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From

J. D. Rees Esq. C.I.E.
President,
Nilgiri Game Association,

At

The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Public Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for
the information of Government, a copy
of the Annual Report of the Nilgiri
Game Association for the year ending
30th June 1892.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Yours

President,

Nilgiri Game Association.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
NILGIRI GAME ASSOCIATION
FOR THE
Year ending the 30th June 1892.

LAWRENCE ASYLUM PRESS - OOTY BRANCH.

**Annual Report of the Nilgiri Game
Association for the year ending
the 30th June 1892.**

During the year, the Committee met six times as follows:—

8th July, 17th July (General Meeting), 21st August,
12th November, 29th February and 27th June.

CHAPTER I.

OFFICERS AND ESTABLISHMENT.

Mr. George Oakes, was Honorary Secretary up to the end of February, when Mr. Rhodes Morgan relieved him and continued in office till the end of the year.

2. At a meeting held on the 21st August 1891, on the recommendation of Mr. Morgan, the District Forest Officer, the monthly contribution to the Forest Guards was discontinued, and a system of rewards from Forest funds introduced. Only two Game Watchers were employed throughout the year. One was employed at Kolakombé to look after the Pheasants, and the other at Pykara to destroy the otters in the River. The services of the latter Watcher were dispensed with from 1st December, as he was found to be utterly incompetent.

CHAPTER II.

RULES UNDER THE FOREST ACT AND GAZETTE NOTIFICATION:
FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAME.

3. The Supreme Government was moved to modify the existing Game Act II of 1879, but the draft bill submitted for approval by the Madras Government was rejected, the Supreme Government suggesting that rule might be promulgated instead, under the Forest Act, for the better protection of Game within Forest limits. Such rule were accordingly drafted and submitted by the Collector to the Board of Revenue, but no orders have been passed as yet thereon.

A new Game Bill intended to replace Act II of 1879 was, however, published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette* and circulated with the *District Gazette*, dated May 1892 and submitted to the Government of India for sanction. If it passes into Law it will provide sufficient safeguard for the protection of all descriptions of Game.

4. The following are the notifications published in the *District Gazette*, from time to time during the year, for the more efficient preservation of Game:—

"It is hereby notified for the information of the public that any persons found shooting in Reserve Forest Reserved Lands, Fuel and Fodder Reserves, Villages, Grazing Grounds or in areas under Special Fire Protection will be liable to criminal prosecution under the Forest Act, no matter what they are shooting or attempting to shoot, unless they can produce a license, signed by the Collector of the Nilgiris. It has recently been brought to the Collector's notice that persons have been found shooting in Government Land of the above classes, who appeared to think that so long as they were shooting pigs or small birds, they were justified in doing so without licenses. This notice is therefore issued to prevent any future misapprehension in such cases. Dated 28 August 1891."

"Whereas it has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that persons have gone out shooting without licenses, in some cases two or three days before

"taking out licenses, and in other cases without taking out licenses at all subsequently, notice is hereby given that any person unable to produce a license when called upon to do so, will be prosecuted, and that no plea that may be urged in extenuation of such offence of an intention to take out a license, will be accepted in mitigation of the offence. Dated 25th May 1892."

"Under the power conferred on him by rule 3 of the rules made by Government under Section 26 (f) of Act V of 1882, for the Mudumalai Reserved Land or Forest, the Collector of the Nilgiris, hereby notifies that from and after the 1st July 1892, the following will be the close seasons for Game in the said Reserved Land or Forest and any person shooting the animals specified in the list below, will be liable to prosecution and on conviction will be liable to imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one month or to fine which may extend to Rs. 100 or both."

"For the females and young of Bison, Sambur, and Spotted Deer, from 1st July to 30th June. For all Stags and Spotted Bucks in velvet or with horns under 20 inches in length and young Bull Bison with horns under 14 inches in girth at base, from 1st July to 30th June."

The following circular, dated 5th September 1891, was also circulated to the owners of Estates and others:—

"It having been brought to the notice of the Committee of the Nilgiri Game Association, that coolies employed on Estates are in the habit of setting snares and netting small game, both during the open and close season, it is earnestly requested that all owners and Superintendents of Estates will assist the Association as far as possible by confiscating any snares or nets, found in their coolies' lines and reporting any cases that may come to their knowledge of poaching or taking game without a license."

"The Committee are doing their utmost to preserve existing Game and improve the sport on these hills by the introduction of exotic birds, &c., and trust that all planters will cordially give their valuable help."

