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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 4th to 10th May 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 28th April 1859, No. 582.

The measures taken by Mr. Robinson, Commissioner of North Canara as to concentrating a sufficient force on the Belgaum frontier, &c. approved. Lieutenant Drever placed temporarily for employment in the disturbed localities. The same has been intimated by Telegraph to Lieutenant Drever. Government have already sanctioned the offer of rewards for the Phudneers brothers and the employment of the Shetsundy Levy. (Vide Judicial Consultation 29th April 1859, No. 70-71.)

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1859, No. 1050.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer. Colonel Bell will propose the name of an Officer to act for Lieutenant Drever in the Public Works Department in Canara.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 28th April 1859.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Commissioner, North Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Camp Sircee, 19th April 1859, No. 188.

SIR,

I have the honor to intimate, for the information of Government, my return yesterday from the disturbed regions to my head quarters at Sircee.

2. Up to the present hour no fresh intelligence has reached me of the movements of the Phudnees' bund subsequent to their night attack on Minollé (near Dandellé) on the 10th Instant.

3. Alarmed probably at the report that the neighbourhood was being re-armed, and provided with ammunition at the public expense, and that a levy of Shetsundies was being raised and incorporated with the Police for special employment against themselves, these outlaws have either made good, by moonlight and under cover of the jungle, their escape across the Goa frontier, or, as is more probable, have betaken themselves for a time to the densest and most inaccessible of the Kala-Nadi forests.

4. It was rumoured on my first arrival at Dandellé that they had broken away up the banks of the "Birchy" Nullah (a tributary of the Kala-Nadi) towards Keerpolé on the Belgaum frontier. To provide against this contingency, I at once wrote off express to the Dharwar and Belgaum Superintendents of Police as also to Captains Barnes and Giertsen, Commandant and Sub Commandant of the Shetsundy levy in the latter District, suggesting that they should immediately concentrate a sufficient force in that neighbourhood.

5. I had in fact, when indicating to Captain Barnes in a letter from Woolvi my general plan of operations, recommended that that point should, in every case, be occupied, and was glad to find that my suggestion had so far been adopted, that, on receipt of my actual requisition for aid in that quarter, it was most promptly and fully supplied.

6. Meanwhile the jungles are being scoured in all directions by armed parties of villagers and Police, to whom beats and places of rendezvous have been severally assigned. Military guards have been distributed through the more exposed localities; rewards and protection have been guaranteed, by proclamation, to all villages and individuals who by giving information may thereby compromise their own future safety; the Belgaum authorities have been requested to furnish me with accurate descriptive rolls of the 3 Phudnees brothers and a system of direct correspondence with the Officers, Military and Police, of the adjacent Districts has been established.

7. As on the previous occasion these bandits have never afforded me a single chance of following them up in person, and from the day I entered the Talook to that on which I quitted it, have abstained from any act that might lead to a surprise or collision with the numerous parties out in quest of them.

8. The current duties of my division forbade my remaining longer in those distant and isolated localities, and as the enemy gave no sign, and my dispositions for his future pursuit and the protection of the country were as complete as my means and the impracticable nature of the country admit of, I have returned to resume my already frequently interrupted settlement tour of this Talook.

9. At the same time it is my humble opinion that the Soopa Talook absolutely requires the presence of an European Officer, and I would respectfully beg to suggest that, even should circumstances prevent the early remodelment of the Local Police, a Superintendent should be immediately appointed to it, to conduct operations against the bund and prepare the way for a reform which every day's experience most incontestably proves to be no longer a matter of mere expediency, but of absolute and imperative necessity.

10. In the event of Government deciding to take this suggestion into consideration I would respectfully beg to point out Lieutenant Drever, Executive Engineer of this Division, as an Officer in my opinion well qualified in every respect for such an appointment. Lieutenant Drever's name has already, I believe, been brought forward by the Commissioner of Police, in view to

his employment as Superintendent under the new organisation. Lieutenant Drever is at present absent on privilege leave at the Neilgherry Hills, but has signified to me his readiness to return instanter should his services be called for in the new Department.

11. I am favoured with your letter No. 499, dated 12th Instant, enclosing copy of one addressed by His Excellency Sir C. E. Trevelyan, to the Governor General of the Portuguese Indies, and shall conform, to the best of my means and ability, to the injunctions therein contained.

12. Meanwhile I await the instructions of Government respecting the offer of rewards of Rupees 1,000 for each of the Phudnees brothers and their sanction to maintain as a temporary measure, at the public charge, the levy of 100 Shetsundies now employed, on my own responsibility, against the bund and for the protection of the country.

P. S.—The Soop Post just in brings me a report that the bund have again come forth from their hiding place and looted a small hamlet called Kagilbund near the Kauserde range of hills in the Dardellé neighbourhood and carried off prisoner one of my scouts whom they came across.

This is only an additional proof how indispensable, at this time, is the presence of some European Officer in that part of the division whose whole time and thought can be devoted to this single object.

As it is my frequent expeditions in the Soopah direction have thrown the current work of the division into arrears and the season is now so far advanced that I cannot without a very serious derangement of business longer postpone the Jumma bundy of this Talook and the frontier Districts.

Order.—The Government approve the measures taken by Mr. Robinson as reported in paras. 4, 5, 6 of the above letter.

2. They resolve also, under the special circumstances of the case, to place Lieutenant Drever temporarily under the orders of Mr. Robinson for employment in the disturbed localities. Intimation to this effect has been made by telegraph to Lieutenant Drever and he has been desired to join forthwith.

3. Government have already sanctioned the offer of rewards for the Phudnee brothers, and the employment of the Shetsundi Levy.

(True Extract and Copy.)


Chief Secretary.

To J. D. Robinson, Esq., Joint Magistrate and Special Commissioner.
„ Magistrate of Canara.
„ Department Public Works. ✓

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