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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
11th February 1864.

No. 71. Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated on Circuit at Peddacheppalli, 19th January 1864.

The case referred to by the Sessions Judge* having come immediately under my own directions before it was committed to that officer, I can speak with confidence as to the excellent arrangements made by the Reddy for the apprehension of the dacoits.

* Copy of his letter, dated 21st December 1863, No. 561, is submitted herewith.

2. It is one of the few cases in which I have known Native officers exercise *detective* measures, and those he made use of prove him to be beyond the ordinary men of his office.

3. I therefore have the honor to request that His Excellency the Governor will condescend to have a Telugu order approving of his conduct sent to him with His Excellency's signature attached, which will also be circulated in the District Gazette.

4. This mode of recognizing the services of the Reddy will, I feel sure, go far to encourage others to act in a like manner.

From F. S. CHILD, Esq., Sessions Judge of Cuddapah; to H. G. SMITH, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah, dated Cuddapah, 21st December 1863, No. 561.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the excellent conduct of the Village Magistrate, Nage Reddy of Gunlamadoogoo in the Royachoty Taluq. It being reported that two suspicious men were in his village one afternoon purchasing more rice than was necessary for themselves, he sent for them, and their account of themselves not being satisfactory he detained them. In the evening after dark hearing that others had arrived at a well outside the village, he apprehended them, seven in number, making in all nine. They had weapons and all appliances for a gang robbery, and the jury having convicted the whole of being collected together to commit a gang robbery, I have transported them for seven years. Thus the vigilance and right conduct of this officer has not only prevented a gang robbery being committed, but has led to the conviction of nine men prepared to commit so serious an offence, and his conduct should, I am of opinion, be brought to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council for such mark of approbation as may be thought right.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1864, No. 178.

The Governor in Council has received with much pleasure the favorable testimony borne by the Sessions Judge and the Acting Magistrate to the excellent conduct of Nage Reddy, Village Magistrate of Gunlamadoogoo in the Royachoty Taluq of the Cuddapah District, in detecting and arresting a gang of dacoits who had come to his village for the purpose of committing a gang robbery.

2. The Acting Magistrate is authorized to present an authenticated copy of this order to Nage Reddy.

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

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From the Acting Magistrate of Cississippi
Dated 19th January 1864

For Orders

An order may be put out by some means
to the effect that they highly appreciate
the conduct of the Rebels on the occasion
referred to, and the Magistrate
may be directed to give him
an authenticated copy of such
order.

This seems to me enough and
the commission suggested by the Act of May
more than the occasion requires.
besides being contrary to the
usage. The order of the day is signed
by the President, and do not

issue under the signature of the
Governor & of the members of
the Council

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Pres. of the Madras Govt

Read the following letter
from the Magistrate of Bellary
dated 11 January 1864

Order thereon 11 February 1864 No 178.

The Governor in Council has received
with much pleasure the favourable
testimony borne by the District Judge
& the Magistrate of Channarayana
to the excellent conduct of Messrs Reddy
Village Magistrate of Channarayana
the Nayachetty Taluk of the Channarayana
District, in detecting & arresting a gang
of dacoits who had come to his village
for the purpose of committing a gang robbery.

The Govt in Council hopes that this
recognition of the Village Magistrate's
good conduct by the Fort St. George
Village Officers & Magistrate, the
good example set them on this occasion

3 The Dy. Magistrate is authorized
to present an authenticated copy
of this order to Messrs Reddy.

To the Dy. Mag of Channarayana
& the Dy. Mag of Bellary

By

List of 23rd Feb 44

Admiral Sir John

5th Dec

Dear Sir

Received 11th Feb 44