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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 27th November 1894, No. 2855, Judicial.

ABSTRACT.—Addressing the Agents to the Governor regarding casualties amongst their elephants and requesting certain information.

READ—also the following papers:—

G.O., dated 4th February 1895, No. 482, Revenue.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, with remarks, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting report by Mr. J. S. Battie, Forest Officer, Ganjám, regarding the purchase of elephants at the Sonepur fair.

From the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, dated 6th February 1895, No. F.D. 4.

From the Government Agent, Gódvári, dated 11th February 1895, No. 19.

From the Agent to the Governor, Ganjám, dated 2nd March 1895, No. 444.

ABSTRACT.—Replying to the above Judicial Government Order.

ORDER—dated 24th June 1895, No. 1344, Judicial.

The Commissary-General with the Forces, Madras, will be requested to be good enough to advise the Government on the following points:—

- (1) The age and size at which elephants should be put to work.
 - (2) Whether he can recommend any good manual of instructions for the management of elephants in health and their treatment in sickness.
 - (3) Whether in the Commissariat Department of this Presidency or in Northern India there is any system of instructing men in such matters.
 - (4) Whether elephants should be kept in sheds or in the open, when not actually at work in camp.
2. The Board of Revenue, the Inspector-General of Police and the Agents to the Governor in Vizagapatam, Ganjám and Gódvári, will be requested to furnish statements showing the number of Forest, Police and Agency elephants actually

required for use and the probable annual requirements in order to keep up the sanctioned strength. They should report also the places at which the elephants are kept when not actually out with officers, stating whether they are housed in sheds or allowed to remain in the open.

3. When replies are received to this Proceedings, it should be possible to make arrangements with the Bengal or Mysore Government for the regular supply of a suitable class of elephants.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissary General.
 " Board of Revenue (through Revenue Department).
 " Inspector-General of Police.
 " Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam.
 " Ganjam.
 " Godavari.

Erd. A. Raitt.

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 Govt. of 1893 Madras.
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The Judicial Dept.

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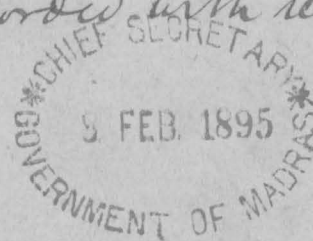
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Mis. G.O. 4 "Feb" 1895, No. 482.

SUBJECT.

B. P. submitting Mr Bathe's
 report regarding the purchase
 of elephants at the Sonepur
 Fair - recorded with remarks

12/2/95.



Sp. 187, 29.1.95 mis.
 + papers. +
 No. 644/95.

12/2/95.

Order.

It appears that a young tusker was
 purchased for the Vira Agency for Rs 3000. Mr Bathe
 suggestion - the purchase of elephants for the Northern
 District from the Govt. Store at Dacca - might it
 is submitted be considered along with the replies of
 3. 9. 95. of 27.11.94 & 2855. J.D. re the
 frequent casualties of agency elephants.

Yes let them be over
 till the replies are received.
 Mr. Wolfe Murray will then
 to explain that the sum (Rs 3200)
 for the purchase of 2 elephants
 was already all expended in buying one.

Record with
 a note for order.

1/5/95

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S.O. 2855. 27.10.94 Mi

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR,
VIZAGAPATAM,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO
GOVERNMENT MADRAS

Dated 6 February

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L. D. No. 4.

ENCLOSURES. 1.

Subject

Furnishing answers to
certain questions asked
by Government regarding
Casualties among the
Agency elephants.

MR 12/2/95

To answer the other 2 replies.

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15.1.95

MR 12/2/95

For which remainder done

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MR 14/2/95

Cur 581/95
(in m)
referred to the agent
to the Govt in Vizag.
for report.

MR
18/95

Vide go on m. 4066/95

Statement shewing the Casualties of the Agency Elephants during the last five years

Name of the elephant	Date of purchase	How long it served	Date of death	Cause of death	Age at the time of death	Remarks
Chinnilal	1875	11 years	3-8-1886	She fell down suddenly on its way to Waebar and died in 12 hours. Cause of death is not known.		I would add to these the following:- When I came to Vijayapuram as an Agent, Pollock in Jan'y 1878 Mr. Goodrich, Agent had a pair of fine tuskers which he had just got in 1877 from Sphurud costing Rs 600. By 1881 when I returned to Vijayapuram, or in 1882 at latest, both these were dead.
Howebaksh.	1870	16 "	16. 8. 1886	Old age		
Jayamale Mukundi	1885	3 "	26. 4. 1888	She suffered for a week from Dropsical Zakerbad.		
Shampakhalli	1887	1 month	23-6-1888	She suffered for 3 days from illness, and may be due to extreme heat of the weather at Koraput.	Not known.	
Shakkali Mukundi	1885	3 years	28-6-1888	Dropsy (Zakerbad) and change in weather.		From the service book it appears that she was 50 years old, but Mr. Lallack thought that she was nearly 100 in 1892.
Manoda	1888	5 "	14. 7. 1893	Old age.		
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				William Agent to the Governor		

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

In a letter from the Agent to the Governor
Vizagapatam to the Chief Secretary to Govern-
ment No. *F. D. 4* dated *6th February 1895*.

