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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
13th January 1864.*

No. 89. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Sholinghur, 7th January 1864, No. 1.

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, a letter from the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Ceded District Range, giving an account of a case of gallant resistance on the part of some villagers of the Palmanair Taluq against a gang of armed robbers who had plundered a shepherd of the hamlet of one of his sheep. I have thought it unnecessary to recapitulate the circumstances of this encounter, as they are fully detailed in Captain Hearn's letter.

2. On perusal of this communication the Government will, I feel sure, acknowledge that the case is one in which the provisions of paragraph 6 of their Order, No. 1380, dated 23rd August 1862, may be exercised with salutary effect. I beg therefore to recommend that I be empowered to pay to Veeradu, who was the leader on the occasion, a reward of Rupees 20, and to the other five, whose names are being ascertained, rewards of Rupees 10 each. The tenor of the orders of Government will, when received, be duly notified throughout the District.

From Captain C. S. HEARN, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Ceded District Range; to J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 2nd January 1864, No. 1.

I have the honor to forward a Diary* of Mr. Urquhart, Inspector of Police, Palmanair Division, reporting the killing of two out of a band of robbers by the villagers of Nagareddypally.

* To be returned.

2. It appears that about fifteen robbers took a sheep from a flock grazing near that village on the 19th December. The shepherds went to the village for assistance. One Veeradu, formerly a Stipendiary Taliary, mustered five men with matchlocks and pursued the robbers, whom they found in the jungles, about four miles off, busily occupied in cutting up the sheep. The robbers were armed with swords, billhooks and sticks. On seeing the small number of men opposed to them they threatened attack when the villagers fired and killed two of them.

3. The Sub-Magistrate, who subsequently visited the spot, and who has doubtless reported the facts to you, concurred with Mr. Urquhart in thinking that the villagers had acted praiseworthy in self-defence.

4. The hilly and jungly Taluqs of this District still afford occasional shelter to armed robbers. The Ghauts are closely watched and patrolled, but the scene of depredation selected is usually some remote spot in the jungle. A spirit of self-defence amongst the people forms the best check on these marauders, and deserves every encouragement.

5. I venture to hope, therefore, that you will deem Veeradu and the five others (whose names I will obtain) deserving of recommendation for reward under the provisions of paragraph 6, Order of Government, No. 1380 of 23rd August 1862. Veeradu was obviously the leader on the occasion, and would appear to merit more marked distinction and reward than the other five.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Magistrate.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1864, No. 56.

The Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the grant of rewards of Rupees (20) twenty to Veeradu, and Rupees (10) ten to each of the other five villagers, who accompanied Veeradu in following up and attacking the gang of robbers on the occasion referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. If the Magistrate should be of opinion that it will enhance the value of the reward granted to Veeradu to give it in the shape of a silver bangle, he is at liberty to do so.

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

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from the Magistrate
of North Arcot — Interim Savvy '64 N^o 1.

Order — 13th January 1864 N^o 56.

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The Magistrate of
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" Civil Paymaster. }
" Deputy Auditor Genl. }

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Dated 13th January 1864.