
*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th October 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 155. From the Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Kurnool, 9th October 1867, No. 78.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the terrible ravages of
of the tigers in the Nandikanama Ghaut,
regarding which I reported to Government
on the 21st May 1867.*

*Letter No 37.

2. Lieutenant Russell, Assistant Superintendent of Police, has reported that, during this year, up to the 27th September 1867, a man-eating tiger has carried off 64 human beings, and has caused such a terror that the Post Runners and Beat Constables will not traverse the Ghaut until large numbers of persons collect, accompanied with numerous tom-tom beaters, and that the coolies of the Public Works Department have stopped work, through fear of attack from this tiger.

3. It is a question in my mind whether it is one tiger only that causes this havoc, for the jungles are most dense, and afford remarkable cover for wild beasts of all descriptions ; but when I went over the Ghaut in August, on the night after Mr. Russell's bullock-driver was carried off, the chensus and coolies working on the roads told me all the mischief is done by one individual tiger, and that it is known by its foot marks, which are peculiar, showing an immense growth of one of the claws in one of its fore-feet.

4. On my recommendation, the Board of Revenue have sanctioned the expenditure of 1200 Rupees towards clearing the dense jungle for a space of 100 yards on each side of the road. This, however, is but a precaution for the future. What appears necessary for the present is the adoption of some measure for the extirpation of the plague. I can think of none better adapted for the purpose than that recommended by Mr. Russell, and that is placing at his disposal two Government elephants for the express purpose of pursuing and hunting down the tigers in the neighbourhood of the Pass. Mr. Russell is placed in a dangerous position, for he has the superintendence of two Taluqs on the east, and one Taluq on the west of the Nalla Malla Hills, and cannot do his work without having constantly to pass over this Ghaut.

5. At Bellary, I should think there were several elephants available in the Commissariat Department, and I can hardly see to what better use they can be put than in assisting towards the destruction of the tigers which have spread a fear throughout the hills and their neighbourhood.

No. 156. From the Assistant Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 14th October 1867.

I annex copy of telegram received from Captain Stuart, regarding a man-eater.

Telegram from Captain R. A. W. C. STUART, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Range, Kurnool, to the Inspector General of Police, Madras ; dated Kurnool, 14th October 1867.

Beats stopped on Nundikanama Ghaut. Tiger carried off Beat Constable. Men being killed on an average of one in three days. Press Government for greater reward.

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No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1867, No. 1278.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of Kurnool to offer rewards to any amount he may deem proper, not exceeding Rupees 300, for the destruction of the tiger referred to in the foregoing papers, and of any other man-eating tigers in his District.

2. He is also authorized to employ skilled Shikarees on daily wages, who will also be eligible to the reward, and, if necessary, to obtain arms and ammunition for them from the Arsenal at Bellary.

3. It will be ascertained, through the Military Department, whether elephants fit for use in tiger hunting can be furnished from Bellary.

4. Ordered that the following telegram be despatched to the Collector of Kurnool:—

“You are authorized to offer such reward as you deem proper, not exceeding 300 Rupees, for the man-eating tiger referred to in your letter of 9th instant, also to engage skilled Shikarees on daily wages, who will also be eligible to receive reward. If necessary, obtain arms and ammunition for them from Bellary Arsenal. Your proposal to employ elephants has been referred to the Military Department.”

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
,, Military Department.
,, Accountant General.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Chief Office of Inspector General of Police,

MADRAS, 14 Oct 1867.

Received by Mr. Arbutnot

*I enclose copy
of Telegram recd
from Capt Stuart
regarding a man-eater*

*Very sincerely
yours*

*Arbutnot
Chief Secy*

Public 1867 Department

From Kurnool To Madras
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From
Respectable Gentle
of Police

4/14/08

No 2235-
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from the last ship
at Vermord regarding
the Regim. in the Non-
admiralty fleet

26 April — 115-116.
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Public 1867 Department
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 The Collector of
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 The Chief Secretary to
 Government
 Fort St. George
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N. 38
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 ravages of the tigers in
 the Bandikhanwa.
 Ghanda requests
 to place two Govern-
 ment elephants at
 the disposal of Government
 Hunter for the purpose of
 hunting tigers.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter.

From the Collector of Tumacac Hue letter of Oct 10/67 No 78
— Appt Insp. Genl of Police — 14 —

Order thereon 16 Oct 1867 No 1278.

The Governor in Council
authorizes the Collector
of Tumacac to offer rewards
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Rs 300 for the destruction
of the tigers referred to in
the foregoing papers and
of any other man eating
tigers in his District.

2. He is also authorized
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He will also be
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necessary to obtain arms
and ammunition for them
from the Arsenal at
Bellary.

It will be ascertained
through the Military Dept.
whether Elephants fit
for use in Tiger hunting
can be furnished from
Bellary.

Ordered that the
following telegram be
despatched to the Collector
of Kurnool.

You are authorized
to offer such reward
as you deem proper not
exceeding three hundred
Rupees for the man
killing tiger referred to
in your letter of month
instant.

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skilled shikarees on
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from Bellary Arsenal.
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(Mr. W. S. Kumar)
Military Dept.
Act General

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No. 12/78

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 16th October 1869

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