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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14*th June* 1864.

No. 126. Read the following letter from A. COLVIN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Simla, the 16th May 1864, No. 253.

Home Department.

I am directed to forward copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 31, dated the 24th March, relating to the deaths committed by tigers, wolves, and other wild animals in several parts of India, and to request that you will be good enough to move His Excellency the Governor in Council to take such action on the subject as he may consider necessary. I am desired to add that the inhabitants of villages exposed to the ravages of these wild animals should, if deemed expedient, be *at once* authorized to retain such a number of arms as may be absolutely necessary for their protection.

Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, dated India Office, London, 24th March 1864, No. 31.

Public.

It has recently been brought to notice that in several parts of India, more especially in the Madras Presidency, the lives of the inhabitants are frequently sacrified, and the cattle and the crops are exposed to serious depredations from the increasing numbers of tigers, wolves, and other wild animals.

2. I am aware that it is customary to offer rewards for the destruction of beasts of prey, and I believe that this means has ordinarily been found effectual in checking the evil. It is evident, however, that it has failed of late, and in some parts of the country to produce this effect; and it seems not improbable that this result may, in part at least, be owing to the villagers having been deprived of their arms through the operation of the general Disarming Act.

3. In 1860 the Government of Bombay, with reference to the number of deaths from tigers in the Kolapore State, authorized both an increase in the amount of rewards, and the distribution of a greater number of guns among the villagers; and these measures appear, from subsequent reports, to have been attended with success. I have to request that you will take the subject into consideration, and that you will, if you see fit, authorize such a number of arms being retained by the inhabitants of those villages which may be more particularly suffering from the ravages of wild beasts as may be absolutely necessary for the protection of themselves and their property.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) A. COLVIN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 127. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1864, No. 871.

Communicated to the several Magistrates, who will state whether any special measures are necessary to encourage the destruction of tigers and other wild animals in their respective Districts.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Judicial Department.

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Requesting the Magistrates to state whether any special measures are necessary to encourage the destruction of Tigers and other wild Animals in the respective Districts.—