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No. 195. Read the following letter from the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Chetterpore, 12th March 1866, No. 33.

In reference to the late rising in the western portion of the Khond Hills, and especially in the tract called the Kuttayah country, it is necessary that I should add a few paragraphs to the narrative already laid before the Government by my predecessor the late Acting Agent.

2. I must premise by reminding the Government of the latest occurrences noticed in Mr. Thornhill's Report, when, after a night attack on a village where the Khonds had assembled, prior to an intended assault on the camp at Tumeribund, on which occasion a great number of Khonds perished, the camp broke up, and the Officers on duty started for Russelcondah. As, however, this move was rightly considered by Mr. Robinson to be premature, Captain Marshall was ordered to return to Tumeribund, with Sub-Magistrate Dervish Ali, and a portion of the force. Captain Marshall was shortly afterwards joined there by Captain Young, who had been ordered up on special duty.

3. In effect the pacification of the Kuttayah country was only then about to commence, and that it has been finally brought about, as I believe, effectually, is due to the perseverance, wisdom, and courage of an Officer who has deserved highly of the Government. About the middle of January, this Officer, Dervish Ali (Sub-Magistrate of Deegee), was sent by Captain Marshall into the Kuttayah Hills, with about 30 men under Inspector Roshun Ali, a man in every way fit to be associated in such an undertaking. The object of this expedition was to open a communication with the Kuttayah Khonds, and bring about the formal and entire submission of every village in their country. For some days but slight progress was made; a few head men came in, but the majority held aloof, some cowed but distrustful, others still defiant and menacing. By the constant and persevering employment of every emissary from whose intervention anything could be hoped, Dervish Ali continued to urge upon the Kuttayahs the uselessness of resistance, and the willingness of Government to pardon past rebellion, holding out at the same time the menace that he would, if compelled to resort to violence, hunt up and destroy the Pootoos, carry off the Dhall, cut down the sago palms (which yield a liquor as necessary to the Khonds as milk to other races), and otherwise coerce and annoy them. He was enabled, however, almost entirely, to dispense with the execution of these threats; the rebellious villages gave way by twos and threes, and, before long, every day brought with it the submission of fresh Head Men and their Khonds, until at last, by the 4th of February, only two villages, named Bollum and Pollum, situated in a deep ravine or basin, approachable only over lofty hills, remained unsubdued. As these villages responded by challenges after their own fashion to Dervish Ali's overtures, nothing remained for him but to carry out his threats. The party succeeded in scaling the heights which shut in Bollum and Pollum, passing pit-falls and man-traps of various kinds on the ascent, and descended unopposed upon the two villages, which they found entirely deserted. At the entrance and exit, human heads were seen stuck upon poles, arms and legs were strewed upon the ground below, and human entrails hung upon a clump of bamboos close by. It was soon discovered that the Khonds were assembled in an adjoining hill, and after an

attempt to parley with them in person, which resulted in a treacherous attack on Dervish Ali and Inspector Roshun Ali, a skirmish took place, in which the Khonds were driven over the Hill, with the loss of two or three men,and one or two Pootoos or Caches were found and destroyed. Dervish Ali cut down two or three Sago palms by way of further warning, and then returned to the camp at Tumeribund. He reports that there was every prospect of this lesson proving sufficient to put an end to all further thoughts of resistance, and there have been no subsequent symptoms of it.

4. With this occurrence, the narrative of the Khond rebellion closes, and I think it will appear to the Government that the Sub-Magistrate whose perseverance and judgment, exercised under much toil and privation, were instrumental in procuring the reluctant but complete submission of these savages, merits substantial acknowledgment. I venture, therefore, to suggest that a gratuity of six months' pay (Rupees 900) should be presented to Dervish Ali, accompanied by the assurance of the cordial approbation of Government.

5. The other Sub-Magistrate who has been on service in this rebellion, Sooriya Narrain Patrudu, also rendered, at a period before the date of this report, very gallant and valuable service, advancing through the centre of a disturbed District with a small body of men, and operating with entire success as he went. He is entitled, I consider, to a similar token of Government favor. His services are detailed by Mr. Robinson in the Report now before Government. This Officer has repeatedly tendered his resignation on account of ill-health. "Medicine," he says, "is my daily food," and I cannot refuse any longer to accept his resignation. He has a good deal of personal influence among the Khonds of the nearer Malayahs (Goomsur, &c.,) among whom his chief duties have lain, and I hope, after his retirement, to derive assistance from him, in stimulating the trade between the Khond tribes and the low country. I have joined his name with that of his brother Sub-Magistrate Dervish Ali, in view to the question of rewards; and as this letter is intended as the closing report of operations in the Hills during the rising, I would beg the Government to consider the policy of marking their approval of the conduct of those Ooryah chiefs or Patros who have been of most service to us, by presents, such as bracelets, ornamented swords, rings, and the like. A sum of 500 Rupees would, I think, suffice for the purpose, but I am not yet prepared with the names and relative merits of the deserving. If, however, the Government expresses a general approval of the principle of such a proceeding, I will endeavour to apportion rewards of this kind as they are most deserved.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1866, No. 439.

The Governor in Council has perused with much satisfaction the favorable report made by the Agent on the services rendered by the Sub-Magistrates Dervish Ali and Sooriya Narrain Patrudu, during the late disturbance in the Hill Tracts of Ganjam.

2. The Agent will present a gratuity of Rupees (900) nine hundred to each of the Sub-Magistrates in question, in recognition of their services.

3. Authority has already been granted for the disbursement of such sums as the Agent may deem necessary, not exceeding Rupees 2000, in rewards to the Ooryah Patros, and to the Majees, who rendered aid to the authorities during the late insurrection.

Proceedings, 20th March 1866, No 403, paragraph 9.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Agent in Ganjam.
" Accountant General.
" Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(Here enter 12th March 1866 No 33)

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The Agent will present a gratuity of Rs 900 nine hundred to each of the Sub Magistrates in question in recognition of their services.

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Gov. 20th March 1866. No 403. Para 9.

Rs 2 000, in rewards to the Loyal Patros and to the Rajees who rendered aid to the authorities during the late insurrection.

To
The Agent in Ganjam.
" Accountant General
" Insps. Genl. of Police

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