ENCLOSURE No. /.

[V. O. P.--22-10-94.--100.]

F. D. No. *4*
Agency.

VIZAGAPATAM GOVERNOR'S AGENT'S OFFICE

Dated *6th February 1895*.

From

F. D'A. O. WOLFE-MURRAY ESQ^R.

Ag. Agent to the Governor,

Vizagapatam District.

To

THE HONORABLE *E. Gibson*

Chief Secretary to Government

Madras.

SIR,

Referring to G.O. No. 2853 dated
27th November 1894, I have the honor
to answer the questions of the
Government seriatim:—

1. Agency Elephants will generally
last 25 years, but like men, they
vary much in their ability to stand
hard work and exposure
2. There were six casualties in the
Agency staff during the last 10
years. A statement shewing their
names and other particulars is
enclosed
3. The Expenditure on elephants
during the last 10 years is as follows:—
1884-85 Rs 5154-4-7.
1885-86 Rs 6215-6-5.
1886-87 Rs 5144-7-7
1887-88 Rs 6350-11-1

1888-89 Rs 5008-8-6
 1889-90 Rs 6385-3-6
 1890-91 Rs 5750-12-9
 1891-92 Rs 6792-3-"
 1892-93 Rs 7073-"
 1893-94 Rs 6387-14-8

4. Elephants generally die of the following diseases:-

- (1). Dropsical swelling - Zaharabhd.
- (2). Sookha Zaharabhd.
- (3). Apoplexy of the Brain
- (4). Mumps - Kuntay Bhas
- (5). Catarrh or Cold - Surdhee.
- (6). Inflammation of the Lungs
- (7). Apoplexy of the Lungs.
- (8). Vomiting
- (9). Colic
- (10). Diarrhoea.

Elephants in Jeypore generally die of Zaharabhd, and it occurs also on the Coast. It is due to Exposure to wet and cold. In diseases Nos 6 and 9, death will only occur when the disease is allowed to run its course undisturbed, and in No 10 should the disease assume a chronic state.

5. Except in the case of Manoda, particulars as to the ages of the elephants

elephants at the time of their death are not forthcoming though a diligent search has been made

The service book of Manoda shows that she was 50 years old at the time of her death, but Mr. Collock was of opinion that she was nearly 145 in 1892.

Ever since 1881 I have taken an interest in Elephants their habits and diseases, and studied books about them. One of ^{present} my elephants which I treated for many weeks for a bad tumour in 1886 is still working though the tumour is still there and has been for 16 years past. The elephant is in consequence in poor condition always, but can do moderate work.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wolfe

Agent to the
 Muzee

(15) At what ages, have the deaths during }
the last 10 years, taken place? }

them out very soon.

At the age of }
26, 40, 55 & 80. }

By C. G. Spencer

Special Assistant Agent.

(True Copy)

Dec: no $\frac{19}{\text{ages}}$ of 95 27/11/2/95.

Submitted to Government in reference to its

Proceedings dated 27th November 1894 No 2855 judicial.

By W. J. H. Le Fanu

Government Agent.

Coconada }
11th February }
1895 }

Wm. Henderson
For Government Agent

Statement showing the information regarding the Agency elephant to
 Called for in the Government Agents' Ref: no 672 of 1894 & 7.12.94.
 agency

Name of the elephant.	Age at the time of entering the agency.	Age at the time of death.	Service in the Agency.	Service elsewhere if known.	Cause of death.	Description of the disease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Kallio.	About years 39	About years 40	1	The animal had been caught 6 months before it was brought to the Agency.	Taharabath	Blood in the body turns to water and a sort of swelling is seen either at the neck or on the stomach. A sort of droopy.
2. Pongaz.	46	55	9	Served in the Shadaka military Dept at Hyderabad for 26 years.		The sickness is the result of extreme cold in the system. Sudden death ensues.
3. Jalani.	24	26	2	Newly purchased	Chajau.	The extremities of the limbs are generally swollen & watery. This is a sort of leprosy.
4. Kippia.	74	80	6	Served in the Shadaka military Dept at Hyderabad and Cannor - no. 2.		(Vide entry above, against no 2).
5. Parvati.	About 55 years started in 1882 by M. A. K. in - some to be very old & worthless.	Still working.	Now about 70 years old. About 15 years service.			
6. Flori.	18	Do -	Now 30 years old.			
7. Bhavar Kalli.	40	Do -	Now 45 years old.			

Questions 4 and 5: - The ages of the elephants are shown under the answer to question no 2. It will be seen that all the elephants were old indeed I believe, tame elephants which are made to do work do not generally live much longer.

Of the 3 elephants which have died since I came to the District Bhiman and Chandratarah were I understand quite useless from the time they came to the District; they were I believe obtained from the Commissariat Department and had no doubt seen their best days before that Department parted with them.

Jang Bahadur was purchased last year from the Forest Department and seemed quite healthy almost to the last. Mr. Reay, the late Jailor Russellkunda held a post mortem and found that his death was due to dropsy. The elephant was also old and had, I believe, been obtained from the Commissariat.

