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G.O., No. 1320

Dated 21st June 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

POLICE.

Approving the Inspector-General's proposals for increasing the strength of the Gooty police station, Anantapur district, by six constables, and directing the submission of the necessary proposition statements to the Financial Department.

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FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government.

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No. 3319

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Requesting that the strength
of the Gooty Police Station,
Anantapur District, may be
increased by six constables
for the reasons given within.

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See ~~current~~ 195 ~~min~~
papers.

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Y/1 ~~min~~ As to whether the proposed addition
of six constables may be sanctioned?

There seems no need to keep this back pending
the receipt of the High Com's payment.

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There seems but scant chance of
this fund drying out. with
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The Lg's proposals in para. 11 of his
letter are approved and the necessary prop.
statements should be submitted in due
course to the Financial Dept.

(For orders)
26/6/95

To The Lg. of Pol. Gto. desps 28/6/95

.. Finl Dept. Para 11 of letter to.
Copy to Mr. Anantapur desps 28/6/95

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DEPARTMENT.

No. *3319.* ~~Chief~~ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Uotacmand ~~MADRAS~~, *1 June 1895.*

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

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THE *Chief Secretary*
to Government
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SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. 7th December 1894, No 2983, 14th February 1895, No 334, 12th March 1895, No 556 Judicial, dealing with the murder of Mahanandi in the village of Latchanapalli near Gooty, Anantapur District, I have the honor to say that as the High Court have declined to admit the appeal against the acquittal of the prisoners tried with Kanamagadu it becomes necessary to strengthen the Police Station at Gooty by six constables to enable the village of Latchanapalli to be properly patrolled.

2. It will be remembered that the High Court did express an opinion that there had been a miscarriage of justice in the case, although subsequently it declined to allow the case to be reheard. It may therefore be accepted that the accused in the Sessions Case

No. 81 of 1894 No. 2-9 are violent partizans against the family of the murdered man, if not, the actual participators in the murder.

3. It is unnecessary here to go again through the history of the feuds of the two families in this village, which is well known to Government. It is sufficient to say that since 1870 there are records in various courts to show that there has been between these families an enmity of the bitterest kind. In 1874 Peddagadu and his brother murdered the brother of the deceased, and Mahanandy, In 1877-79-81 and 85 Peddagadu and his relations were tried for various heavy crimes, of burglary, dacoity and assault. In 1888, Peddagadu and his gang committed rioting and murder, for which two men were convicted but acquitted on appeal. In 1890, Similarly Peddagadu and his partner Galigadu murdered one Naddi Annayya and were convicted, but acquitted on appeal. In 1890 they were sentenced for theft, and in 1893 Peddagadu's relations were sent to jail for maiming a bullock belonging to the opposite faction. Probably there are few families in the Presidency which can show a similar record of ruffianism and open defiance of the law.

4. To show the necessity of strengthening the Police for patrols, the following incidents may be placed on record which have happened since the last trial.

5. On the 1st of January, a few days after the acquittal of Peddagadu's gang at the Sessions Court, a ghat constable was assaulted on the Pyapali road, close to Munro's Choultry and his carbine and turban stolen. The constable was unfortunately a new man at Gooty and so could not identify his assailants, but there is the strongest reason for suspecting the assault to have been committed by some of the gang referred to.

6. A few days after the trial Peddagadu's sons went and abused one Madar Sahib, who gave evidence in the murder case and killed his dog. The men were accused before the Magistrate but acquitted as the Magistrate remarked that the violent feeling on both sides made it impossible to believe the evidence.

7. Mahanandy's (the murdered man's) son cannot come and live in his village since the trial as he fears with good reason that he may be murdered.

8. The gang is protected by a number

of low class rākils in Gooty, who do all they can to maintain the bitter feeling existing as it brings them in a rich harvest. They are one Lehowdappa, who was once a Police Head Constable, his brother Venkoba Rao, a man who was convicted of theft in 1892, one Simmala Reddi, a virulent petition writer, and others. ~~It may be noted~~ It may be noted that unfortunately the Sessions Judge has lately acquitted on appeal this Reddi who was charged with defamation by the local Inspector Panpa Rao Mayada. The decision of the Sessions Judge appeared to be based on grounds which seemed to me and to Mr. Nicholson extraordinary. He seems to have ruled that it was the business of the Inspector to prove that the defamatory statements were untrue, instead of throwing the burden of proving them true on the accused. In any case the result will have, I fear, a very bad effect in Gooty and the surrounding villages.

9. The above facts will, I think, show clearly enough that as long as any of Peddagadu's gang remain in and about Gooty there must always be danger of serious trouble. The families of Peddagadu and Mahanand live next door to each other in Latchanareddypalli and

and this fact alone is sufficient to prevent this feud dying out. Peddagadu's gang is the powerful one, and is notoriously criminal. It has shewn that it will hesitate to commit no crime to effect its object. It needs no certainly to be very closely watched.

10. I have already reported in my letter read in G.O. 14 February 1895, No 334, that in the opinion of the Superintendent this is not a case for a punitive force, and I agree with him. The unfortunate villagers are not offenders, they would be only too glad to be left alone in peace. It is the existence of the family of Peddagadu which is the cause of all the trouble and it would be manifestly unjust to tax the village on their account.

11. I consider the addition to police force necessary. Patrolling in and about the village of Latchanapalli must be done by constables in couples carrying carbines. They will sleep in the village by night and return to the station in the morning. If six constables are added to the Police force this village can be properly watched, and there will probably be no more crime. The force can be removed later

on when the feud between these families
has died out. I believe Mr. Nicholson
agrees with the Superintendent in
considering the addition to the force
necessary.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedt. Servt.,

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Inspector General of Police.

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