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No. 185. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 27th May 1863, No. 3,132:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 20th December 1862, Revenue Department, No. 2,644, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, for information and orders, a file containing the replies of the Collectors to the Board's Circular, calling for their opinion as to the necessity of granting rewards for the destruction of Jackals.

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4. The Board are of opinion that there exists no necessity for the destruction of Jackals generally, but they propose to authorize Collectors to grant a reward of 8 Annas for every Jackal killed in cases when such necessity may arise.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1863, No. 1,020.

The Government approve the proposal of the Board of Revenue to authorize Collectors to grant a reward of 8 Annas for every Jackal killed in cases in which real necessity may arise for the destruction of these animals.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Jeypore, 3rd February 1863, No. 37.

1. With reference to Miscellaneous Circular No. IV, I beg to state that I am of the same opinion as the Collector of Ganjam; but in place of the Inquest proposed by Mr. Forbes, it might be sufficient perhaps to exhibit to the Magistrate the Jackal's brush only.

2. I had occasion once in the Government Office to read a great deal of correspondence about mad Dogs and mad Jackals. These animals, it seems, go rabid not only from the heat of the sun or from scarcity of water to drink, but often at the present season of the year, when Cholera is so prevalent. The dead we know, are huddled by the shuddering mourners into the shallow pit, three or four together; and it was asserted in these papers that Jackals haunting these horrible grave yards very commonly become rabid in consequence.

Ed. J. Wright.

From A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Dracharum, 17th February 1863, No. 32.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Miscellaneous Circular No. IV, calling for my opinion on a proposition to offer rewards for the destruction of Jackals.

2. I have certainly heard of persons having been bitten by rabid Jackals and having died in consequence, but instances of the kind are but rare, and I do not think the danger, at all events in this part of the country, is of such a nature as to call for the offer of a reward for every Jackal killed.

3. In a sanitary point of view I question whether, even if it could be effected, it is desirable to exterminate the Jackals. These animals certainly have their use in disposing of carrion.

Exd. J. Wright.

From E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Repalli, 2nd February 1863, No. 21.

With reference to the Board's order dated 20th December 1862, No. 2,644, calling for my opinion as to the necessity of rewards for the destruction of Jackals, I have the honor to state that these beasts are the natural scavengers of the country, and by their means aided by vultures, kites, and crows, the carcases of dead animals and offal are disposed of, the effluvia arising from which would otherwise be detrimental to health. But few instances of deaths from the bite of mad Jackals have ever occurred in this District, and I am of opinion that a reward which would eventually exterminate these beasts would be a decided mistake.

Exd. J. Wright

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th February 1863, No. 14.

In reply to the Miscellaneous Circular, No. IV, Board's No. 351, dated 20th January 1863, I have the honor to state that in the opinion of my subordinates and myself, the danger to be apprehended from mad Jackals has never been such in this District as to call for a reward for their destruction. My Sub-Collector thinks that the destruction of these animals is unadvisable, on account of their being useful scavengers.

Exd. J. Wright.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th February 1863, No. 25.

1. I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 351 (Miscellaneous Circular No. IV) of the 20th ultimo, to state, that, in my opinion, there is no necessity for giving rewards in this District for the destruction of Jackals.

2. If, as would appear from the letter of the Collector of Ganjam, deaths frequently result in his District from the bites of these animals, it would, I think, be advisable to give rewards for their destruction, on the same principle on which rewards are given, at particular seasons, for the destruction of dogs.

3. The Collector of Ganjam must be better able than my myself to give an opinion as to the amount of the rewards in question.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ragavendrapooram, 7th February 1863, No. 23.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Miscellaneous Circular No. IV, Board No. 351 of the 20th January, forwarding a proposal from the Collector of Ganjam to offer Government rewards for the destruction of Jackals, as to the necessity for which the opinions of Collectors is called for.

2. I believe no instance is known in this District of the death of a human being by the bite of a mad Jackal, and no such case has ever occurred within my personal experience.

3. I cannot but think therefore that the cases cited by Mr. Forbes are of an exceptional character, such as hardly to call for any such general measure as he has suggested.

4. Wherever a case of rabies in the Jackal was known to have occurred, it might be advantageous to offer a reward for the destruction of these animals in that locality, but to spend money in an attempt to extirpate the race, does not seem to be called for.

