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Office of the Agent in the
Will. Tracts of Orissa
Camp Boudgah. 10th Decr. 1836.

No. 288

From

Lieutenant: H. McNeill.

Offs Agent in the Will Tracts of Orissa.

To

Lucil. Bradon Esq. &c.

Secretary to the Govt of India.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward my Diary
from the 1st to the 30th November. 1836. According
to the Grants on the 15. November. I traversed successfully
the Eastern District of Orissa and was visited
by all the Khonds of Boudgah, Teitlyha and
Kunjera of Orissa. At Boudgah I was visited
by the whole of the Khonds of Boud.

2. The condition of these Khonds as regards
the Meriah question is all that could be desired.

They appeared tolerably contented and happy, as few
complaints were made to me regarding encroach-
ments on land &c., these I have referred for
adjustment to the constituted local authorities as
I had no jurisdiction in the matter.

3. From Boudgah I next visited the
Sarnagudah and Kooride Mostabs of Chinnu
Kumdy where the Khonds visited me with their
wonderful alacrity. In these 2. Mostabs a large number
of individuals from 1. purchased both by Orishas &
Khonds as slaves were registered, as Popul, and
restored in adoption to their original owners on the
usual conditions. Human sacrifices never offered
in these 2. Mostabs, but I adopted the above course
as it secures these individuals from the risk of being
sold or exchanged in other Mostabs.

Office of the Agent in the
Hill Tracts of Orissa
Camp Boofungah 11 Decr/56

No 289

From

Lieut. A. C. McNeill.

Off. Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa

To

Cecil. & Beadon. Esqrs.

Secretary to the Govt of India.

Sir,

In my letter Number and #
date in per margin, I had the honor to inform
Government that I had received information that
a party of Bungars (or followers of Chockra Bepya)
had formed a Postoo in the Corakah Mootah of
Muddenpore, I accordingly on the afternoon
of the 4th December marched with a large Party
of Sebandis with a view, if possible, of apprehending
these Rebels.

2 After a long & most tedious march
I arrived at the place by day light on the morning
of the 5th, and instead of one Postoo found three which
were however uninhabited but shewed that they had
been very recently vacated as fires were still burning
in all the Huts, earthen pots, &c were found, also a
very large quantity of baskets, Mats &c by the sale
of which these Bungars have for the last two years
obtained a precarious subsistence.

3 Although I was unsuccessful
in capturing any of the individuals forming these
Postos, two of their number voluntarily surrendered
themselves a few days after the influence of

4 From Hoortell. I next proceeded
to Ballegoodah where I convinced the
th. Rhonds. They have promised to their
pledges of abstinence from human sacrifices and
new materials were found in this place.

5 From Enquiries instituted it was
proved and the Rhonds themselves acknowledged
that the followers of Chockra Bepya had been
in the habit of frequenting the different villages
of Ballegoodah, selling Baskets, Mats &c. &c.
all were thus equally guilty. I considered it
would be a more proper course to warn the
Rhonds as to the impropriety of their conduct
in having any connection with Chockra Bepya
followers, and after threatening them with severe
punishment in the event of their having any
further transactions with these Bungars. I
caused both Rhonds and Coraks to swear by
their most solemn oaths that they would in
future obey the orders of the Gov. & not
to them.

6 From information obtained from
Raghu Patra the Hindoo Chief of Baracoonah
I have ascertained that a large party of these
Bungars have taken up their quarters in the
Corakah Mootah of Muddenpore about 1300
from this. I have accordingly adopted measures
for the apprehension or dispersion of these rebels
the result of this expedition will be communicated
as soon as practicable.

Camp Boofungah
11 December 1856
I have &c.
A. C. McNeill, Esq.
Off. Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa

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A. C. McNeill, Esq.
Off. Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa

of Naghoo Patro, they consisted of an old woman, and a young lad about 10 years of age, from the latter individual I have received intimations that as long as there are willing to come in & make their submission to me in the event of my questioning their life & liberty. This of course I could not do, but I have informed them, that if after surrendering themselves, it be proved that they were not concerned in the outrages committed about 3 1/2 years ago in the low country of Goomsur, and that they had no connexion with the intrigues carried on by Chockra Bipsye & Bulloo Majee, I would then address the Supreme Government on the subject.

Enclosed I have the honor to submit two translations of Depositions given by Naghoo Patro of Baroomah & Rangit Patro of Dekhra in Chinna Mimady, and also translations of Certificates given to these two persons, from which Government will perceive that these two Patros have bound themselves to apprehend & surrender any Bungars that may again visit their country.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) H. McNeill Esq.
Off^r Agent in the H. J. B.

Camp Poofungah
11th Decr 1856

True Copy.

H. McNeill Esq.
Off^r Agent in the H. J. B.

Deposition given on oath before the Officiating Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa by Rangit Patro of the Baroomah Mootah of Mahasinghy District of Chinna Mimady Malahy on the 8th December 1856.

Question In what language will you have your Deposition recorded?
Answer In the Boryah language.

2. State what you know about the Bungars who were combined with Chockra Bipsye in plundering in the Goomsur & Dekhra, and who fired Posters for some time in the village Dekhra of the Chinna Mimady Mootah, and also in the village Poston which you have shown to the Officiating Agent yesterday in the jungle near your Mootah. How long have they resided in these Poston? How many in number are they? What are their names? How have they had opportunity to reside near your country?

