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9th October 1865.*

No. 43. Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Magistrate of Nellore, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kaluvaya, 21st September 1865, No. 27.

Towards the end of last month, a tiger made its appearance at Udayagiri, on the hill at the back of the town, and since then appears to have killed some cows and buffaloes.

2. On the 11th instant, however, a man of the name of Salla Fakira, went up the hill to cut grass, and, not returning, search was made for him.

3. And the grass he had been cutting, the sickle, his cloth, and some blood being found near the Nallabanda water fall, left little doubt but that he had been carried off by the tiger.

4. The search was renewed next day; and the trunk and a leg were found by Baratala Pappaya, Sali Narasu, and Manam Chinna Venku, a Taluq peon.

5. On finding the remains, the men concealed themselves and waited for the tiger; and the tiger coming up shortly afterwards, Baratala Pappaya fired and killed it.

6. The Tahsildar in reporting these details, brings to notice the peculiar circumstances under which this tiger has been killed; the effect the presence in the neighbourhood of such an animal has had on a town like Udayagiri, filled with a poor population, who depend, many of them, for their livelihood on what they can collect from the hill and bring into the town for sale, in the way of firewood, grass, &c.; and, recognizing the benefits conferred on all classes by the destruction of the tiger, he strongly recommends, that a reward of Rupees 100 should be given to the man who killed it, adding that the liberal reward given for the destruction

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of the man-eater at Bijjampalli*, on the other side of the hill, has, in his opinion, had a great effect in getting the people

to turn out at once on the present occasion, in the hope of their services being similarly brought to the notice of Government.

7. There is nothing to show that the tiger they have killed was a "man-eater," but that, having once found out how easy it was to kill a grass cutter, there was little chance of other prey being preferred, may, I think, be taken for granted. And looking at the prompt and gallant way in which the animal was tracked, destroyed, and the community relieved of its presence, I agree with the Tahsildar in thinking that the services of the men deserve recognition, and instead of giving the whole reward to one man, I do myself the honor to request the permission of Government to give a total reward of Rupees one hundred for the destruction of the tiger, as recommended by the Tahsildar,—and of this sum, give sixty Rupees to the man who fired the successful shot, and twenty Rupees, each, to the two men who accompanied him.

No. 44.

ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1865, No. 1438.

Sanctioned as proposed.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Magistrate of Nellore.

" Accountant General.

" Revenue Board.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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To the Magistrate of Nellore
" " General
" " Rev Board.

Had I seen the
Cow. I wd have allowed
the 3 men to divide
the 100 P. as to the number
seemed best. The one
was getting the shot way
a mere piece of luck.
I dare say he would

have gone up the trail
above the shot without
the company & out of
the other two men

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