As long as Agency elephants are supplied from old elephants, as apparently they are by the Commissariat Department, they will not stand the rough work of Maliah marching long. Young female elephants are what are wanted for the work and these could be best got from the Kheddahs

Kheddahs I think. The Agent has now only one elephant and this was a source of some inconvenience during my recent Maliah tour.

The District Forest Officer who was sent to the Soupur fair to buy elephants could not get any for the price sanctioned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most ob. Servt.

J. S. W. S.
Ag. Agent

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For ability to stand hard work + exposure,

Godavari. "On an average they live up to the age of 50 years + die after a service of 4 1/2 years in the agency. (Average life will be longer if the service of those ^{now} living be taken into calculation".

IInd Question: How many casualties have there been during the last ten years?

Answers:

Gaujam: Six. 7
Vizay^m: six. 8
Godavari: four. 4

IIIrd Question: What has been the expenditure on elephants during each of the last 10 years?

Answer: As follows:-

Year	Gaujam Rs. as. P.	Vizaypatam Rs. as. P.	Godavari Rs. as. P.	
1884-85	2945-3-3	5154-4-7	2399-5-4	[then
1885-86	4544-3-8	6215-6-5	2092-15-2	most in
1886-87	4191-1-2	5144-7-7	1917-4-4	cost of
1887-88	4061-0-0	6350-11-1	2053-9-0	prob
1888-89	4860-0-0	5008-8-6	1880-8-4	Rs. 200
1889-90	4462-0-0	6385-3-6	1953-6-4	
1890-91	6036-0-0	5750-12-9	2277-6-6	
1891-92	4496-9-8	6792-3-0	2236-0-6	
1892-93	3735-1-6	7073-0-0	2083-9-8	
		4-14-8	2167-12-0	

To await return of Rs. 2855 10/7
27-11-94 29-1-95
+ connected papers to Refu.

The Comt is whether elephants shd be kept shedson in the open of this we should furnish a of the places at which or elephants are kept wh ask out with officers

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DEPARTMENT.

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Gaujam: Disease such as Colic + dropsey + old age are the causes of death.

Vizay^m diseases such as Dropsical swelling - Zakarbad, Sookha Zakarbad, apoplexy of the brain, Mumps, Catarrh or cold, inflammation of the lungs, apoplexy of the lungs, vomiting, Colic + Diarrhoea.

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Godavari: "Disease" "Shadaka" is the ^{ch} commonest. Hookouts say that hill climbing he - ing in the Agency wears them out very soon. ^{l of} ^{nt of} ^{tenet}

Vth Question:

What is the age of the elephants during the last ten years taken place?

Answers:

Vizaypatam Except in one case, particulars as to the ages of elephants at the time of their death are not, it is said, forthcoming in Vizay^m.

Gaujam: At the age of 90, 73, 95, 95, 55 + 85.

Godavari: at the age of 26, 40, 55 + 80. ^{will} ^{stement} ^{here} ^{ed} ^{equ}

in 581/95 -
Mr. Bhatti's report on the loss of elephants at the Sonepur fair com? by the Rev. Sept. contains

It was in the case of "Manoda" whose service reg. is shown that she was 50 years old at the time of her death. Mr. Willock thought it seems, she near 145 in 1892. Mr. Willock was of raree speaking in a purposely exaggerated tone. His remark was to this effect "she is said to be 45 but I checked say was nearer 145"

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Board's orders on this suggestion may be called for?
Recent agency reports do not furnish information as to the total number of elephants ^{ordinarily} in use. - but from 20.5 1257 13.6.87 & 13.5.2 it appears that the Panam agent has 7 in his charge, Vizagapatnam 8 & Godavari 4; the respective casualties in the last ten years have been 6, 6 & 4. From which it appears that the entire stock of elephants requires renewing in 10 or 12 years. - From the same order the average monthly cost of maintenance appears to be about Rs. 50, in Godavari, Rs. 40 in Panam & Rs. 70. (for 1000) in Vizagapatnam. It does not seem possible to draw any satisfactory inferences from the information contained in these returns, - except perhaps that the purchase of old elephants is wasteful, & that excessive work & exposure are likely to cause illness & death among them.

It seems very probable that the real cause of the high mortality amongst Agency elephants is that this Presidency is not one in which

Agency elephants

(For orders)

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method of servants & food

There can be only approximately

that they are rather too high

We used to take the cost of an elephant at Rs 60 p.m. in time in Vizag - Rs 293 15.2.92

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:-

P - Again G.O., dated 27 Nov. 1892, No. 2855;

Again G.O., dated 18, No.

Current No. 581 of 18, dated from

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from orders

The Commissary General
The Board of Rev. (the Rev. Dept.)
The D.C. of Police
The Agent to the Govt.
Kasap. 6
Bangam 6
Co. 6

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8/7/95

C.

from orders

Issue of the
send up the letter. However
letter asking for sanction to
purchase an extra elephant.
It was a letter used for the
Central Clerk with an
enclosure to an apology to
Govt. 22/11/95

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Smt
11/7/95

H.b.

Please return to me after issue
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to his note.

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