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G.O. No. 104 Press Mis.—

172-173.
Dated 18-1- 19 1865

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No. 172. Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Cuddapah, 10th January 1865, No. 1.

With reference to the Order of the Governor in Council, No. 1779, dated 9th December 1864, desiring me to submit a statement of the circumstances of the case to which I referred in my letter of the 25th November 1864, No. 42, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from Lieutenant Coningham, Acting Superintendent of Police of this District, who I think sufficiently explains it; but I will add that the man was a most notorious dacoit, and when shot was recognized by some more of Mohadingadu's gang, now under sentence of transportation, as being one of the worst of them, and who had only to go to villages and bring whatever supplies he liked by intimidation; and it was owing to this act that the few remaining followers of Mohadingadu either fled or were captured, and he himself is now a friendless fugitive in the Hyderabad country, where I hope shortly to apprehend him,—Suram Gangadu for whose apprehension a reward of 300 Rupees has been offered by Government (and who was also a notorious leader of dacoits), having been apprehended a few days ago in the Mysore country.

From Lieutenant H. E. CONINGHAM, Acting Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah, to H. SMITH, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah ; dated 24th November 1864, No. 283.

With reference to the Notification published in the *District Gazette*, dated 11th June 1864, page 279, I have the honor to recommend the Constables as per margin, for a reward of Rupees 30, for good conduct in resisting and shooting an armed dacoit, who was afterwards identified as one Yamala Goorivigadu, an associate of Mohadingadu's gang.

1st C. C.	Hussein Khan,	No. 336	30 Rupees to be divided amongst the three.
Do.	Mahomed Ghouse,	478	
Do.	Davood Sahib,	447	

2. As the circumstances of the case are known to you, it is unnecessary that I should here enter them in detail. I will merely observe that the Constables were despatched on the 10th instant to lie in wait near the village of Moosalreddipally, whither members of the gang were said to proceed occasionally from the Hills for food. At 1 A. M. of the 11th instant, they observed two men coming from a Turmeric garden ; one of them Yamala Goorivigadu, who was armed, carried a large bag of rice. Constable Mahomed Ghouse challenged them, and closed into the armed man. His comrade fled; the Constable then fired his carbine over the robber's head, with a view of intimidating him to surrender The robber on the contrary abused him grossly, and wounded him on the arm with his sword.*

* He was then shot.

3. Both the Deputy Inspector General and Taluq Magistrate inquired into the matter at the spot, and agreed that the Constables had behaved in a praiseworthy manner.

(True Copy).

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

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1865, No. 104.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council authorizes the Acting Magistrate to disburse the reward, recommended by the Superintendent of Police, to the Police peons who shot the gang robber therein referred to.

(True Extract),

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.

Erd. J. H. Burns.

Order 18th January 1865. No. 104.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council authorizes the Acting Magistrate to disburse the reward recommended by the Superintendent of Police, to the Police Peons who shot the gang robber therein referred to.

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The A.J. Magistrate of Judicature
The Insp.t General of Police
The Civil Paymaster.
The Dy Aud.t & Acc.t Genl.
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