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No. 33. From Lieutenant A. C. McNEILL, Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Russellcondah, 1st October 1857, No. 210.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copy of my letter, No. 209, of this day's date with Enclosures addressed to the Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William.

(Signed) A. C. McNEILL,
Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa.

From Lieutenant A. C. McNEILL, Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William, dated Russellcondah, 1st October 1857, No. 209.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter, Number 198, dated the 19th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that I yesterday received a report from the Thasildar of Boad, dated the 22nd Ultimo, reporting that the spies sent by him at my request to ascertain the state of affairs in Sumbhulpore had returned on that date.

2. Enclosed I have the honor to forward a Translation of the report made to the Thasildar by the spies, also Translation of a deposition taken from a Sebundy Sepoy who proceeded to Kalahundy or Karoonde of Nagpore.

3. Sree Ooditoo Pretaub Deo, the Rajah of Kalahundy, in a letter to my address, dated the 22nd Ultimo, reports that every thing is tranquil in his Zemindary, and I continue to receive most favorable reports as to the state of the other Khond Districts.

4. The Thasildar of Boad has proceeded to the Village of Paickbahal with a view of apprehending Bhabosaye Mullicko and Chaholo Mullicko, mentioned by the spies as living in that Village.

(Signed) A. C. McNEILL,
Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. C. McNEILL,
Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa.

Translation of a Statement made in Joryah before the Thasildar of Boad on the 22nd September 1857, by Ramo Mahauty and two other Persons.

On our way to Sumbhulpore we met at Balunka of Sonapore a man named "Ahalad Bhogats," an Inhabitant of Sumbhulpore, we told him that we were Merchants, on questioning him ("Ahalad Bhogato") he replied that some of the Sepoys of the Sircar stationed at Hazarebaug and also some of the Godiahs and Rajahs of Tamalagodo, Goonderegodo, Tonderegodo. and Pillooregoda, &c., under the Jurisdiction of Nagpore, had combined together and having consulted, committed a crime against the Sircar, and released from the Jail some Prisoners who had been guilty of murder, also that the Mutineers had released two brothers of the Rajah of Sumbhulpore, named Soondur Sahib and Oodunto Sahib. That the Mutineers accompanied by these two persons were stationed on the bank of the "Sunko" river and that it was their intention to proceed to Sumbhulpore. This we heard from "Ahalad." On making enquiries from the Inhabitants of Beelunko, &c., of Sonopore we every where heard to the same effect. And as regards the Prisoners who had been released two persons named Bhabasaye Mullicko and Chohaloo Millicko these two Individuals being afraid that they would be seized were travelling about from Village to Village, not residing in their own Village, we were also informed by a woman named Danee that those 2 persons above named were at present residing in the village of Paik Bahall. On hearing which we proceeded to that Village to find out whether the above statement was true or false, at the Village of Paik Bahall we met the above two Mullickoes, who questioned us "where are you come from," we replied that we are from the South and intended going to Sumbhulpore in order to purchase some

course Silk Cloths. but having heard that there was a disturbance at Sumbhulpore we owing to fear did not proceed to that place, also on hearing that you have arrived from that country we have now come to ascertain from you the circumstances and if it is true that there is a disturbance we shall return to our own Village "Chohela Mullico" then said it is true that disturbances prevail in hat part of the country but at present there is no fear at all in Sumbhulpore, many Individuals of Duspullah, of Boad, of Sohonpore, of Sumbhulpore, of Ongole, &c., who were confined by the Sircar at Hazaribaug have been released by Rajahs and some Sepoys who combined and consulted together and killed some servants of the Sircars they (the prisoners) have all returned to their respective Villages, we were both of us confined in that Jail but having been released have come away. At the time of our being released the persons who set us free told us that they intended coming by Sumbhulpore in the month of Karteeka (November) to overthrow the Raj of the Sircar, till that period we were told to stop at home and to come when we have heard of their (the rebels) arrival at Sumbhulpore when we are to proceed and meet them, we heard from those two persons the above circumstances. The neighbouring Villagers believed the statements which these two Prisoners are circulating and talking of, *viz.* that the Sircar Rajh was about to come to an end and that a Nabob would come. The whole of the country people are of one mind and are aiding the Prisoners. Inconsequence of this and also owing to the Villagers talking in a rebellious manner we could not apprehend those two Prisoners.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) A. C. McNEILL,
Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa.

Deposition given in Ooryah by Sebundy Peon Bhogoto Patro, No. 67 of the Orissa Agency, before the Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa on the 30th day of September 1857.

I and Sebundy Peon Horebundo Patro, No. 83, proceeded on the 27th August 1857, to Kalahundy with a Purwanah issued by the Agent to the address of the Rajah, we both on our way through Sooradah arrived at Rampoor of Muddunpoor, District of Kalahundy, we met there an Ooriah Brahmin, an Inhabitant of Sumbhulpore, who told us that 650 Prisoners who were in the Jail of Hazarebaug had been released by the Rajah of "Rooma" and by the "Nabob, of Delhi," and that they had beaten the Sircar. That one of those Pri soners, named Poorondoro Baboo, an Inhabitant of Nagpore, had prepared an armed force and intended going to Nagpore, which news having been heard by Soorondoro Baboo servant of the "Koompany" Sircar at Sumbhulpore that he had collected good armed men from the Rajahs of Karial Patna and Sumbhulpore (300 men from each Rajah) and were proceeding to assist the Sircar. After we had learnt this news we proceeded to Joonnagudda and delivered the Purwanah to the Rajah and having received an answer from him we left that place and returned through Dandpoor, Onthorla, Gontapuddah, Kelapadee, Fernigiah, Bondoghor, Goolingiah, to Russellcondah. In passing through all the above places we found every thing quiet.

Mark of Bhogoto Patro.

Taken before me at Russellcondah this 30th day of September 1857.

(Signed) A. C. McNEILL, Lieutenant,
Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) A. C. McNEILL,
Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa.

No. 34 ORDER THEREON, No. 898; dated 17th October 1857.

To be recorded.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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From Lieut. A. C. McNeill
Agent Hill Tracts of Orissa
No

Rd 20th
Oct 12th 1857.

No 907.
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Forwards for information, copy of a letter which he addressed to the Superintendent relative to the state of affairs in Sumbhulpore

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