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No. 15. Read the following letter from E. B. GLASS, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Chicacole; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 20th August 1857, No. 316.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to lay this statement before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and request he will kindly take the matter into his consideration, as the evil has now got to such a head, if stringent measures are not taken, to put it down, the lives not only of the natives, in the large towns, and district generally, will before long be very seriously exposed and as is shown Europeans also subjected to one of the most terrific scourges, and deaths, that can possibly befall mankind (viz.) Hydrophobia.

There is not almost a single Chuckler's or a Dundassees's house in Chicacole that does not harbour, from two to five or six parria dogs, not one of which, is ever fed! by them! but allowed to stray, all over the roads, bazars and every place at their pleasure, living on any carrion, garbage, or excrement, they can find! and no care or attention paid, whether they attack children, women, or others, who have to pass these houses! and to add to this curse, there is not a single pup, of any of the bitches, ever destroyed, but all allowed to be reared, and let loose, on the public; every day adding to the nuisance!! The necessity of now bringing this to the notice of his Lordship in Council, is that Hydrophobia has broken out, in Chicacole, and melancholy to relate, a European lad of between 10 and 11 years of age, the son of Serjeant Freeman, has this morning died, of that disease, in all the agony of its worst symptoms. This has times without number been pointed out to the Police, and requested, they would destroy, mangey, starved, wretches of dogs which are allowed to lay in the streets and roads, but not the slightest attention paid to such representations, or requests, and though when many deaths having formerly taken place from Hydrophobia, a reward was given to destroy dogs, in and about the Fort, the sum offered was so trifling that it failed to have *any* effect! even this reward has not been given for upwards of a year. His Lordship may say, bringing this to his notice, is no more than my duty as a servant of Government, but what is to be the remedy to put a stop to such an evil.

There are two, I would propose, which would effectually stop people of that class keeping, or harbouring such a nuisance!

1st. That Government should authorize a tax of a small sum 4, 6, or 8 annas to be collected from the house owner, where such dogs are harboured, *yearly*, for each dog! I use the word harboured, because at once every one will deny they belong to them, and allow them to be destroyed rather than pay this tax, which effects the object without further trouble! All dogs at home are taxed except Shepherd's dogs, &c., and why not in this country; when they are allowed to be kept for no purpose whatever.

2nd. That Government should sanction instead of the trifle which has been granted formerly! 3 Annas for every dog! and 4 Annas for every bitch killed in the streets, or bazars! and the nuisance would undoubtedly be put an end to in a very short time.

(Signed) EDW. B. GLASS,
Civil and Session Judge.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 1138; dated 2nd September 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Magistrate of Ganjam for report.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No 1138

Ordered the communicate to the Ganjam
Magistrate of ~~Vizagapatam~~ for report.

Fort St George,
22 September, 1857.

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