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No. 47. Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government Fort St. George; dated Coimbatore, 21st September 1857. No. 55.

Sir,

I am happy to be able to report to Government a partially successful hunt, and the capture of 16 Elephants on the 17th instant, about 15 of the whole herd escaped, being probably more wary and difficult to drive, from the late unsuccessful attempt. It was entirely managed by the villagers, aided by some old hunters, the Tahsildar also exerted himself as before, no Europeans were present. I purposely kept it quiet, as there were too many at the last hunt.

2. The conditions on which the native Heads of villages undertook the present hunt, were, that, they should receive an average price for all they drive in, large or small; struck, on the sales of the finest hunts, these give Rupees 175 per Elephant or Rs. 2,800 due to the ryots for 16 elephants, most are young not yet fit for use, but more likely to live. I propose to price them all fairly, when tamed and brought in to allow the Annamally Forest Department the first choice, and sell the rest to the Commissariat or other applicants, for the best price I can, on behalf of Government. I deduct 300 Rupees, for the aid the villagers had, by using an old Government "Kedah" and 30 old muskets I lent them, they bought all their own powder, Rockets, &c., this leaves Rupees 2,501 to be sanctioned for payment to the ryots. The 3 Government hunt elephants still under my charge, assisted in the hunt, and are now helping to secure and tame those caught, I shall report further progress hereafter.

No. 48. Order thereon, No. 1072; dated 19th October 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the payment of Rupees (2,500) two thousand and five hundred to the ryots who, with the aid of some old hunters, effected the capture of the 16 Elephants reported in the foregoing letter. This disbursement will reduce the balance of 10,000 Rupees authorized in Extract Minutes of Consultation of 21st July last for expenditure in the purchase of Elephants for the Annamally forests.

2. The Government approves of Mr. Thomas' proposals to fix a fair price on the elephants after they are tamed, to allow the Forest Department the first choice, and to sell the remainder to the best advantage.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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