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No. 51. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Commissioner of North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Siroor, 30th May 1859, No. 277.

1. I regret to report that the insurgents are again in our frontier jungles and have plundered and burned down 2 more small hamlets named Mybray and Kudoé on the Goa confines.

2. The circumstances under which the gang have made this fresh demonstration after a period of 3 weeks' inactivity seem to be these—

3. On or about the 1st Instant, it came casually to the knowledge of one Luxooman Gowda of Karangoli a village of Goa, that Bimoo and another of the gang were at that time in a house in the village.

4. With the assistance of 3 other villagers, Luxooman Gowda surrounded the house and managed to capture Bimoo, whose companion however effected his escape.

5. Bimoo's name had figured prominently in these disturbances, and Rupees 100 had been offered by me for his apprehension.

6. No money therefore had the news of his capture been communicated to the gang by his more fortunate comrade than they made immediate reprisals on a contiguous hamlet named Kwondal (Goa) and carried off prisoners 4 of the principal inhabitants, of whom one has since contrived to slip out of their hands.

7. On the 12th, 2 days after this man's escape, information was brought by a villager to Lieutenant Drever, who then happened to be at Timsie, that the gang were then in the jungles of Ahtley a small Coomri hamlet on the Soopa side of the border and not far from Timsie.

8. An expedition was immediately planned and undertaken, and on the 14th, Lieutenant Drever's party came in sight of the gang but unfortunately not before they had taken alarm and were in precipitate flight.

9. Lieutenant Drever gave chase as long as he had a man with him and only abandoned the pursuit when he had lost all trace of his nimble footed antagonists.

10. On the 16th, a 2nd expedition was made when the whole of the neighbouring jungle was scoured during 2 consecutive days without success.

11. On the very day the 18th Instant that brought this 2nd expedition to a close, the gang re-appeared in the Diggi neighbourhood and after burning down the villages of Mybray and Kudoé, made off, it is supposed in the Knowsky direction.

12. Lieutenant Drever is indefatigable in his exertions to bring these miscreants to justice and has started afresh in pursuit of them with Lieutenant Gierton of the Belgaum Sheloundy Levy. It yet remains to be seen what success attends the present undertaking.

13. I have myself great hopes that Lieutenant Drever's energetic and persevering exertions, will be attended with early and substantial results.

14. On Bimoo's identification, the reward of Rupees 100 was immediately paid by me to his Goanese captors. I do not propose proceeding with Bimoo's trial for the present, as he offers to betray his companions if his own pardon be guaranteed.

15. This promise he has and so far as he has been tried, he seems alive to the necessity of a faithful and straightforward performance of his engagements.

16. Meanwhile enlistment proceeds and some 80 Recruits are reported to have taken service.

17. My own stock of fire-arms and ammunition has been distributed among the numerous outposts and patrols established throughout the disturbed regions, and I have therefore been compelled in view to carrying to early account our new levies to indent on the Belgaum and Dharwar Arsenals for 100 Pistols of the kind served out to the Police of those Districts.

18. These arms, I have proposed to take on loan until I receive fuller instructions and have declared myself responsible for all charges incurred and damage sustained in the transfer and during such time as they may be in use within my division.

19. I have not yet received answers from Messrs. Seton, Karr and Ogilvy, to the requisition, but trust they may be able to assist me to the extent specified.

20. Neither telegram nor letters announcing the cancelment of his appointment reached Lieutenant Blomfield who arrived here on the morning of the 26th, in obedience to original instructions.

21. Lieutenant Blomfield was bringing with him a Jemadar and six Drill Sibundies of his Corps, who should reach Honore about this time.

22. Lieutenant Blomfield is now on his way back to Malabar, but thinking it desirable to turn his mission to some account, and these being the very description of men we now most need, I requested him to let them come on here and purposed retaining them with the sanction of Government for a time to drill the Recruits we are now raising.

23. Lieutenant Drever has been requested to employ them immediately in whatever capacity he may find them most useful.

24. On the Goa side of the frontier there is much real activity.

25. A cordon of outposts has been established along the line of frontier and several flying columns are in readiness for offensive purposes.

26. I purpose starting for Soopa in a day or two, whence I shall take an early opportunity of reporting on the posture of matters, as I then find them.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1859, No. 790.

The Government approve the proceedings of the Commissioner as reported in the above letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Revd. F. Cattaldye.

Sir.
Your most obedient Servant
L. Dalton Major
Commissioner

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The Govt approve the proceedings of the Commissioner as reported in the above letter
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Commissioner N. Canara
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Gov. J. Robinson Esq
Governor of North Carolina
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Wm Blount
10 June 1793

No 938.

Reports that the insurgents are again in the frontiers of Georgia and have plundered and burned down 2 more small hamlets on the Geo. confines. and relates the circumstances under which the young Indians made this fresh demonstration.

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