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No. 19. Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Pullempett, 28th July 1864, No. 25.

In forwarding the enclosed letters from Captain Bowen and Mr. Molony, I have the honor to request you will lay them before His Excellency the Governor, with a view to the grants of money therein asked for may meet with his favorable consideration: for notwithstanding the small reward offered by me for the apprehension of the dacoits, and the increasing and praiseworthy efforts of the Police they are still at large, and I fear they will still remain so unless a substantial reward is offered so as to induce their followers to give them up.

2. As a general rule I object to ask Government for rewards of this nature, as it is apt to make those whose duty it is to bring these dacoits to justice lax in their duty: but knowing as I do that every effort has been made to apprehend them, I have no hesitation in recommending the rewards as asked for in the enclosed letters in which the daring character of the dacoits is sufficiently shown.

From F. B. MOLONY, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Cuddapah; to H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah, dated Royachote, 25th July 1864, No. 120.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Police, requesting me to recommend that a reward of 300 Rupees each should be sanctioned by Government for the apprehension of three notorious offenders.

2. I do not hesitate to say that the apprehension of these persons is of vital importance to the peace of this portion of the District. As long as they are at large we cannot hope to put down dacoity, as the apprehension and conviction of minor members of the gangs, of which they are the leaders, has but little effect, so long as they remain to collect fresh gangs as fast as we break up the old ones.

3. About eight months ago a smaller reward was offered by me for the apprehension of Suram Gangadoo but without effect, and I believe a reward was offered for the apprehension of Mohaddeengadoo, but he is still at large. These three men are now the only leaders of organized bands of robbers in these Taluqs of whom I have any knowledge, and as they are the last so are they probably the worst with whom we have to deal. Much has been done lately in the apprehension and conviction of dacoits, but as I said before it will be to little purpose so long as the leaders are out of Jail. There is ample evidence on the records of my own office to convict Suram Gangadoo and on those of the Royachote Taluq to convict Mohaddeengadoo and Mittapalle Veroogadoo.

4. Although I consider that increasing the amount of a reward once offered is in general bad policy, the present is a very exceptional case, and the object is one which we must attain as speedily as possible by some means or another. The late trial of the greater part of Suram Gangadoo's gang shows that such is the cunning and such the means of information which he possesses that nothing but treachery among his own friends has much chance of effecting his capture.

From Captain G. B. BOWEN, Esq., Superintendent of Police; to F. B. MOLONY, Esq., Joint Magistrate; Cuddapah; dated Royachote, 25th July 1864.

I have the honor to recommend that Government should be asked to sanction a reward of Rupees 300 each for the apprehension of the notorious robbers, (1) Surami Gangadoo, (2) Mohaddeengadoo, (3) Mittapalli Veroogadoo.

2. These men have been for some two or three years leaders of armed gangs in the hilly parts of the Royachote and Kadiri Taluqs, and have contrived to elude the Police parties sent out to hunt them down, although two of their fellow-leaders and a large number of their followers have been shot or captured. M. Veroogadoo has been out for about four years and Suram Gangadoo and Mohaddeengadoo for about two years.

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3. There is quite enough in the Magisterial records of the Sub-division to show that common rumour has not erred in placing these men at the head of the criminal population of the District. In addition to this we have against Suram Gangadoo the evidence of one of his own gang admitted as an approver, who has been instrumental in convicting 25 of his adherents at the present Sessions. I have little doubt that all three when caught will be convicted of being leaders of armed gangs, associated for the purpose of habitually committing dacoity.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. B. MOLONY,
Joint Magistrate.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. G. SMITH,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1864, No. 1178.

The Magistrate of Cuddapah is authorized to offer rewards of Rupees (300) three hundred each for the apprehension of the leaders of armed gangs of robbers, named Suram Gangadoo, Mohaddeengadoo, and Mittapalli Veeroogadoo.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Magistrate of Cuddapah,
„ Civil Paymaster.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 1178 — 5th August 1864.

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The Magistrate of Cuddapah.
" Civil Paymaster. } desp. 9/8
" Acctt. Genl.

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Magistrate Department

From the Acting Mag.
of Cuddapah

To The Secretary to
the Government J.d.
Fort Saint George

Dated 25th July 1864.
Rec'd 1st August 1864.
No. 25

Enclosure One
No. 1560
Forwarding copies of letters
from Mr. Molony and
Captain Bowen, and
requesting that the reward
by them for the apprehension of 3 men
recommended may be
granted.

With an Order.

3 Sept. 19-20.

To the Magistrate of Cuddapah.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Accountant General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.