CHAPTER III.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE FOREST, ARMS AND GAME

5. The following statement of prosecutions undertaken

Statement of prosecutions under the Forest, Arms and Game

Serial No.	Offence under what Act and Section Committed.		No. of PERSONS.		
			Charged.	Convicted.	Acquitted.
1	Shooting in Snowdon without permit	Forest Act under Section 21 (h).	1	...	...
2	Fishing in Moyar	Do.	4	...	...
3	Hunting in Naduvattam	Do.	3	...	3
4	Shooting in Kundahs	Do.	2	2	...
5	Do. Thalakad...	Do.	4	...	4
6	Do. Sutton Shola	Do.	2	2	...
7	Do. Kundahs	Do.	2	2	...
8	Capturing a Sambur	Forest Act under Sec. 26 Rule 12.	11	...	...
9	Shooting in Maryland...	Forest Act under Sec. 21 (h).	1	...	...
10	Do. Pillur slopes a black monkey	Forest Act under Sec. 26 Rule 12.	1	...	...
11	Do. Kulear 2 sambur	Forest Act under Sec. 21 (h).	10	...	...
12	Do. Hirkashege 1 sambur	Do.	3	3	...
13	Do. do. do.	Sec. 19 (h) of Act XI of 1878 Arms Act.	1	1	...
14	Do. do. do.	Sec. 19 (f) of Act XI of 1878 Arms Act.	1	...	1
15	Do. do. do.	Sec. 19 (e) of Act XI of 1878 Arms Act.	1	1	...
16	Do. do. do.	Sec. 19 (i) of Act XI of 1878 Arms Act.	1	1	...
17	Fishing in Marlimund Reservoir	Do. Sec. 5 Act II of 1879.	2	2	...
18	Shooting a jungle sheep during the close season.	Do. Sec. 3 do.	1	1	...

ACTS AND REWARDS PAID TO INFORMERS.

during the year, gives details of each case.

Acts for the Fasli year ending 30th June 1892.

By what Magistrate.	Sentence.	REMARKS.
.....	Compounded by District Forest Officer for annas 8.	
.....	Compounded by District Forest Officer for Rupees 10.	
2nd Class Magistrate, Ootacamund.	Acquitted.	
Do.	Fined Rs. 10 each in default 20 days' rigorous imprisonment.	Rs. 25 were paid as reward from Forest funds.
2nd Class Magistrate, Coonoor.	Acquitted.	
Do.	Fined Rs. 5 each	Rs. 10 do. do.
2nd Class Magistrate, Ootacamund.	Fined Rs. 25 each	Rs. 25 do. do.
.....	Compounded by District Forest Officer for Rs. 25.	Rs. 15 do. do.
.....	Compounded by District Forest Officer for Rs. 30.	
.....	Compounded by District Forest Officer for Rs. 5.	
2nd Class Magistrate, Ootacamund.	Fined Rs. 40 each	Pending with Coonoor Sub-Magistrate. Rs. 25 were paid as reward from Forest funds.
Head Assistant Magistrate	Fined Rs. 5 each.	
Do.	Acquitted.	
Do.	Fined Rs. 2-8-0.	
.....	Fined Rs. 20.	
2nd Class Magistrate, Ootacamund.	Fined Rs. 5 each in default 1 month's rigorous imprisonment.	
Do.	Fined Rs. 25 in default 1 month's simple imprisonment	

In five cases rewards were granted to informers. There is no doubt that the offer of a reward has proved a great incentive to informers and that the system is a sound one. With regard to the punishments inflicted, there can be little doubt that on the whole they must be considered unsatisfactory, for they were not deterrent.

6. Compared with the number of prosecutions last year, there has been a distinct improvement this year and it is to be hoped that this improvement will steadily continue.

CHAPTER IV.

DESTRUCTION OF VERMIN.

7. The following is a list of vermin destroyed during the year and rewards paid by the Collector :—

52 Jungle Cats	...	...104 rupees reward.
57 Mongoose	...	...114 "
8 Otters	...	... 24 "
5 Wild Dogs	...	... 14 "

8. It was proposed by the Honorary Secretary and sanctioned by the Committee that a number of vermin traps should be procured and a man, boy and pony employed to go about systematically with the Honorary Secretary on tour and trap and poison vermin. Mr. Oakes promised to supply the traps but unfortunately up to date only 4 traps have been supplied, and it has been found impracticable to carry out the scheme, which thus still remains in abeyance; but it is hoped that the traps promised by Mr. Oakes will soon arrive when active operations will be commenced.

