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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>417</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	<i>2-4-19</i>	<i>868</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd April 1868.*

No. 17. Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Kurnool, 18th March 1868, No. 106.

Referring to my letter, No. 97, dated 12th March 1868, and to the Order of Government, No. 324, of the 11th idem, I have the honor to forward the detailed report submitted by Mr. Sharp, regarding the destruction of the man-eating tigress on the Nundicanama Ghaut.

2. I would recommend that the reward of 300 Rupees be given to Major Christie, as head of the party which killed the tigress.

From F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Head Assistant Magistrate of Kurnool, to the Magistrate of Kurnool, dated Cumbum, 12th March 1868, No. 15.

In continuation of my letter, No. 13, of the 9th instant, I have the honor to state that, on the night of the 3rd instant, Shikaree Vencataswamy and Constable Nagaloo were posted over a pool of water between the 72nd and 73rd mile stones on the Nundicanama Ghaut, and Shikaree Sheik Alli and another Shikaree (name at present unknown) were posted over the body of a man, who had been recently killed by a tiger, at a place about 300 yards from the other two.

2. Vencataswamy and Nagaloo then shot a large tigress, whose skin and claws have been produced here.

3. In my last letter, I stated that it was at first* generally believed that the man-eating tiger on the Nundicanama was a tigress.

* That is, in November 1864, when the loss of life by tigers began.

4. That tigress, there is reason to believe, is at any rate one of the man-eaters which have so long infested the Nundicanama Ghaut.

5. Six bandymen, who went of their own accord, and saw its skin shortly after the animal had been killed, stated that about twenty days before, when

Vide Deposition taken by Major Christie, enclosed.

passing over the Ghaut, they had seen a tiger carry off a man 30 yards from them near Dhoni Bhavi,

and recognized the skin before them by its dark stripes, general appearance, and tail as that of the tiger they had then seen.

6. The man-eating tiger was commonly known as the Dhoni Bhavi tiger, and the animal now destroyed was shot about half a mile from the Dhoni Bhavi.

7. As the killing of this tiger is a special case, I think it best to report the matter for your orders, instead of disposing of it myself, and only conclude by recommending that the payment of the reward of 300 Rupees may be sanctioned ; and by again requesting that a second reward of 300 Rupees may be offered for the destruction of another man-eating tiger which, from the reasons mentioned in my last letter, is believed to be still infesting the Ghaut.

8. The Shikarees, I understand, acted under the orders of Major Christie and Lieutenant Russell in occupying the position from which the tiger was destroyed, and Major Christie claims that the reward may be paid to him, as the tiger was shot under his arrangements, though he intends to transfer the sum to the Shikarees. In the event of your sanctioning the payment of the reward, I shall be obliged by your informing me to whom it should be paid.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1868, No. 417.

The Governor in Council learns with much satisfaction that a tigress, which is known to be a man-eater in the neighbourhood of the Nundicanama Pass, has been shot by the party under Major Christie's direction. A sum of 1000 Rupees will be placed at Major Christie's disposal, out of which amount he will disburse Rupees 500 to Vencataswamy Shikaree and Nagaloo Police Constable, in equal sums of 250 Rupees to each.

2. Major Christie will distribute Rupees 500 in such proportions as may seem proper to him to those persons who, under his direction, have been engaged in the pursuit of this tigress.

3. With reference to paragraph 1 of the letter from the Magistrate of Kurnool, dated 12th March 1868, No. 97, it is observed, as already intimated in the G. O. No. 356 of date the 18th instant, that by G. O. No. 1278, dated 16th October 1867, the Collector was authorized to offer rewards to any amount he might deem proper, not exceeding Rupees 300 for the destruction of any man eating tigers in his district.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
„ Accountant General.
„ Revenue Department.

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Statement of six bandy men, proceeding from Guntoor to Reddywarumulludem who came to see skin of man eater killed yesterday evening. These men in passing, came of their own accord and requested to see skin.

Their names are as follows. Rungiah Reddy, Shy Reddy, Rungiah Yenbitah Ball Reddy.

Their statement is that about 20 days ago, when they were passing over the Ghant at Shany Boreil, they saw a tiger carry off a man, about 30 ft from them, on seeing the skin here, they are unanimous in declaring it to be that of the same tiger, that they saw. They recognize it by the dark stripes and general appearance, and also by the tail. They all declare the man eater is killed.

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The thunders have just come in
and report that they have been all
over the jungle, at water end
drawn over deaf to my orders
and as yet can find no
trace of any other tigers

Mark. A Beckett here
also states by his own words, this is the tiger
on seeing him enters under the tree

H. J. Thurstall
Beckett's name

Nancy Cunningham Papp
64 March 1868.

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Major Christie

27 March 1868
18 April 1868