I do not know their names but I heard that the Poston is called Sutehmo Dohari. I have not been to or seen their Poston, but the empty one which I have now shown to the Sircar. It would appear from the huts which they had constructed that the Bungars may number 30 individuals, I do not know how these Bungars could have conveniently made Poston in Dekhra but during the last Dufurah one day Rangit Patro told me that there were about 10 or 20 houses of Bungars who had arrived from the direction of Dunga Ditch of Boad Malahy, he also stated that certain persons named Tatta & Datta of Dunga Ditch, and Bhatia of Ballapuddah had sent them to this part of the country, on hearing this, I told him (Rangit Patro) to come that we would go and inform the Sircar at Mahasinghy upon which Rangit Patro said that he would go to his village and come back, but he did not return, in consequence I was unable to inform these circumstances to the Sircar. At that time these Bungars resided at Dekhra and were living by selling.

Deposition given on oath before
the officiating Agent in the Hill Tracts of Tripura
by Monojit Peltro, an Inhabitant of Dethu of the
Krongnohoholo Mootah of Mahasinghy District in
the Chumma Kennedy Muttahs on the 4th December 1856
Question In what language will you have your
Deposition recorded.

In the Koryah language.

The Surcar having been informed that
some of the Bungars who were combined with
Chaktra Bisaya in plundering in the Loomsur
Talook, have made Postos & were living for
some time in your Country near your village,
how many are they in Number, who supplied
them with maintenance & how have these thieves
been able to reside in your land while you are
the Pafro of it, Inform their names & speak the
truth.

About 4 Months ago in the month
of Bhadro a number of Bungars came from
the direction of Dungadethiah to my village
constructed their Huts on the bank of the River,
I came to my village to sell their Rawdy Hopes and
Basket, having seen them I asked them on what
account, how, when, & from what side they came to
my village, they replied that they came about
4 Days ago almost starved & they have hitherto
resided at Dungadethiah, but as guards & Sepoys
were now moving about in that Mootah, Buthorda
Bhoye, Kustha, & Tuttoo sent them away to this
part. They told me so, the next day I proceeded to
Dungadethiah & I saw the above 3 Khonds, and I

I asked them angrily on what account they sent those people into my Country as they were murderers and enemies of Government, on my saying so, they replied, that they (the Bungars) sent away themselves of their own accord, and were not sent by them. afterwards I told the Bungars to leave my Country, but they disobeyed & for some time they resided there. During the last Duffah Ragho Patro came to my village and told me all these particulars, he said, if they are under your hand you had better secure them & send a man to me. I will inform the Guard at Mahasinghy. After a few days, they left this Pootoo & went away a little distance, & Days after this the Sahib came and burnt the Huts which they had deserted.

Q. Why should you have remained quiet when they disobeyed your order directing them to leave your Country.

A. I intended to have turned them out but they having informed me, that they would live by selling Mats, Rawdy Ropes & Baskets & that they could not go elsewhere, I therefore allowed them to stay.

Q. There is a rumour that you have in your care one man and one woman of the Bungars' Gang.

A. I mentioned above that the Sahib returned (to Russellcondah) after burning the Huts, & after afterwards these 2 individuals came to my village and said, that they were perishing for want of food on which account I was obliged to save them.

by giving them food for 2 or 3 Days, afterwards they began to labour & maintained themselves, when they could not procure any thing I assisted them by giving them a small quantity of rice which they cooked & ate.

Q. What are the names of these Bungars.
A. I have not enquired of them therefore I do not know their names.

Q. You have by your own confession, proved yourself guilty what have you further to say in extenuation of your guilt.

A. It soon as these Bungars enter my Country I will then have them in my hand & effect their capture through the Sahib, & I will also use my best endeavours to induce them once more to settle in my Country when I hope I will be forgiven for my guilt.

Q. Mark of Rongjit Patro
Taken before me at Coorungah this Eighth day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

(Signed) H. McNeill Esq.

Off. Agent in the H. J. O.

I have translated

(Signed) H. McNeill Esq.

Off. Agent H. J. O.

True Copy

 H. McNeill Esq.
Off. Agent in the H. J. O.

Office of the Agent in the
Hill Tract of Orissa
Camp Jannaguda 22nd July 1857

From 170

of
Lieutenant R. C. McNeill

Off Agent in the Hill Tract of Orissa

To

Genl. Braden Esq

Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir,

I have the honor to forward my Diary
from the 1st to the 15th December 1855. Since the
despatch of my last Diary I have been visited
by the whole of the Khonds of the Mahasinghy,
Bodagum, Bontiah, Baroomah, Bopungah
and Barumallah districts, between which
and also by those of Orissa, altogether
altogether 250 villages and 8000 persons.

2. The whole of these Khonds have promised
to send their pledges entered into with the Government
when a similar occasion has occurred, and only
one more person was discovered who has been
restored to obedience.

3. The Khonds however of the Baroomah
and Bontiah districts when questioned regarding
the followers of Chakra Bepya, acknowledged
that the Bepya had for the last year been
in the habit of visiting their different villages
selling baskets, mats, &c. for which they had
given them rice paddy &c. but they absolutely
knew nothing of the movements of Chakra
Bepya himself, or if they did, they strenuously
denied it.

4. I did not fail to admonish the
whole of these Khonds as to the danger of giving
any encouragement to these rebels, and warned
them

Office of the Agent in the
Hill Tract of Upper
Canada, August 27, January 1857

Copy

John Lindemann, Esq. M. A. M. A.

Office of the Agent in the Hill Tract of Upper
Canada, August 27, January 1857
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the
information of Government copies of my
letter, number and date as per margin, &c
addressed to the Secretary to the Govt of
Canada.

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Yours truly
J. M. A. Smith
Office of the Agent in the Hill Tract of Upper
Canada, August 27, January 1857

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