem may be granted to Ravana Bhai, widow of Amajee, a Constable in the Bellary Force, who was killed in the execution of his duty by a gang of Dacoits. The widow has been left destitute with four children to support.

Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 22nd April 1863, No. 1,646.
To the Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, dated 15th June 1863, No. 943.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

Financial Department.

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Fort St George
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No. 1490.

To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India.

Dated 16th Sept. 1863.

Fo. No. 2479.

Submitting an application
to the Government of India
for a pension to the Widow
of Constable Amajee in
the Bellary force.—

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