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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 59. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th January 1863, No. 85.

General Department.

On the night of the 26th December a gang of Dacoits, composed of Moplahs, Nairs and Teyars, attacked the house of an inhabitant of the Tiraparangoodi Amshom of the Ponnany Taluq of the Malabar District.

2. The Police, acting on information received, came on the Dacoits in the midst of the attack. And a very serious hand to hand encounter ensued.

3. The gang was armed. Two carried fire arms; the others were armed with swords, &c. The Police had likewise armed themselves.

4. Two Dacoits were killed and several others were wounded. Two Dacoits were captured *flagrante delicto*.

Kunjee Nair, No. 706.

5. I regret to add that one Constable was shot dead and two others were severely wounded.

6. Of the deceased the Superintendent writes:—"He was the finest specimen of an athletic "we had in the Force. He was nearly the first, if not the very first on the scene of action. He "had been in the Force about a year. I beg to recommend his widow and children for pension. "I would suggest that 3½ Rupees a month be allowed, till the children are capable of earning "their own livelihood."

7. This recommendation, I beg cordially to support.

8. Deceased leaves two children, Kali aged 2½ years and a posthumous infant; their mother Kunni Kutti is aged eighteen years.

9. The blood-shed that has occurred is to be regretted. But we cannot hope to put down lawless crime in a country like Malabar without a struggle. The ruffians have now deliberately tried their strength with the Police, and although the affair has cost the life of a Constable, they have learnt that order cannot be set at defiance with impunity.

10. The Law is now taking its couse. Nine persons are already in the hands of the Magistrate, and six others are known and will shortly be in the hands of the Police Officers.

11. The Police behaved well. The Inspector* led them on in person. A Moplah Head Constable (severely wounded) distinguished himself, and the Superintendent reports favorably of the conduct of the men noted in the margin.

* Kavimgara Nair.
Shaik Moideen, 20 Rupees.
Gekkan Hussain, } 15 Rupees each.
V. Narraina Nair, }
Cherutti Poniker, }
Tacha Nair, } 10 Rupees each.
Chaliakeloo Nair. }

12. The Inspector is one of the oldest and most useful in the Force. He will be promoted; and I have ordered that rewards as recommended by the Superintendent at the rates noted against the names respectively be given to the others under the sanction of Government, No. 1,380, dated 23rd August 1862.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1863, No. 200.

Application will be made to the Government of India for the grant of a pension of Rupees 3½ a month, to the widow of Police Constable Kunjee Nair, who was killed while in the execution of his duty, with the recommendation that the pension be continued until the two children of the deceased are capable of earning their livelihood.

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

No. 61. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 6th February 1863, No. 201.

I am directed to apply for the sanction of the Government of India to the grant of a pension of Rupees 3½, three Rupees and eight Annas a month, to the widow of Police Constable Kungee Nair, who was killed while in the execution of his duty. It is proposed that the pension shall cease when the two children of the deceased are capable of earning their livelihood.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
6th February 1863.

2. The death of Kunjee Nair occurred under the following circumstances. On the 26th December last, an armed gang of Dacoits, composed of Moplahs, Nairs, and Teyars, attacked a house at Tiraparangoodi in the Ponnany Taluq of the District of Malabar. The Police, also armed, appeared on the spot shortly after the attack commenced, and a hand to hand encounter ensued. Kunjee Nair was shot dead, and two other Constables were severely wounded. Two Dacoits were killed by the Police, and several wounded. Two of them were captured *flagrante delicto*. Nine prisoners are before the Magistrate, and the Police are in quest of six others who are known. The deceased Constable left a widow and two infant children. The report of the Inspector General of Police is annexed.

3. This special application, I am to add, has been made in accordance with the instructions contained in paragraph 2 of a letter, 29th May last, No. 4,001, from the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Government, North-Western Provinces. It is therein remarked that "copies of paragraph 4 of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 33 of the 21st April "1859, regarding the grant of pensions to the families of Policemen killed in the execution of "their duty, were forwarded to the local Government, with a view to inform them that the "Supreme Government would entertain applications for pensions in such cases, but that, as all "such pensions are to a certain extent special, they should not be sanctioned without the approval "of the Government of India, and, if sanctioned, should be specially reported for confirmation."

4. Prior to the receipt of the above Extract, pensions had been granted by this Government in two cases under authority of the Despatch from the Secretary of State referred to therein. Copies of the orders are now submitted.

No. 1,666, 13th December 1859.
" 492, 21th March 1862.

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

India Department

No. 200 – 6th February 1863.

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Ord. 23rd August 1862 No 252 & 253

Ohio July 18th 1863.

Ward 1862 Application
From Wm Robinson Esqrs
Wife & Executrix Lunacy
for Relief

J. J. Hutchinson Esqr
Chief Secretary to State
Relief Stamp

Date 14th January 1863.
Rec'd 15th " "

Ref. No. 85
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Requesting Duty for Pension
the widow and 2 Children
of the late Constable
Hungerford, who was shot
dead at the Capture of
a Party of Dacoits in
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Judicial Department

No 201

To

The Secretary to the Government of India

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No. 1666 — 13th Dec. 59. the orders are now
" 492 — 24th Mar. 62. submitted.

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6th February 1863

Judicial 1803 Dept.

No. 201.

To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India
Dated 6th Sept. 1803.

Requesting the grant of
a pension of 3½ Rs. monthly
to the widow of Constable
Hunjee Nair Killed in
the execution of his duty.

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C: 30th Sept. 1803