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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

31st March 1864.

No. 285. Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Magistrate of Nellore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madirazu Guduru, 12th March 1864, No. 10.

On the night of the 30th August 1863, a heavy torch-light robbery was committed on the house of one Kalidasa Krishnaya and Kalidasa Ramasastrulu in the village of Kadaranenipalli, in the Udayagiri Taluq in this District. The Dacoity was accompanied with much violence and cruelty, and cash and other articles valued altogether at from 10 to 12 hundred Rupees were stolen.

2. One of the offenders, Nyadukuri Madhavigadu *alias* Madagadu, was admitted as an approver. He asserted that the robbery was got up by Thudume Rangareddi, Chennareddi, and Chennugadu, three notorious leaders of gang robbers in Cuddapah; and, with the aid of the information given by this approver, 13 of the gang were apprehended and brought to trial before the Sessions Court at the Sessions of last month, and 11 convicted; 10 having been sentenced to 14 years' transportation, and the 11th, a woman, charged with possession of the property stolen, to 6 months' rigorous imprisonment.

3. Of the three aforementioned leaders of the gang, Chennugadu has lately been sentenced by the Sessions Judge of Nandial to transportation for life. Thudume Rangareddi and Chennareddi are still at large, and the Superintendent of Police of this District suggests* the offer of a reward for their apprehension. Every effort to arrest them has hitherto been without success. They have many friends about the country, and apparently getting timely notice of the movements of the Police are enabled to elude them.

* Letters of 4th February and 4th March 1864, Nos. 92 and 152 respectively, (copies enclosed.)

4. And, considering the noted character of these men, the influence they seemingly possess, and the benefits the country generally would derive by their apprehension, I agree with the Superintendent that the Police should receive the required assistance; and have the honor to request the sanction of Government for the offer of a reward of 200 Rupees for the apprehension of each of the aforementioned gang robbers, Thudume Rangareddi and Chennareddi.

5. Whilst, in conclusion, I beg to state that the apprehension of those already brought to justice was effected with great difficulty and reflects great credit on the Police.

From Lieutenant A. PALMER, Superintendent of Police, Nellore; to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Magistrate of Nellore, dated Nellore, 4th February 1864, No. 92.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to offer rewards for the apprehension of Rangareddi and Chennareddi. I would recommend 100 Rupees for each.

2. They are, as you are aware, the two leaders of the gang which committed the heavy torch robbery in Kadaranenipalli, Udayagiri Taluq, on the 30th of August last.

3. Of the 13 prisoners committed to the Sessions Court in this case, 11 have been convicted, and 10 of these have been sentenced to 14 years' transportation.

4. All our efforts to arrest Rangareddi and Chennareddi have proved unsuccessful, no trouble has been spared; but their information is so good, having many friends throughout the country, that they have invariably got notice of the movements of the Police whenever we had information as to their whereabouts, and they have thus been enabled to elude us.

5. They are, I believe, in the hilly tract of country in the north of the Budwail Taluq, in Cuddapah District.

6. It is unnecessary that I should recapitulate what you are already acquainted with, as to the desperate nature of the robbery, the deliberation with which it was planned and executed by a gang drawn, many of them from very great distances, to the uniting place in the Budwail hills, whence they made a descent on Kadaranenipalli.

7. Rangareddi and Chennareddi are notorious characters, the well known organisers of gang robberies, and their conviction would be a blessing to the neighbouring Districts of Cuddapah and Kurnool.

8. I have evidence sufficient to convict them in the Kadaranenipalli case.

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From Lieutenant A. PALMER, Superintendent of Police, Nellore; to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq.,
Magistrate of Nellore, dated Nellore, 4th March 1864, No. 152.

I have the honor, in reply to your letter, No. 49 of the 17th instant, to state that I think it
advisable that a reward of Rupees 200 each should be offered for the apprehension of Rangareddi
and Chennareddi, they are well known men, and we have good reason to believe are supported and
harboured by influential Reddies in the Podatur and Budwail Taluqs in Cuddapah.

2. Rangareddi's surname is Thudume. He is, I believe, an inhabitant of the Bellary Dis-
trict; but he has been living for some time back in the Budwail Taluq in Cuddapah. He has no
fixed place of abode.

3. I cannot ascertain the surname of Chennareddi, nor am I aware of what part of the
country he is a Native. He has been moving about lately in the Budwail Taluq.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES,

Magistrate.

No. 286.

ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1864, No. 432.

The Governor in Council authorises the Magistrate of Nellore to offer a reward of Rupees
200 each for the apprehension of Thudume Rangareddi and Chennareddi.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Nellore.

„ Civil Paymaster.

„ Inspector General of Madras Police.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(Recd. Nellore 12th March 1864 No. 10)*

Order thereon 31st March 1864. No. 432.

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of Rs. 200 each for the
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25th March

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Dated 31 March 1874

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