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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th May 1869.*

No. 76. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Passing orders in regard to the establishment
of the new Police stations at Kulasinghi and
Goondraha in the Hill passes near Patasinghi, } (Here enter 10th April 1869, No. 578.)
in the Gunapur Talook.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1869, No. 1,224.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 578.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

10th April 1869.

No. 127. Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kondakirla, 22nd March 1869, No. 67.

I have the honor to forward copy of a report from the Acting Senior Assistant Agent, who in company with the Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of Police, has carried out the Order of Government, conveyed in their Proceedings, dated 19th September 1868, No. 1456, paragraph 9, for taking up new police stations in the hill passes near Patasinghi in the Gunapur taluq.

2. The feeling of the Sowrahs in those parts was hostile to the measure, as they have not yet outgrown the recollection of former severities; but by judicious forbearance, and a studiously friendly treatment of these people, Mr. Cruickshank, Captain Fraser, and Mr. Sheffield have succeeded in introducing the police into their intended stations, without provoking open opposition. The liberal payment that the Sowrahs received for clearing the jungle round the new stations, has served to show them, better than words could have done, that we have no sinister intentions in intruding on their fastnesses.

3. The Government will remark that Zonti Gomango has not yet accepted our friendly overtures. Every precaution was taken that the Government amnesty should penetrate into the Sowrah villages, but savages are always suspicious, and it may be sometime before this man, and others concerned in the insurrection of 1864, will believe in the truth of the offered pardon. I concur in the remarks contained in paragraph 7 of Mr. Cruickshank's report, that it would have been most injudicious to inaugurate the police stations with the task of hunting out this man. * I trust he will soon believe in his safety from molestation, and give as little trouble as his neighbours. Mr. Cruickshank reports favorably of the assistance given by the Gomango of Ragantala, and in accordance with his suggestion, I beg that a gold bangle of the value of Rupees 50 may be given to this person.

4. The payment of Rupees 10 as batta to the Paiks should be added as an item to the usual expenses of the hill tour, of which I submitted the accounts for sanction with my report, dated 19th February 1869.

5. Mr. Cruickshank also recommends that the usual batta be granted to the Deputy Tahsildar of Gunapur, from the 15th February to the 3rd March, during which time he resided in the jungles with the officers who were carrying out this duty, and was of great service. Like the other officers he had to carry out all supplies with him from Gunapur, and double batta being always granted in this district, to all servants employed in the hills, I beg that the same may be extended to the Gunapur Sub-Magistrate on this occasion, at the rate of Rupees 2-8-0 per day.

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Acting Senior Assistant Agent, Vizagapatam, to the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Vizagapatam; dated Parvatipoor, 17th March 1869, No. 57.

I have the honor to report regarding the taking up of the new police stations at Kulasinghi and Goondraha in the Gunapur taluq.

2. On the 15th February I met the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Police at Kadassy, eight miles from Gunapur.

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3. On the morning of the day previous they went to Kulasinghi with the Constables to be stationed there. There was no difficulty whatever there; the Gomango was friendly, and all was ready for the men.

4. The jungle along the path from Waddasar to Goondraha was ordered to be cut long before we went up, but it was said that Zonti Gomango and Telly threatened the Sowrahs sent to cut it, that if they did so, they would burn their houses and kill them. The coolies saying that they would retaliate if any one attempted to beat them, the Sub-Magistrate very properly put a stop to the work. I requested the Assistant Superintendent of Police to give the Sub-Magistrate some Constables to have the work carried out. The Assistant Superintendent was in the Gunapur taluq at the time, and he himself went and saw the work done.

5. While at Kadassy a report came in from Waddasar that during the night the greater part of the beams sent up for the station as far as Ragantala had been burnt, and this was said to have been done by Zonti Gomango and Telly.

6. On the morning of the 16th we marched to Waddasar where we remained four days till the timber required for the station and the huts was prepared.

7. Inquiry was made as to the burning of the wood, and it appears from the statement of the Ragantala Gomango, that, on receiving information of what was going on, he went to the place and saw ten or twelve persons and asked who they were, that Zonti fired his musket at him and he fired his at him. He says he identified Zonti and Telly by their voice. Had there been no doubt whatever but these two were the offenders, I should not have thought it advisable even then to have ordered them to be hunted out and arrested, for I think it would have had a very bad effect if our very first act on entering the tract hitherto unpatrolled had been to proceed at once to arrest any of them. The plan we adopted was far more likely to reconcile them to us, and to show them that we did not wish to annoy them in any way, viz., employing them in cutting the jungle round about, and bringing in materials for the station and the huts, and seeing that they received their cooly properly every day.

