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No. 98. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 10th April 1867, No. 28.

In the limits of the Kongarapolliem Village, of Sattiamungalum Taluq, about eight miles to the north-east of the Cusbah of Sattiamungalum, on the Attani road, on the north bank of the Bowani river, a tigress, with two cubs, has for some time past taken up her abode and carried off several human beings.

2. The villagers have done their best to destroy or frighten away the animal, but with the means at their disposal, their attempts have proved fruitless.

3. This tigress has been known for several years; but it is only of late that she has proved herself a determined "man-eater," the result perhaps of her having to support two young ones. Unless a reward sufficiently large to induce Europeans to go after her is offered, I fear that the animal will go on killing people for an indefinite period. The Urzee of the Tashildar and the report of the Head of the Village, translations of which are enclosed, show that the inhabitants of that part of the country dread the animal so much that there is little chance of their being able to accomplish her destruction; and if the two cubs learn to follow in the steps of their mother, as they are not at all unlikely to do, a residence in or near Kongarapolliem will be a matter of some danger.

4. I have offered a reward of Rupees 100 for the tigress, but as I deem this sum insufficient, I beg to recommend that it be increased to Rupees 300.

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Translation of an Urzee from the 2nd Class Sub-Magistrate of Sattiamungalum, under date the 20th March 1867, No. 76.

I have herein enclosed two reports, written by the Village Magistrate, on the subject of a tigress having carried off one Pavakkal, the wife of a Potter of Kongarapolliem, named Annamalalai.

2. The Village Magistrate informs me that a tigress and two cubs have taken up their abode on the road leading from the said village to Gundarai Kuttialum, and other places; that it has carried off several passengers; that several persons have died an unnatural death, being killed by the tigress; that people are afraid to pass by that road; and that there are no competent Sikharies to kill her.

3. The Village Magistrate's statement appears to be true. There are about 420 houses in the said Kongarapolliem village, the inhabitants of which are in the habit of cultivating the fields in the villages of Arkancottai, Vaniaputten, Pettaikarai, and others, which yield a large nunjah beriz. These villages are situate at the foot of the hills. The people are in great fear of the disturbance caused by the said tigress. Under these circumstances, I request that competent Sikharies may be sent to kill the animal.

(Signed) D. PEDDU,
2nd Class Sub-Magistrate.

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Translation of a report sent to the Sattiamungalum Taluq Cutcherry by the Village Magistrate of Kongarapolliem, in the Sattiamungalum Taluq, dated 10th March 1867.

The road to the north of this village leading to Gundarai, Kuttialum, &c., runs through a country covered with trees and bushes for a distance of eight miles. In this country a tigress and two cubs have taken up their abode. They are frequently seen by travellers and shepherds who

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through fear run away. Reports have been made that this tigress has carried off people. On the 8th instant, when a potter and his wife, with about twenty others, were going along this road, the tigress approached the crowd, and carried away the said potter's wife. The others in great dismay ran for shelter to the hills hard by. Being informed of this, I and forty men of the village, the potter among them, proceeded to the spot armed with guns, &c. We advanced to some distance, but my followers when they saw the animal's footsteps turned homeward, and were impressed with such dread of the animal that they could not be persuaded to return to the locality in question. About 15 days ago the tigress is said to have carried away three persons who were passing by the same road. Further, she forcibly entered some Coravur's huts about three miles from the village, and seized one of the inmates, but was eventually driven off by the others. She again forcibly entered the huts on the following day. Two persons were wounded, and the Coravurs left with them for Gundarai. The tigress is now accustomed to devour human beings, and there are no Sikharis in this place clever enough to kill her. People generally travel in that part of the country in great numbers and properly armed, but this does not prevent the tigress from attacking and carrying some of them away.

(Signed) NUNGAPA KOWNDON,
Village Magistrate.

(True Translations).

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Magistrate.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1867, No. 595.

The Governor in Council sanctions the offer of a reward of Rupees (300) three hundred for the destruction of the tigress referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. The offer should be advertized in the Ootacamund newspapers, as well as in the *District Gazette*.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Coimbatore.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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