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15th January 1867.

No. 141. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Anantapur, 6th December 1866, No. 87.

I have the honor to bring to the favorable notice of Government the conduct of Nursa Reddy, the Village Magistrate of Lutchmanapully and Yerraborapully, in the Dhurmavarum Taluq, and of Mullanagowd, the Village Magistrate of Timmapuram, in the same Taluq, with reference to their exertions in the successful detection of a case of dacoity, committed in Yerraborapully on the night of the 25th August last, which led to the ultimate conviction of 12 out of 24 prisoners, who were sentenced, 11 to 7 years', and one to 10 years', transportation.

2. The manner of their procedure is detailed in the copy of a letter from the Acting Session Judge which I enclose.

3. The Inspector General of Police will no doubt concur with Mr. Sullivan and myself that a recognition by Government of the good service of these two Village Magistrates will have a very beneficial effect in the encouragement of the Head-men of Bellary District to give their services to the repression of crime.

4. The Hereditary Potel is generally a man of great local influence, often the largest proprietor, acquainted with all that goes on, who can, by active aid, assist the Police, or, by indifference, render their exertion nugatory; with the Village Potels on our side, we can look for the most successful results in the repression of crime.

5. - I would recommend the presentation of a Trichinopoly worked gold bangle, of the value of Rupees 150, with a suitable inscription*, to each of the above mentioned Village Magistrates.

6. These will be presented by myself, or, if in the Sub-Division, by the Sub-Collector, and a notice of the same circulated in the *District Gazette*.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Session Judge of Bellary, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary; dated Bellary, 26th November 1866, No. 110.

I have the honor to bring to your favorable notice the conduct of Nursa Reddy, the Village Magistrate of Lutchmanapully and Yerraborapully, in the Dhurmavarum Taluq, and of Mullanagowd, the Village Magistrate of Timmapuram, in the same Taluq, with reference to the case of dacoity which occurred in Yerraborapully village on the night of the 25th August last.

2. The case came on for trial before me on the 22nd instant, and 11 out of the 24 prisoners committed have been sentenced to 7 years', and one to 10 years', transportation. There is little

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moral doubt but that the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 14th, and 19th prisoners, whose names are entered in the margin, were also concerned in the robbery, but, as there was not sufficient legal

evidence to warrant their conviction, they were discharged. I have, however, under the authority conveyed in the Proceedings of the late Sudder Court, dated 20th March 1862, directed the Court Inspector to have them produced before you, with a view to security being taken from them for their future good behaviour, should you deem such a course expedient. It was in evidence at the trial that the robbery was committed by the chucklers and others of Timmapuram, and also that, on the night of the robbery, these men, who belong to that village, were absent.

3. I consider that the conviction of so large a portion of the persons charged in this case, and the recovery of so considerable a quantity of the property stolen, to be due mainly, if not entirely, to the energetic action and prompt measures adopted by Nursa Reddy and Mullanagowd.

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gond, the two Village Magistrates. The former, whose place of residence is at Lutchmanapully, happened, on the night in question, to be at Yerraborapully, having come there on duties connected with his Revenue charge. Immediately on receiving information from the 1st witness, one Gowni Pothiah, of the outrage which had been perpetrated, he started off at once (though it was then about midnight, and the gang had only just left the village) for Timmapuram, whence he had ascertained they had come. He caught two of them, with some of the stolen property in their possession, in the vicinity of that village, and on arriving at Timmapuram, he found Mullanagond equally on the alert. This Reddy had discovered that most of the chucklers and several notoriously bad characters had been absent from the village during the night, and when Nursa Reddy came up he was instituting inquiries into where they had been. The intelligence brought by Nursa Reddy gave him the necessary clue, and on the same day a large quantity of the stolen property was recovered, and many of the robbers arrested. The property was found in all sorts of places; and, as three months had elapsed between the occurrence and the case coming on for trial, I expected that he would break down in giving his evidence, but he showed himself quite equal to the occasion, and, producing copious notes which he had taken on the spot, he gave his evidence in a most satisfactory manner.

4. It would be superfluous on my part to point out to you how very much the successful detection of crime rests with these Heads of villages. If a village Reddy connives at offences committed by the people of his village, or even remains passive when active measures for detection are called for, the efforts of the Police (and they will admit it themselves) are paralyzed in nine cases out of ten. It is true that these two men only did their duty, but it is most important that these Village Officers, who are often but scantily remunerated, should be encouraged in every possible way in repressing crime; and, if you concur with me, I would suggest your applying to Government to bestow upon them some mark of approval of the promptitude and energy shown by them in their detection of this robbery. It must not be forgotten that, in following up the clue, they were not only put to considerable trouble at the time, but they were quite aware that, if their efforts were successful, they would be put to all the inconvenience of attending before the Magistrate and this Court. They appeared here on the 5th November, and the case was only disposed of to-day.

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ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1867, No. 79.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Magistrate of Bellary to present bangles, of the value of Rupees (150) one hundred and fifty, each, to Nursa Reddy and Mullanagond, Village Magistrates of Lutchmanapully and Yerraborapully, and of Timmapuram, in recognition of their praiseworthy conduct in the successful detection of a case of dacoity committed on the night of 25th August last.

2. A notice of the circumstances, and of the grant of the reward, will be published in the *District Gazette*.

3. With reference to the latter part of paragraph 2 of the Acting Session Judge's communication, which accompanies the foregoing letter, regarding certain persons made over to the Magistrate, in view to security being taken from them for good behaviour, Mr. Wedderburn's attention is called to the Proceedings of the Sudder Court, dated 18th January 1862, article "Security."
(True Extract).

To the Magistrate of Bellary.
,, Inspector General of Police.
,, Accountant General.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department.

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Webberburn, a Western
is called to the
Pres of the S. & C. Court
dated 18 Jan'y/62,
Article Security.

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