8. On the 18th the Assistant Superintendent and I went from Waddasar, with a party of Constables and a great many coolies, to have the jungle cleared along the path to Patasinghi. We went over the Kitangi ghaut. There are two ghauts by which one may go into the Putta valley, viz., the Ragantala ghaut and the Kitangi ghaut. Orders have been given for the clearing of this ghaut also. Just when we were about to start for Waddasar again a Sowrah fired an arrow from a hill at a distance. The arrow was found at more than 200 yards distance from the place where we were. It is needless to say that no notice was taken of this.

9. On the 20th we left Waddasar. We went to Goondraha and Patasinghi. We had to fix on a site for the station and the huts, and after having seen all the ground round about Goondraha, it was decided to build the station and the huts on a piece of rising ground about a mile-and-a-half from Ragantala, the same distance or perhaps a little more from Goondraha, two miles from Patasinghi and close to Burai and Jeycoor.

10. On the 21st we encamped on the site fixed on, and immediately set them to work to have it cleared and the huts erected. The jungle round and round has been cut down, and the jungle along the paths to the villages on all sides is being cut. On our way to Goondraha, the Gomango of that village who had not come in before met us, and promised to bring in coolies the following day which he did. All the Gomangos came in and brought great numbers of coolies with them. On several days we had between 300 and 400 coolies at work. A few of these were from Putta and Burai. The Putta coolies were under one Demma. There are said to be two Gomangos of Burai where the Sowrahs are said to be a bad lot. One of the Gomangos came in and brought a few coolies with him. While the work was going on, we went and saw a great many of the villages round about.

11. I left on the 3rd March, and the Superintendent of Police on the 5th. The Assistant Superintendent remains to see the work completed, and it is well that he should be there for a short time till all is got into working order.

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12. The Sub-Magistrate rendered every assistance possible, and procured every thing required, frequently on very short notice, and even at considerable inconvenience. I would suggest that he be allowed double batta at the rate allowed to one drawing the same amount of pay from the 15th February to the 3rd March, both days inclusive. He was called out to a place where it was impossible to procure any thing, and every thing had to be carried with him, and he alone of all the officers there gets no batta. I hope it will be passed to him for he deserves it.

The Rajah's Ameen and the Bhemapuramdora accompanied us, and were willing and ready to give any assistance required, the latter proving himself very useful in communicating what was wanted to the Sowrahs. Only a very few Constables were left at Waddasar, and with a view to strengthen them in case that any attempt at opposition should be made, some Paiks were left with them. Ten rupees batta was disbursed to them, and I request that this amount may be sanctioned. They were discontinued as soon as it was seen that there was no chance of any disturbance. I think it right to bring to notice the great assistance given to the police by the Ragantala Gomango, and to request that some present may be made him in return for the services rendered, such as a gold bangle.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1869, No. 578.

His Excellency the Governor in Council learns, with much satisfaction, that the new police stations at Kulasinghi and Goondraha, in the hill passes near Patasinghi, in the Gunapur taluq, have been established as directed in paragraph 9 of G. O., No. 1456, dated 19th September 1868. This important measure has been carried out under the orders of the Agent to the Governor in Council with excellent judgment by the Acting Senior Assistant, the Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of Police. Mr. Minchin will communicate to these officers the approval of the Government for the judicious manner in which they have carried into effect the wishes of the Government.

2. His Excellency concurs with the Agent in thinking that it only requires a little time to convince the Sowrahs that there has been no hostile intention on the part of the Government towards them, and that Zonti Gomango and the other Sowrahs concerned will, before long, avail themselves of the amnesty offered to them.

3. The Agent is authorized to present the Gomango of Ragantala with a gold bangle of the value of 50 Rupees.

4. The payment of batta (Rupees 10) to the Paiks, and to the Deputy Tahsildar of Gunapur, is also sanctioned.

(True Extract).

Resu
Chief Secretary.

To the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Vizagapatam.

„ Inspector General of Police.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Accountant General.

Comm to the
Rev. Board

Exd. J. Wright.

10th April 1869

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