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15. OF THE LETTER DATED 27TH AUGUST 1857 FROM E.A. SAMUELLS,
COMMISSIONER OF PATNA TO THE SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF
BENGAL, DESCRIBING THE ACTIVITIES OF HAIDAR ALI KHAN.

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27th August 1857

A. R. Young Esq^r

Secretary to Govt of Bengal

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Division is generally quiet. In Nowada however owing to the continued absence of the Deputy Magistrate and the Police a few rebels have taken courage and proclaimed themselves masters of Pergunnah Rajgeer. Hyder Alli Khan has taken possession of Rajgeer itself with 12 or 1400 men and Mehoollee Alli Khan and Kafil Buksh Khan have taken part at Antee with about 1000 men. These two men have dug up a gun from the old fort of Marma. Their followers are villagers and Rajwars with a few muskets and match locks but principally armed with swords and dathars. I have ordered Captain Rattray to proceed against them with 200 Sikhs as soon as possible. I do not anticipate

Yours faithfully

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anticipate that they will have the
courage to oppose themselves to regular
troops or that any further force will
be necessary but if it should I have
directed Captain Ratthay to call on
the officer commanding the columns
on the Trunk Road who must pass
within about 30 miles of Koursula to
afford it. I can hear nothing of
this column - and am in entire igno-
rance of its movements and the orders
under which it marches. Yet it is
very necessary that I should be kept
well informed on these points. Sir
James Outram informed me that it
was to this column I must look to
preserve order in my Division if any
Military force should be required for
that purpose.

2. I have just received a letter
addressed by Mr Fredk Bird to the
Joint Magistrate of Moteehare. Mr
Bird, the Lieutenant Governor is pro-
bably aware, refused to leave Gornak

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Gornakpore when the other civilians
left the station. He says that he re-
mained doing his duty for some days
but that Mahomed Noopen Khan
who calls himself a Nazim of Gornak-
pore on the part of the King of Cude-
made towards Gornakpore after his
defeat by the Ghoorkas at Gagha
and offered a reward of 5,000 Rupees
for his head. He discovered that
there was a plot among the Jailguard
to seize him and he found that
the whole of the Rajas & Zemindars
in the western part of the District
had joined the Nazim. He therefore
considered it useless to stay any longer
and made his escape to Bettiah.
He says (under the impression that
there is a large army of Ghoorkas
at the foot of the Hills) that he is
willing to go back with 3,000 Ghoorkas
to recover the District which he declares
was needlessly abandoned in opposition
to the express orders of the Commissioner.

I have sent his note in original to the
Lieutenant Governor central Provinces.
and ~~have~~ drawn his attention to the
urgent necessity which exists for
the reoccupation of Goruckpore. If
this does not take place speedily
Chuprah and Sirhoat indeed the
whole country to the north of the
Ganges will be in the greatest danger.
I have sent 75 Sikhs to Sevan and
have authorized Rajah Chutterbharee
and the Bettiah Raja to raise men
to protect their frontiers but it is
impossible they can long resist. Mr
Bird mentions that the Nazim had
6,000 men with him - ^{we have} ~~he has~~ not a
man here whom he could send to
protect Chuprah if it were attacked.
A single European Regiment with $\frac{1}{2}$
a dozen guns would be sufficient
to recover Goruckpore but
this must be sent soon otherwise the
mischiefs will spread to such an extent
that a larger force will be necessary.
The European troops now here might
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he sent across the river on the arrival
of the Madras Regiment which might
Garrison Dinapore and Patna with Captain
Peel's Seamen, and there are 6 mountain
guns brought up by General Ostrum
which might accompany the force and
be worked by Seamen. An armed
Steamer might also be ordered down
to clear the Gogra and tow up boats
for the accommodation of the sick &c.
Elephants in abundance are procurable,
but these are measures which it
needs with the Military Authorities
to adopt or not as they think proper.
They are hazardous but I see no other
means of saving the districts North of
the Ganges. The matter is one of
great importance and I would press
it earnestly on the Lieutenant Governor's
consideration. 200 Sikhs might probably
be collected to accompany the Europeans
if it was thought advisable to send
the latter to Goruckpore. I have nothing
else of importance to communicate.

I have &c
J. B. S. S. S. S.
Comd.