

Madras

1st April 1868

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

Agreeing to your instructions, I have
the honor to submit a report of proceedings
against man eaters.

Self and party took up a position, at the
foot of the Kunely Bunnama Pass, on
the 17th Feb^r and up to 25th March
continued in incessant pursuit of tigers.

2. On evening of 2nd March "the tiger"
killed a man. We went up the Ghaut
following morning, tracked the man eater
to his lair, found the body, and killed two
men over it, and two men over nearest
water.

3. Up to date of our arrival there, Boelus Iwas told,
had never been recovered, the people fearing
to enter the jungle.

In my mention on arrival at the place, I
found a village Shikarras, very independent
and, these men we employed, and throughly
tailed and broke them in, to assist us
in night work.

In the occasion in question, two of these
men shot the tiger over the water.

During our stay at the place, we all worked very hard after the tigers, and were very unfortunate - or should have killed at least three. But I think we have shown the people how to kill these animals at that place, and the remainder can be disposed of in like manner.

Should the Govt be pleased to give the reward to me, for distribution I should propose to divide it, ^{Rs 1000,} as follows, Rs 300 to villagers, ^{Suprares} employed, the remainder for party, viz self. Capt Thompson R. A. and ~~deputy~~ ^{Police} ~~Thompson R. A.~~

I may state that the pursuit of these man-eaters, is not only a very difficult, but a dangerous undertaking, and we certainly did our utmost. The very tiger we killed, has by Police reports, been killing men since Nov 64, by the arrangements, which we made, we were fortunate enough to dispose of her in a fortnight.

Lately our people all got so ill with fever, that we were obliged to break up the Camp for the time, but the operations will be continued in the Nundy Gummara, the principal place

The village Shumadris up to date of our arrival, had never attempted to kill the tiger, they were in the habit of escorting the bandies and people up and down the Ghaut, and I suppose make a good thing of it in that way. We took the depositions of a number of people at the time, as to the identity of the tiger, they appeared to be quite positive that it was "the one", having often seen it kill men close to them in the day time.

I beg to state however, that others are left in the district, the destruction of human life has been very great; while we were there, some six men were killed.

But there is no doubt the tigers can be killed, it merely requires method and perseverance.

I also submit a bill of expenses, which I hope will be considered moderate, as we spent as little money as possible on beaters, as I found it to be of no use.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt

H. F. Christie

Major Madras Army

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th April 1868.*

No. 87. Read the following letter from Major H. L. CHRISTIE, Madras Army, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 1st April 1868.

Agreeably to your instructions, I have the honor to submit a report of proceedings against man-eaters.

Self and party took up a position at the foot of the Nundy Canama Pass on the 17th February, and up to 25th March continued in incessant pursuit of tigers.

2. On the evening of 2nd March "the tiger" killed a man. We went up the ghaut following morning, tracked the man-eater to his lair, found the body, and posted two men over it, and two men over nearest water.

3. Up to date of our arrival there bodies, I was told, had never been recovered, the people fearing to enter the jungle.

I may mention on arrival at the place I found four village Shikarries, very indifferent ones ; these men we employed, and strongly drilled and broke them in to assist us in night-work.

4. On the occasion in question two of these men shot the tiger over the water. During our stay at the place we all worked very hard after the tigers, and were very unfortunate or should have killed at least three. But I think we have shown the people how to kill these animals at that place, and the remainder can be disposed of in like manner.

5. Should the Government be pleased to give the reward to me for distribution, I shall propose to divide it (viz., Rupees 1000) as follows:—Rupees 300 to village Shikarries employed, the remainder for party, viz., self, Captain Thompson, E. A., and Lieutenant Russell, Police.

6. I may state that the pursuit of these man-eaters is not only a very difficult but a dangerous undertaking, and we certainly did our utmost.

The very tigress we killed has, by Police reports, been killing men since November 1864 ; by the arrangements which we made we were fortunate enough to dispose of her in a fortnight.

7. Latterly our people all got so ill with fever that we were obliged to break up the camp for the time, but the operations will be continued at the Nundy Canama, the principal place. The village Shikarries, up to date of our arrival, had never attempted to kill the tiger ; they were in the habit of escorting the bandies and people up and down the ghaut, and I suppose make a good thing of it in that way. We took the depositions of a number of people at the time as to the identity of the tiger, they appeared to be quite positive that it was "the one," having often seen it kill men close to them in the day-time. I beg to state, however, that others are left in the district ; the destruction of human life has been very great ; while we were there, some six men were killed. But there is no doubt the tigers can be killed ; it merely requires method and perseverance.

8. I also submit a bill of expenses, which I hope will be considered moderate, as we spent as little money as possible on beaters, as I found it to be of no use.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department.
7th April 1868.

Expenses.

	RS.	A.	P.
Railway from Madras to Cuddapah, viz., 2 first class, 3 servants, 2 grass-cutters, and 2 horses.....	70	14	0
Railway from Cuddapah to Madras.....	70	14	0
Bandy-hire from Cuddapah to Nundy Canama Pass and back.....	119	0	0
Coolies for beating.....	16	8	0
Batta to Mahouts and attendants, 12 in number.....	50	0	0
Extra baggage by rail, both ways.....	25	0	0
Total...	352	4	0

MADRAS, 2nd April 1868.

(Signed) H. L. CHRISTIE, Major,
Madras Army.

No. 88.

ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1868, No. 456.

The Government are much indebted to Major Christie and Lieutenant Russell for the skill and patience which they have shown in organizing the hunt which has succeeded in ridding the Nundy Canama Pass of one of the man-eating tigers, which have proved so destructive to human life in that neighbourhood.

2. These operations should be continued until the other tigers are killed.

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of Major Christie's letter that officer is referred to G. O., dated the 2nd instant, No. 417.

4. The Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the payment of Rupees 352-4-0 for expenses incurred by Major Christie's party.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To Major H. L. Christie, Madras.
To Lieutenant R. H. Russell, Cumbum.
To the Collector of Kurnool.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant General.

Ed. J. Talloch,

Expenses.

Railway from Madras to Cuddapah viz 2 first class, 3 servants, 2 grass cutters and 2 horses —	70	14	"
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Bandy hire from Cuddapah to Nundy canama pass & back —	119	"	"
Coolies for beating —	16	8	"
Batta to Mahouts & attendants, 12 in number —	50	"	"
Extra baggage by rail. both ways —	25	"	"
Total Rs.	352	4	0

Madras.
2nd April 1868.

H. L. Christie Major
Madras Army

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

In Public No 186,
No 658

Read the following letter

from Major
L. Christie, Madras Army.

(Here entered April 1868)

Order thereon 7: April 1868 No 456.

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G.O. dated the 2nd inst N^o 417.

The Governor in Council
is pleased to authorize the
payment of Rs 52-4-0
for expenses incurred by
Major Christie's party.

Major R. Christie - Madras 15/4 by the 5th Regt
Lieut R. H. Duggell - Pambum 15/4
Collector of Madras }
Revenue Dept 15/4
Genl Secy }
Examiner of Claims } 15/4 by the 5th Regt

W. H. C.

Feb 1868. Department

No. 458

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated

April 1868.

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