

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Railway DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>426</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	<i>26-4-</i>	<i>1867.</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
26th April 1867.*

No. 115. Read the following letter from the Reverend A. R. SYMONDS, M. A., Secretary to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, Madras, to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 18th April 1867.

Under permission, I beg to bring under your Lordship's notice the prevalence of tigers in one of the Missions of the Society of which I am Secretary. In the month of October last, I made a tour of the Mission which lies partly in the Cuddapah and partly in the Kurnool Districts. At Mutyalapaud (the Head Quarters of our Missionary, the Reverend John Clay), which is situated about forty miles north of Cuddapah, and just to the north of the line which separates the Cuddapah District from that of Kurnool, I found considerable fear prevailing, on account of a man-eating tiger which infested the neighbourhood, and which had carried off about 50 people. One of the Superintendents of the Survey Department was at that time at Mutyalapaud, and he told me that his work was hindered in consequence of the men under him being afraid to go out on survey in the fields. Since then, I have received accounts from Mr. Clay of further ravages committed by this tiger, which has at times carried off people within a short distance of the station. I am not able to state the exact number, up to the present time, who have been killed, but I think I should be quite within the mark if I put it down at sixty. I may mention that one of the passes through the Hills, which separate this portion of the district from the Budwail Valley, and through which the Missionary and others used to go, in getting from the villages on the western side to those on the east, is completely stopped by a man-eating tiger. On a former occasion, I went through this pass on my way from Mutyalapaud to the Budwail Valley; but, on my last visit, when I proposed to go by the same route from Kalsapaud (in the Budwail Valley) to Mutyalapaud, I was told that I could not possibly go that way, for that not a single bearer or coolie would accompany me. I, therefore, took another, but more lengthy, route, by the Nundy Ghaut, which leads from the Cummum high road, on the east, to Ghazilpully, on the west; but, even by this route, I was obliged to commence my journey in the middle of the day, so as to get through the first part of the pass before dark, as a tiger infested this region also. An East Indian employé (whose name I forget), who had charge of the road over the pass, told me that I must not think of going through it after dusk, and, indeed, that the bearers would not be willing to go. He mentioned to me a fact which had not long before occurred: how that, when he himself was taking a gang of coolies to work on the pass, this tiger carried off one of the men before his eyes. And this reminds me of a circumstance that, within the last few days, has been reported to me, and which only a short time since occurred. A string of bandies was passing along, when the tiger, which infests the Mutyalapaud neighbourhood, suddenly sprang upon one of the drivers in the very middle of the string, and carried him off. This will show how bold the creature has become, and what terror it naturally occasions.

2. I venture to bring these facts under your Lordship's notice, in the hope that you will be pleased to cause some measures to be adopted for the extermination of these tigers. I can assure your Lordship that if this can be done, not only will it be for the comfort and security of the people in whom I am more specially interested, but for the well-being of the inhabitants generally.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
26th April 1867.*

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1867, No. 426.

Ordered that copies of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Collectors of Cuddapah and Kurnool, who will report how many persons have been killed by tigers in the localities mentioned by Mr. Symonds, within the last six months, and will state whether any special measures have been adopted for the destruction of tigers in their Districts during the same period.

2. The Collectors of the above Districts, if satisfied that the alarm is well founded, are authorized to offer such increased rewards for the destruction of each man-eating tiger as may be necessary.

3. The Collectors will report their proceedings at once to Government, with any further suggestions for the extirpation of the tigers which they may deem expedient.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.

" " Cuddapah.

" Reverend A. R. Symonds, M. A.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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*Government Central Museum
Madras 4th April 1867.*

From,

Captain J. Mitchell

Supt^t Govt Central Museum

To

The Honorable A. S. Arbutnot

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

*I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of the undermentioned medals
received with Government Order No. 347 of
29th March 1867.*

Candahar.

Ghuznee and Cabul.

Sobraon.

Cabul

Jellallabad.

*Punjab with Chillianwallah, Goojerat &
Mooltan Clasps.*

*Moodkee with Ferozeshuhur, Sobraon &
Aliwal Clasps.*

Candahar, Ghuznee and Cabul.

Aliwal.

Kelat. Ghuznee.

2. *The defaced medals are herewith returned.
I have the honor to be,*

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant,

J Mitchell Captain

Supt^t Govt Central Museum

Public Department.
No. 417.

The Secretary to the Government
of India,

Military Department.

Sir,

In acknowledging
the receipt of the Medals
described in ~~Private Secretary~~
~~and Lieutenant Major Lees'~~
letter of the 8th ultimo No.
290, I am directed by the
Governor in Council to
return, as requested in
that letter, those that
had been previously re-
ceived and which the pre-
sent supply is intended
to replace.

For St. George
25 April 1864

By order of the Secretary
containing Medals

To

29 March by No. 218-219.

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From
Captain J. Mitchell
Lieut. Genl. C. M. M. M.

To
The Hon. Mr. J. A. M. M.
Chief Secy to Government
Fort St. George

(Date 24th April 1864
Recd 5-3 April 1864
No 451)

acknowledging

the receipt of the Medals

received with Genl.

Order No. 347 and returning

the defunct Medals

list of 1851

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Revd A. R. Symonds, Madras.

Dated 18th April 1867.

Order thereon 20th April 1867. No 420.

Ordered that copies
of the foregoing letter be
forwarded to the Collector
of Cuddapah and Chittoor,
who will report how many
persons have been killed
by tigers in the localities
mentioned by Mr Symonds
within the last six months,
and will state whether
any special measures
have been adopted for the
destruction of tigers in these
districts during the same
period.
2. The Collector of
the

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the above Districts, if satisfied
that the alarm is well
founded, are authorized
to offer ~~at once~~ such in-
creased rewards, not exceeding
300 Rs for ^{by distinction of} such man-
rating tiger, as may be
necessary.

The Collectors will
report their proceedings
abovce to Government
with any further
suggestions for the
extirpation of the
tigers which they
may deem expedient.

It may be wanted
but the amount money should
be granted if the
account of the former
is well founded and the
Collector desires some
reparation in it. They have
omitted to report to us in terms
and have taken no means to
abate the evil of it.

To the (Chf of Bureau).
Cuddapah. }
— Rev. H. H. Symonds M.A. } ^{depts}
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No. 426.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated. 26 April 1867.

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