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Read the following papers :—

No. 171. From Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Honorary Secretary, People's Park, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 21st November 1867.

I have the honor to report that I have requested the President of the Municipal Board to relieve me of the office of Honorary Secretary to the People's Park, as I have for some time found it a very unsatisfactory duty, by reason of the direct interference of the municipal authorities in the details of management, not only with reference to the Park itself, but also with respect to the zoological collection which is the property of Government, and towards the maintenance of which the Municipality do not contribute anything, either for buildings, servants, or food, and because the President was unwilling to allow me the responsibility and freedom of action which usually appertains to a Secretary.

2. I also beg to report that I have been for some months in communication with a gentleman in Madras, Mr. H. Browne, regarding an exchange of animals and birds of this part of India with America, and with that object have retained surplus animals, and accepted contributions in excess of our own requirements, to form a collection for Mr. Browne on the arrival of a ship which his friends are sending from America with animals of that country for the Park ; and I hope that Government will confirm my action in the matter, and that, in any arrangement they may make with the President of the Municipal Commission for the care of the zoological collection, they will authorize the retention of the surplus animals for the abovementioned purpose.

3. The animals which I had contemplated making over to Mr. Browne are :—

3 young panthers.

2 do. bears.

2 spotted deers.

2 antelopes.

Some common squirrels, parrots, jungle fowl, and guinea pigs.

4. I have, in addition, been promised for the same purpose—

2 young tigers.

Some red squirrels, porcupines, and jungle cats.

5. I enclose Mr. Browne's last letter to me on the subject, from which it will be perceived that his friends in America are sending an interesting and valuable collection of animals and birds, which will be a great acquisition to the Park, and will render it a still greater source of attraction to the people, for whose amusement and benefit the Park was formed.

From H. BROWNE, Esq., to Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Honorary Secretary, People's Park ; dated Madras, 13th July 1867.

In continuation of my letter of 4th April 1867, I have much pleasure in intimating to you that my friends in America are actively engaged in collecting animals and birds, domestic and wild, of that country. With the view, however, of procuring the very best specimens of Peru and Chili, one of the gentlemen chiefly interested has gone to San Francisco, and chartered a small vessel expressly for the live cargo of animals of the north and south. The vessel will touch on its way at Japan, China, and the Eastern Islands for birds.

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2. I am advised of the despatch, some four months ago, of hay or grass and other seed, containing a packet for me and another for the Park, of which nothing has been heard. Since then, two other packages have been despatched, to my express order, of grass, fruit, &c., seed, also corn seed, by way of Hongkong and Liverpool. It may be interesting to make a trial of some useful seed, say corn, and, with that view, a small plot of land ($\frac{1}{4}$ cawny or 20 square yards) might be reserved along the canal. I may not be able to give sufficient the first time, as I wish to distribute it in different districts, but, when the vessel comes from San Francisco in November or December, I shall be happy to give more, for she will bring a large quantity.

3. The collection at San Francisco will prove a success, for some very rare and beautiful animals will form the major portion, such as the Peruvian Bishop, or the many horned ram (4, 5 or 6 horns), which I think will thrive well; the Llama, the Alpaca, which will not do for the Coast or Madras, but will answer Bangalore partially—the Neilgherries remarkably well. There will also be some fowls and birds of superior breed.

4. I will thank you to kindly give orders for a collection of young tigers, cheetahs, &c., against the arrival of the ship from America. I should be very glad to secure a pair of lion cubs, and will feel extremely thankful if you can assist me in procuring them. The exchange shall not be unworthy of the favor.

No. 172. From Colonel C. A. DENISON, President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 21st November 1867, No. 41.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that Colonel Carpendale, R. E., having resigned the office of

Honorary Secretary, People's Park, I have this day taken over from him the accounts of the zoological collection in the People's Park, and the care of the animals, pending instructions from Government, and have made such arrangements as I consider will be for the best.

2. Mr. Fox, the Superintendent of the Peoples' Park, who has some knowledge of animals, having expressed his readiness to look after them under my supervision, I have directed him to do so, and think he is well qualified for the post.

3. I would beg to submit, for the consideration of Government, that it is not expedient having a divided responsibility in the management of the People's Park, which has been placed under the control of the Municipal Commissioners, and that it would be worked more satisfactorily under one head.

4. The accounts have hitherto been kept by the Honorary Secretary, who has devoted much of his time and attention to the Park. Should Government concur in my view, they will be kept in the Municipal Office, and be more immediately under my supervision; and I would, in that case, request that the necessary instructions be given for the payment to me of the monthly sum of Rupees 330 allowed by Government for maintenance of the zoological specimens.

From Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., to Colonel C. A. DENISON, President, Municipal Commission, Madras; dated Madras, 21st November 1867.

In reference to your demi-official letter of yesterday, consenting, in compliance with my request, to relieve me of the office of Honorary Secretary to the People's Park, I have the honor to forward, herewith, the account and other books and records belonging to the Park.

2. The current account shows a balance of Rupees 160-3-9 in hand, which amount accompanies.

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3. I also forward a cheque in your favor for the balance at credit in the Madras Bank, Rupees 1821-1-4. A sum of Rupees twenty is in deposit on account of Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. Wilkieson, for expenses incurred by him in sending a young lion to the Mysore Government, and which should be paid to that gentleman on his arrival from England.

4. A balance of Rupees 675 is still due to Veeraragavooloo, the contractor who built the lions' cage, and which should be paid to him from the lion fund.

5. The key of the cash box at the lions' cage, the Bank Pass Book and Cheque Book are also sent herewith. Nothing else occurs to me to mention to you, except that I will be happy to afford you any information you may at any time require regarding past transactions.

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1867, No. 1476.

The Governor in Council is pleased to accept Colonel Carpendale's resignation of the office of Honorary Secretary to the People's Park.

2. The acknowledgments of Government are due to Colonel Carpendale for the time and trouble which he has devoted to the People's Park while under his charge.

3. The management of the Park being now in the hands of the Municipal Commissioners, the Governor in Council does not consider that it will be necessary to appoint an Honorary Secretary in succession to Colonel Carpendale, and sanctions the payment to the President of the Municipal Commission of the monthly allowance of Rupees 330 for the maintenance of the zoological specimens.

4. Colonel Denison will give effect to the arrangement made by Colonel Carpendale for the exchange of animals and birds with America, as described in paragraph 2 of the Honorary Secretary's letter above recorded.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To Colonel J. Carpendale, R. E.
To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

Commissary of the monthly
allowance of Rupees 330 for the
maintenance of the Zoological
Specimens.

Colonel Senison will give
effect to the arrangement made
by Colonel Compudale for the
exchange of mammals and birds
with America, as described in
para 2 of the Hon. Mr. Senison's
letter of the 10th inst.

To Col. J. Compudale R.E.
President of the Municipal Commission for the Sept 2/12.
(Signed by the Secy.)

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