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roceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
24th November 1863.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Bellary; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Bellary, 12th November 1863, No. 52.

ubmitting for the information of Government, translation of an Urzee to my address, I honor to suggest for consideration, and in consequence of such communications as I m the Superintendent of Police, and Deputy Magistrate of this District, being of frequent occurrence, the expediency of Government offering a reward* for the detection of the whom the Police, after an active inquiry, have not succeeded in tracing.

* Say Rupees 200.

The Native merchants, I understand, have repudiated the letter, as originating with them.

It is to be noted that the Order† of Government on a petition,‡ from certain of their number was communicated by the Tahsildar to oners on the 24th ultimo, and the letter in question bears the Bellary post mark of the n.

† 13th October 1863.
‡ 24th August 1863.

Even if no delation follows the offer of the reward, it will not be entirely without effect. ow the view Government take of such threats being addressed to their Officers, and it ect the guilty parties, if there be more than one concerned, to the fear of betrayal. It tend to the repression of such letters in future.

slation of letter, no date, but bears the Bellary Post mark of 25th October 1863.

Sri Rama—(Invocation.)

Address—to the Collector.

ll the Chetty merchants of Bellary have written this Urzee.

have troubled many people, therefore as Mr. Horsley was killed in this town, we ike manner certainly kill you. Be assured of this."

(True Translation.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Acting Magistrate.

ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1863, No. 1815.

Governor in Council does not consider it advisable to offer a reward for the detection of of the threatening letter referred to in Mr. Wedderburn's letter. The publication of d would probably not lead to the detection of the offender and might on the contrary effect of inducing a repetition of such papers, which are usually written to cause annoy- are likely therefore to become the more frequent, the more they are noticed.

The Penal Code provides for the punishment of persons convicted of offences of this n, and the best way of dealing with them is to leave them to the ordinary action of the r. Wedderburn should place the letter in the hands of the Police.

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

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Judicial Department.

No 2503

From the Acting Magistrate of Bellary

Dated 17th November 1863.

For Orders

I would not offer a reward. It is I think making too much of the matter. Very probably it would not lead to the detection of the offender, and would only make it a farce in our public.

If the Police can trace the author of the letter in the ordinary way - well & good - but I would not take any special means for the purpose.

JP

14 Nov.

Order thereon 24th November 1863 No 1815.

The Governor in Council does not consider it advisable to offer a reward for the detection of the writer of the threatening letter referred to in Mr Wedderburn's letter.

The publication of the reward would probably not lead to the detection of the offender and might on the contrary have the effect of inducing a repetition of such papers, which are usually written to cause annoyance, & are likely therefore to become the more frequent, the more they are noticed.

2 The Penal Code provides for the punishment of persons convicted of [illegible] offences of this description & the best way of dealing with them is to leave them to the ordinary [illegible] of the law; for Wednesbury should please [illegible]

To the Mayor of Dudley
Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire
Dec 24

I concur in the above remarks - To take public notice of such papers is to invite other repetitions - as they are generally written to cause alarm & annoyance & more will follow on this end being pursued to be obtained -

The proper course is to endeavour quietly to discover the writer & to have him punished under the Penal Code as the King does