

SUPPLEMENT TO SREE VIVEKAVARDHANI.

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This rebellion which was expected to have been crushed before the summer season is still raging. There is not any perceptible improvement in the state of affairs. The signs of its end are as far as ever. Every now and then we hear of one village or another being looted. Now and then a straggler or two are brought here and kept in the jail. A man said to be Ambulreddi was some days since brought here and is now in the Jail. Some *koyas* are now being tried by the Collector. We cannot help noticing one fact. The number of fever stricken constables and others is gradually reduced by deaths. Since the beginning of the rising we have lost one Tahsildar and some clerks. Some are still laid up with fever. The head clerk of the special Assistant at Vaddigudem has we hear resigned on account of ill-health. The 2nd. clerk is said to be recommended for promotion. The civilians on this side seem to have little knowledge of the abilities of men beyond the little circle of their office. Any vacancy is at once filled by some fellow of little merit on the score that he is in office as a copyist or as a something. In a district where the college produces on the average a dozen F. A's every year and some graduates, there is hardly one F. A. or B. A. found in any revenue office under the Collector. Only one was taken the

other day by Mr. Johnson and that is an F. A. The fact is when a vacancy occurs no attempt is made by the Collector to fill it by educated and efficient men, no advertisement made inviting good hands. All is managed by the Collector and his Sheristadar as if there were no souls worthy of their notice beyond the little horizon of their catchery and as if General Test men and at best, but rarely, Matriculates were the best. On this point we shall speak another time.

A correspondent from Yarnagoodem Taluk writes to us:—

“It is said that the *muttas* of Kovalli and Kovada formerly rented by an abkarry contractor are taken from him and given over to the *koyas* for freely enjoying the toddy &c. The renter, in consequence, lost in money. A rumour is in the mouths of malicious people that a similar outcry on the part of the people living in villages, under Zamindars, and rented by private individuals, will make the Government reduce the rents.

It is said that a renter of some villages who has incurred loss by renting them and who is to have continued a renter for two years, is asked by the collector to withdraw his contract. This caused loss of money to the renter.”

NEWS AND NOTES.

Sir William Harcourt in a brilliant speech at Liverpool, alluded thus to India —

There is only one other matter with which I will trouble you and that is the condition of India (Cheers) Certainly, no topic can more fitly engage the attention of such an audience as this (Cheers) England is beginning at last to understand the real nature of the perils by which India is menaced They do not come so much from foreign foes as from internal exhaustion, (Cheers) It can not be—indeed, it is not—disputed that the Indian revenue is inadequate to Indian expenditure The delusion that India is a wealthy country, of boundless resources, is for ever dispelled The truth is, at last, manifest that from a population six times as numerous as that of England, you can hardly expect one-half the revenue we raise. That the