CHAPTER V.

INCREASE OF GAME AND RESULTS OF PROTECTION.

9. *Sambur*.—Good stags are very scarce. This is due to the destruction of brockets by so called sportsmen,

who shoot down everything that has horns over six inches in length. It is hoped that legislation will put a speedy stop to this butchery. The beating of sholas for sambur, &c., in stalking country, i.e., over the Kunda Reserve has also much to do with the paucity of game. The deer are so worried by dogs and beaters, that they retire into the dense fastnesses of the Ghat Forests.

10. *Ibex*.—These animals have been steadily on the decrease for years. All shooting of ibex was put a stop to during the year, but one young doe was shot by Lieutenant Bulfin, under the mistaken impression that he was free to shoot over one of the ibex rocks which he thought was excluded from the list. Ibex, which used to be extremely plentiful on the northern, southern and eastern slopes of the hills are now almost extinct there. They exist now only in four places where there are small herds of 5, 6, 4 and 10 left. These herds require protection for the next ten years. On the western slopes, there are four or five herds left varying from 6 to 30 individuals. These also require protection for some years to come.

11. *Bison*.—There are several small herds left in the Wynaad at the foot of the hills. Owing to the practice of shooting down young immature bulls, good bulls are very scarce.

12. *Spotted Deer*.—Native poachers do much damage, especially in the Bhawani Valley, Moyar Valley and Seegur Forest. There has been some increase of these deer, but good stags are scarce owing to wild dogs which kill more stags than hinds.

13. *Antelopes* are very scarce.

14. *Small Game*.—Hares are abundant in some parts, very scarce in others, due principally to the great increase in jackals. Jungle fowl are fairly abundant in the large sholas but scarce elsewhere, owing to the pernicious custom of shooting down the hens, even during the breeding season.

CHAPTER VI.

EXOTIC AND INTRODUCED GAME.

15. *Chikore*.—Of the 39 birds imported and turned out, reports have been received of one having been flushed

above the Sandynullah in the scrub on the top of the hill and another was flushed by Mr. Wapshare near Billical. It is a great pity they were not all turned loose in one spot instead of being scattered over the District.

Pheasants.—No reports have been received from members, or the public, during the year of any pheasants having been seen. The Game Watcher at Kolakombé reported that he had seen two in Tudor Shola. It is unfortunate that members do not inform the Honorary Secretary of their having seen any introduced game. It is impossible to ascertain the success of any experiment when members give no information. During the year, Mr. H. P. Hodgson brought out with him 12 pheasants for the Association at a cost of Rs. 209-7-3. These birds are under Mr. Hodgson's care, and are reported to have laid eggs; but no further report has been received, and it is not known how many chicks were hatched out or are now alive.

ou **Rabbits.**—These do not seem to be a success. They are barely holding their own against the various description of grand vermin which swarm on the hills. The Game-watcher reports that he occasionally sees a few rabbits.

The present Honorary Secretary proposed, and the Committee sanctioned, a sum of Rs. 250 for the purchase of partridges and peafowl to be procured and distributed in various parts of the hills under his supervision. Mr. Morgan has communicated with the District Forest Officers of the Southern Circle asking their aid in procuring pardees or bird catchers to catch these birds. As yet no satisfactory arrangements have been made, but it is to be hoped the birds will be got during the current year.

CHAPTER VII.

IMPORTED AND INDIGENOUS FISH.

16. **Trout.**—Of the trout fry turned out into the various rivers and ponds, those which were kept by Dr. Ross in his small reservoir at Doddabetta were almost all lost by the breaching of the dam during the heavy rains of October last. This was most unfortunate as the larger and

older fish were full of ova and ready to breed. One trout was seen by Mr. Jamieson in the Emerald Valley stream. The Forest Guard at Pykara reports that he saw several large fish below the bungalow, but whether these were trout or Carnatic carp introduced years ago, it is impossible to say. It has been proposed, and the proposal has been sanctioned by the Committee, to import more trout and perch ova next December. Government will also be addressed to extend the close season for trout for another year.

