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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1*st June* 1858.

No. 25. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department under date the 12th May 1858, No. 624.

Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George; dated Bendamoorlunkra, 30th April 1858, No. 164.

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3. Gooróogoontla Commereddy, one of the leaders of the gangs who had taken up their quarters in that part of the country, was compelled to fly into the Nizam's dominions where he was shortly afterwards apprehended, and is now on his trial before the Commissioner under Act XIV. of 1857, at Rajahmundry.

4. As I stated to be my intention as soon as arrangements could be made, the iron steamer, placed at my disposal by the District Engineer, went up the river as far as Coratoo, the place of residence of the chief leader of the rebels on the banks of the river. A quantity of cotton, consigned to a gentleman at Coconada which had been some time detained, was brought away. The party were fired at from the banks when near Coratoor, and when removing the cotton; and my Assistant, Mr. Horsely, who accompanied Lieutenant Bloomfield, had a narrow escape, his arm having been grazed by a matchlock ball. An attempt made to capture Karkonda Soobbareddy failed, but so suddenly had he been compelled to leave his lair, that various articles, especially a dufter of letters and papers, from which useful information has been obtained, were left behind.

5. This expedition, and it being known that the steamer was available at Polavarum to go up the river at any time, had a very good effect. The endeavours which had hitherto been made to induce the inhabitants of certain hill villages between Polavarum and Coratoor to disconnect themselves with the rebels, had hitherto not been very successful, but when they found we were able at any time to pass up the river, and land at any point on the banks, they seemed to think that it would be better to declare against the rebels, and then have since desisted from aiding them in any way, and some have been active in their endeavours to apprehend the leaders. The chiefs being from this cause, and by the various guards posted along the hills, prevented from committing further depredations, and thus having lost the means of paying their followers, have found them gradually falling off, and they have lately had but very few men with them.

6. The last attempt to capture Karkonda Soobbareddy was made a few days ago. The steamer with Lieutenant Bloomfield and his Sibbundies went up the river and the party landed at Coratoor whither they at once proceeded to the place where information which had been received, led Lieutenant Bloomfield to the belief Soobbareddy would be found. Other parties had been moved towards the same point by land. The expedition was not, I regret to say, successful. Soobbareddy and his sons having crossed the river some distance higher up and fled, almost unattended, into, it is said, the Rumpa country.

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9. In my letter of the 24th February, I stated my intention of applying for a Company of Sappers to aid in the operations against the rebels. Circumstances however prevented the Major General in Command of the Division granting the services of any other of the Corps named, but he was good enough to place as many men as I required from the Detachment of the 43rd Regiment N. I. now stationed at Rajahmundry, at my disposal. Two small parties have lately been located at Polavarum and Goottalah. I hope to be able to relieve them almost immediately.

10. In conclusion, I beg to assure His Lordship in Council that my endeavours to secure the apprehension of the ringleaders, who are still at large, will not be allowed to relax. I have great hopes that the large reward authorized and offered for the principal man, will go far towards effecting the object desired.

The report made by the Magistrate of Rajahmundry in the above letter of the state of affairs on the frontier of his District, is satisfactory. He will not however relax his efforts until he has effected the capture of Karkonda Soobbareddy and Korla Soobbareddy. In addition to the rewards of Rupees 2,500 and 1,000 offered for their apprehension, Mr. Purvis will be at liberty to expend any moderate sum in procuring information likely to assist him in accomplishing that object. No mention is made by the Magistrate of the Moonsiff who was carried off. He will expend any money that may be required to ascertain his fate, and if there be reason to believe that he is still alive, will offer a reward of Rupees 2,500 for his being restored to the Rajahmundry authorities.

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3. No time should be lost by the Collector of Rajahmundry or by the Board of Revenue in sending up to Government the application referred to in para. 8, respecting compensation to Lingareddy.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 699; dated 28th May 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will be good enough to obtain and submit to Government, without delay, from the Collector of Rajahmundry the application for compensation on behalf of Lingareddy referred to in the concluding para. of the above Minute of Consultation.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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(True Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Rajahmundry.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.

Exd. F. Carlledge.

No 772

Extract from the Letter of Govt. in the Judl. Department.

Dated 12th May 1858
Recd. 18th

Directing that no time should be lost by the Collector of Rajahmundry, or by the Board of Revenue in sending up to Govt. the application referred to in Para: 8, respecting compensation to Singaraddy Kondanadoo

William Cowie
Offg. Sec. to Govt.
28th May 1858

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Order to be communicated to the Board of Revenue who will be good enough to obtain and submit to Government, without delay, from the Collector of Rajahmundry the application for compensation on behalf of Singaraddy referred to in the concluding para of the above Minute of Consn.

Lt. Jno. Geo. Taylor
28th May 1858

W. P. R.

5 Sept. Letter to Bd. of Revenue Para 29