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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

28th April 1864.

No. 313. Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Magistrate of Kurnool; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 13th April 1864, No. 14.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the praiseworthy conduct of Yama Reddy and Sanjiva Reddy, Village Magistrates of Bavapooram and Kottapully in the Talook of Nandikotkoor in this District, and on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Police to request that a Silver bangle worth Rupees 25 may be presented to each of them in recognition of their services.

2. On the night of the 18th ultimo a gang of about 50 armed men, who, it has been since traced, crossed into the District from the Nizam's territory, fell upon the village of Bavapooram in the Nandikotkoor Talook, and attacked the house of a wealthy Merchant named Saik Mallaya.

3. Yama Reddy, the Village Magistrate, at once sent off messengers to obtain assistance from the neighbouring villages, and watched the proceedings of the gang which was too formidable for him to attack with the small force of Talaries at his disposal.

4. The street door of Mallaya's house was too strong for the robbers to break open, but they effected their entrance by a window, and were fruitlessly engaged for a length of time in breaking down the various barriers raised by the inmates of the house, as they fled from room to room before the attacking party.

5. When the merchant and his family had been driven to their last stronghold, the door of which was being forced by the gang, Sanjiva Reddy the Magistrate of Kottapully arrived with some of his villagers, beating tom-toms, and blowing horns to give warning of their approach.

6. Yama Reddy who had been watching the gang in their attack on the Merchant's house, at once joined the people from Kottapully who had come to the rescue, and the whole proceeded with shouts to attack the robbers. The latter though well armed, appear to have been panic stricken, and at once hurried off, without having effected their purpose, or committed any injury beyond breaking open several doors in Mallaya's house, and wounding with a musket ball a villager who had been looking on the scene from behind a mat in his own door-way.

7. The Village Magistrates did not pursue the robbers, whose force probably exceeded their own, and the gang effected their escape into the Nizam's territory, where they have been since apprehended by the Rajah of Kolapoor, and will be tried by the Nizam's Officers for Dacoity committed in their territory.

8. Yama Reddy the Magistrate of Bavapooram showed promptitude in at once sending for assistance, and Sanjiva Reddy in rendering it, while both did their duty in advancing upon the robbers at a critical moment, and thus saving the property and probably the persons of the merchant Mallaya and his family. They performed nothing more than their duty, but I think it may have a good effect on other Village Magistrates if their services on this occasion be recognized by the Government, and the rewards proposed by me be awarded to them.

No. 314. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1864, No. 612.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Magistrate of Kurnool to present Silver bangles of the value of Rupees 25 each to Yama Reddy and Sanjiva Reddy, Village Magistrates of Bavapooram and Kottapully, in recognition of their praiseworthy conduct on the occasion of the attack made by gang robbers on the former village.

2. A notice of the circumstances and of the grant of this reward should be published in the District Gazette.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Kurnool.
„ Inspector General of Police.
„ Civil Paymaster.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Order thereon 28th April 1862, No 612.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Magistrate of
Kurnool to ~~pay a reward of Rs 250 to the~~
~~present~~ ^{present} ~~magistrate~~ ^{magistrate} of the village of ~~the~~
& present ~~magistrate~~ ^{magistrate} of the village of ~~the~~
Village Magistrates of Banapuram, & Kottapully, for
a recognition of Government of their praiseworthy
conduct in the occasion ^{of the} attack made by gang robbers
on the former village, ~~which is reported in his letter.~~

A notice of the circumstances & of the grant of this
reward should be published in the district Gazette.

[Handwritten signatures and initials]
To the Magistrate of Kurnool
Inspector of Police
Civil & Criminal, Account General
Dispatched 29/4/62.