Carnatic, Carp, Tench, Mahseer, &c.—The Carnatic carp take kindly to the hill waters, and those introduced into the Lake and Marlimund Reservoir have grown to a fair size; but they will not breed, as the water is too cold to hatch the ova. Tench and carp breed rapidly and grow to a fair size; but the continual netting and poaching that goes on at night in the Lake and Marlimund reservoir is very detrimental to sport. The banks of the Marlimund Reservoir are covered with weeds dragged out by the roots, fish scales, and dead fish which have been dropped in the dark. This may be seen at any time, and shows the extent to which poaching is carried on. Three persons were caught fishing at night in the Marlimund Reservoir by the Caretaker of the lake and were convicted and fined Rs. 6, 4 and 3 each but such punishments are of little avail to stop poaching.

CHAPTER VIII.

FINANCIAL RESULTS.

17. The receipts during the year have been Rs. 2,813 which is Rs. 817 in excess of the receipts during the previous year. This is due to the fee for each license having been raised from Rs. 15 to Rs. 30 on the hills. The expenditure was also less by Rs. 633. There is yet to the credit of the Association Rs. 1,879-8-10 which is most satisfactory, as it provides the necessary funds for the introduction of further game and fish, for trapping vermin and generally improving the shooting on the hills.

The Auditor's statement and report is appended.

GENERAL REMARKS.

18. It was impossible to hold the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 6 of the Association in the first week of July, for there were no Members of the Association on that date. Members of the previous year, who failed to take out fresh licenses during the year ceased to be Members according to Rule 3 of the Rules of the Association. This is a defect in the rules which the Honorary Secretary brought to notice before. It will be necessary to recast the Rules for they are defective as they stand.

Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee of the Nilgiri Game Association held at the office of the Collector of Nilgiris on Wednesday the 31st August 1892 at 1 p.m.

PRESENT :

J. D. REES, Esq., *President.*

CAPTAIN BEADNELL.

W. C. DEANE, Esq.

E. G. WINDLE, Esq.

W. L. EDMISTON, Esq.

M. LIERENROOD, Esq.

RHODES MORGAN, Esq., *Honorary Secretary.*

- I. Proposed by the Honorary Secretary that a reward of Rs. 10 be paid to the Caretaker of the Marli-mund Reservoir for detecting a case of poaching at night with nets.—Carried unanimously.
- II. Proposed by the Honorary Secretary that a reward of Rs. 20 be paid to Mr. McDonald for detecting a case of illegal shooting in Doddabetta.—Carried unanimously.
- III. Read letter from Messrs. Barclay Morgan and Orr, dated 19th July 1892, forwarding a bill of cost incurred in the prosecution of certain coolies at Kartary for assaulting the Game Watcher, David.—Passed and resolved, that in future, as all prosecutions are conducted by the Honorary Secretary, no legal advice be obtained by the Members of the Association.
- IV. Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 6th June 1892, No. 707, regarding the opening of the Eastern slopes Reserved Forests.—Resolved that the Collector be requested to open these Forests from the 1st November 1892.

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V. Proposed by Mr. Edmiston that Mr. Wilbraham be invited to join the Committee.—Carried unanimously.

VI. Proposed by Mr. Deane that the Collector of Coimbatore be addressed with regard to the prosecution of Mr. Prager now resident at Kotagiri. Several months have elapsed and the District Forest Officer appears to have taken no steps in the matter.—Carried unanimously.

VII. Read annual report and statement of accounts.—Resolved that the same be printed and circulated to Members.

(Sd.) J. D. REES,
Chairman.

(Sd.) RHODES MORGAN,
*Honorary Secretary,
N. G. Association.*

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J. D. REES, Esq., C.I.E.,

COLLECTOR OF NILGIRIS,

Ootacamund.

Sir,

I beg respectfully to submit the following report on the audit of the Nilgiri Game Fund Accounts for a period of 12 months, viz., from 1st July 1891 to 30th June 1892.

2. *When last audited and for what period.*—The accounts were last audited by me in July 1891 and the period then dealt with was from 1st July 1890 to 30th June 1891.

3. The sub-joined table exhibits in one view the financial position of this fund for the year under report:—

Opening balance on the 1st July 1891			Receipts during 1891-92			Total including the balance			Expenditure during 1891-92.			Closing balance on the 30th June 1892.			REMARKS.
Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	
271	4	1	2,813	0	0	3,084	4	1	1,204	11	3	1,879	8	10	

4. The opening balance that has now been adopted is the figure that was given as closing balance in the previous year's audited report.

5. *Check of receipts.*—The total number of licenses issued during the period under report was 101, of which 92 licenses were at Rs. 30 each, and 9 licenses issued at Rs. 5 each to soldiers who are under recent orders allowed to obtain their licenses at reduced rates and the receipts from these sources thus amounted to Rs. 2,805.

