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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
15th August 1866.*

No. 165. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Salem, 3rd August 1866, No. 53.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 23rd August 1862, No. 1330, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the sum of Rupees 100 to be paid as a reward to one Papy Reddy, a Ryot of the Yellatur village, in the Womalur Division, for the courageous defence made by him against an attack of a band of dacoits.

2. A gang of dacoits, about 12 in number, attacked Papy Reddy in his house, on the midnight of the 29th April last, when he had no other help, except of his wife and sister-in-law; the man fully resisted the attack, though unarmed, from the top of a *pandal*, where he was sleeping on the night in question. One of the gang, who was armed with a dagger, made several attempts to stab him, but he wrenched the weapon from the hands of his assailant, and inflicted a mortal wound on the dacoit, who fell on the spot, and died the following day. Another of the dacoits then snatched the dagger, and inflicted a severe wound on Papy Reddy's foot, from the effects of which he has not yet recovered. The dacoits ultimately succeeded in over-powering Papy Reddy, and robbed him of 18 Rupees worth of property, and departed, carrying away their dying comrade with them.

3. The Session Judge, in passing Judgment, speaks in commendation of the conduct of Papy Reddy, and was of opinion "that he owes his life to the courage and self-possession he displayed in defending his life and property."

4. The Session Judge convicted eight of the dacoits, and sentenced them to 10 years' transportation.

5. I have not ascertained Papy Reddy's wishes as to the shape in which he would like to have the reward, and this I intend doing on the receipt of the sanction of Government.

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1866, No. 1263.

Under the circumstances stated, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the grant of a reward of 100 Rupees to Papy Reddy, of Yellatur, for his courageous conduct in resisting the attack of a band of dacoits.

2. The reward should be given in such shape as may be most acceptable to Papy Reddy.

3. A notice of the affair, and of the reward granted, should be published in the *District Gazette*.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Salem.

„ Inspector General of Police.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Under the circumstances stated, the Govt is pleased to sanction the grant of a reward of 100 Rs. to Papi Reddy of Yellathur for his courageous conduct in resisting the attack of a band of dacoits.

The reward should be given in such shape as may be most acceptable to Papi Reddy.

A notice of the award of the reward granted should be published in the official gazette.

To the Magistrate
District of Papi
in the ...
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