6. A sum of Rs. 4 was credited to the fund by Mr. G. Oakes on account of discount levied by him on two bills and also Rs. 4-12-0 being sale proceeds of Mongoose and Cat skins.

7. As noticed in my last report the sum of 12 annas due by Messrs. Cobb, Hartley and Surgeon-Major Brown (each 4 annas) being discount on account of encashment of their cheques at the local bank has now been recovered and credited to the fund.

8. The sum of six annas relates to the excess amount paid by Mr. Henry Wapshare as discount in encashment of his cheque than what is really due, viz., he paid one rupee instead of ten annas.

9. *Item No. 8.*—A sum of Re. 1-14-0 has to be recovered from Messrs. Marden, Lascelles, G. A. Marsh, Grant, Dr. McVittie, General Hogg and Captain Marsh on account of discount paid to local bank for cashing their cheques.

10. The remittance book was checked with the Bank pass book and the entries quite correspond. The number and amount of each license has not in a few cases been noted in the remittance book as suggested in the last report and approved by the Committee.

11. The system of annual audit of this fund commenced on 1st July 1884 and a statement is sub-joined showing the number of licenses issued during the past five years including the year under report :—

1887-88	...	...	110 licenses.
1888-89	...	...	144 „
1889-90	...	...	132 „
1890-91	...	...	132 „
1891-92	...	...	101 „

It will be seen from this statement that the number of licenses granted during the year under report shows a decrease as compared with the previous years as might naturally be expected owing to the fees being doubled.

12. *Check of charges.*—The total expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 1,204-11-3 which was properly vouched for.

13. No cash book has been maintained as was ordered to be done when the audit report for the year 1888-89 was considered.

14. In conclusion, I beg to express my thanks to the English Head Clerk Mr. Jayaraja Row, B.A., for the courtesy and readiness he has shown in furnishing information whenever needed.

15. The year closes with a balance of Rs. 1879-8-10 which agrees to the Bank account.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. ANUNTHACHARLU,

Auditor.

Oory,

1st August 1892.

Cash Account Current of the Nilgiri Game

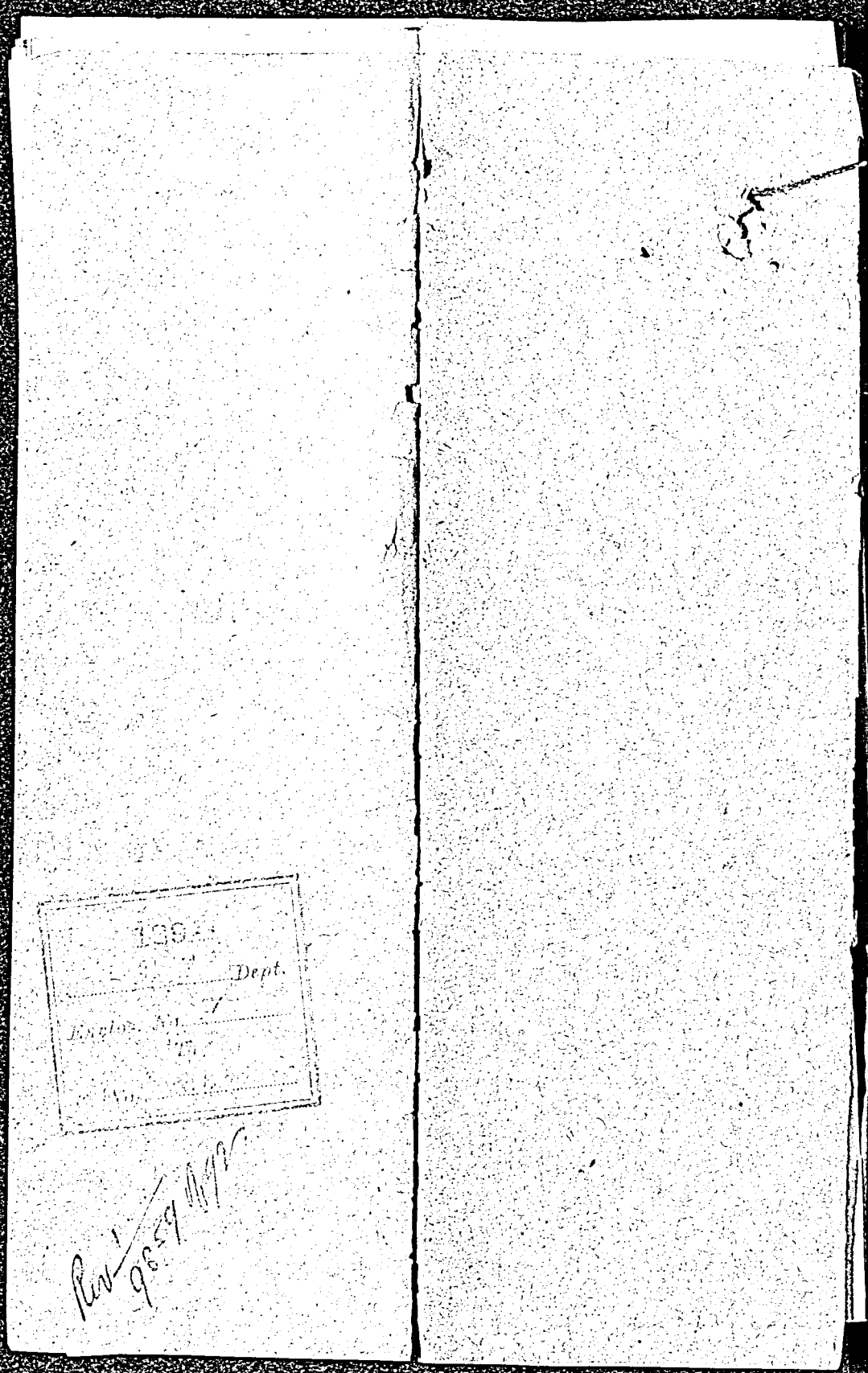
Item No.	Receipts.	Amount.		
1	Opening balance on the 1st July 1891 ...	271	4	1
2	Amount realized on 92 licences issued at Rs. 30 each...	2,760	0	0
3	Amount realized on 9 licenses issued at Rs. 5 each ...	45	0	0
<i>Add</i>				
4	Discount levied by Mr. G. Oakes on 2 bills and credited to the fund.	4	0	0
5	Sale of Mongoose and cat skins ...	4	12	0
6	Discount recovered on encashment of cheques from Messrs. Cobb, Hartley and Surgeon-Major Brown at Annas 4 each.	0	12	0
7	Paid by Mr. H. Wapshare excess discount on account of encashment of two cheques.	0	6	0
Total receipts during 1891-92 ...		2,814	14	0
<i>Deduct.</i>				
8	Amount due by Messrs. Marden, Lascelles, G. A. Marsh, Grant, Dr. McVettie, General Hogg and Captain Marsh at Annas 5, 1, 10, 2, 5, 2 and 5 each respectively, on account of encashment of their cheques at the Local Bank.	1	14	0
Net receipts during 1892 ...		2,813	0	0
Total including the opening balance ...		3,084	4	1

OOTACAMUND,
1st August 1892.

Fund from 1st July 1891 to 30th June 1892.

Item No.	Charges.	Amount.		
1	Game Watcher's pay ...	276	0	0
2	River Watcher's pay ...	40	0	0
3	Jungle cats ...	104	0	0
4	Mongoose ...	114	0	0
5	Otters ...	24	0	0
6	Wild dogs ...	14	0	0
7	Auditor's fees ...	15	0	0
8	Charges incurred for feeding trout ...	37	11	0
9	Amount paid to Mr. H. P. Hodgson for the purchase and transport of English pheasants from England.	209	7	3
10	Cost of cheque books ...	4	11	0
11	Purchase of postage labels ...	2	2	6
12	Telegram ...	2	0	0
13	Hire of 5 coolies employed at Craigmere for catching rabbits.	1	9	0
14	Printing charges ...	28	2	7
15	Cost of knife purchased for making skins ...	0	12	0
16	Cost of digging a pond and catching trouts and cooly hire for sending rabbits to Metapoliem.	15	12	9
17	Cost of cock pheasants supplied to Mr. Hodgson ...	15	0	0
18	Amount paid to the Honorary Secretary Mr. Rhodes Morgan for contingent expenditure.	10	0	0
19	Cost of mytheled spirits purchased from Messrs. Spencer and Co. ...	2	8	0
20	Cost of traps for vermin ...	98	10	8
21	Charges incurred for erecting & down for pheasants ...	153	4	6
22	Food Supplied to pheasants ...	36	0	0
Total charges ...		1,204	11	3
Add the closing balance on 30th June 1892 ...		1,879	8	10
Total Rupees ...		3,084	4	1

(sd.) C. ANUNTHACHARLU,
Auditor.



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