Exd. J. Wright.

From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 10th February 1863, No. 50.

1. Referring to Board's Miscellaneous Circular No. IV of the 20th ultimo, I have the honor to state that no such danger is apprehended from Jackals in this District, and that consequently no reward is in my opinion requisite for their destruction. They are useful scavengers, and I should regret to see their number considerably thinned.

2. In the course of a long service in which I have had experience in three or four of the Southern Districts, and having been in the habit of riding frequently out in the country, I never saw a mad Jackal, though have heard, but very rarely, of people having been bitten by them.

3. The facts related by Mr. Forbes are very curious, and certainly represent a state of matters in Ganjam which is alarming.

4. Jackals, though less numerous than in former years, may often be seen about Madras at dusk, and no doubt enter the more populous parts at night in search of food, and I have never heard of a fatal accident from their bite at the Presidency.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kangianellore, 27th January 1863, No. 13.

1. In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. 351 of 20th January 1863, regarding rabid Jackals, I have the honor to state that I have never seen or even heard of them save in the Ganjam District. During one cold season while I was at Chetterpore several were killed, after having bitten not only men but dogs; but I heard of no instance of any of the people bitten dying from hydrophobia. Several mad dogs were killed about the same time which had bitten four or five persons of whom one died; the Jackals may have been the cause of the rabies in the dogs.

2. I do not consider it necessary to offer any reward for the destruction of Jackals in this District.

Exd. J. Wright

From G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellam, 27th January 1863, No. 31.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Miscellaneous Circular No. IV, dated 20th January 1863, and to state that I think that the bestowal of a reward of 1 Rupee for every dead Jackal would be beneficial.

2. There are not many in this District, but I know that where they abound at all, their bites are very much dreaded, and that the people generally would hail their destruction with great pleasure.

Exd. J. Wright.

From Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1863, No. 16.

Referring to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 20th instant, Board No. 351, Miscellaneous Circular No. IV, I have the honor to report that I have never heard of a Jackal biting any human being. I have made inquiries amongst the natives, and all assure me, that they are not aware of any danger they are exposed to from bites of these animals. I do not see the slightest necessity for the proposed reward.

Exd. J. Wright.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1863, No. 44.

In reply to the Miscellaneous Circular No. IV, dated the 20th January last, I have the honor to report that no danger has ever occurred to the people of this District from the bite of Jackals in a rabid state, except a single instance which happened in Dindigul ten years ago, but which did not prove fatal. I therefore see no necessity for any rewards for the destruction of Jackals in this District.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichendoor, 29th January 1863, No. 40.

In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. IV, dated 20th January 1863, No. 351, I have the honor to report that I have not heard of any accidents from the bites of Jackals in this District, and do not therefore think it necessary to offer a reward for their destruction in Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Wright.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1863, No. 19.

I have received Miscellaneous Circular, No. IV, dated 20th January 1863, regarding the necessity for the proposed reward of Rupee 1 for each Jackall killed. In reply I beg to inform you that I do not consider such reward to be called for as a general rule. It would suffice if, in the event of any of these animals being supposed to be going about in a rabid state, the Collector were empowered to offer a reward for those killed in that state, or in the vicinity of a Town or village. The issue of a notice offering a reward for all Jackalls killed, would be responded to, to an extent not perhaps anticipated in some parts of the country. I have known a party of Jungle men kill 18 Jackalls in three days.

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From the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1863, No. 20.

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular dated the 20th ultimo, No. IV, I have the honor to state that as far as this District is concerned, I am not aware that any death has ever occurred from the bite of a rabid Jackal; should however their ravages in other Districts be so great as to render their destruction advisable, the proposed reward I think should be given in all Districts, so as to render their extermination as complete as possible.

Exd. J. Wright.

From A. P. HODGSON, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Caup, 7th February 1863, No. 13.

1. In reply to the Miscellaneous Circular of the Board of Revenue, No. IV of 1863, I have the honor to inform you, that I am told that Jackals are at times very dangerous from being in a rabid state, and that a few years ago sanction was obtained to offer a reward, during a certain period, for dead Jackals produced before the Tahsildar of the Udippi Taluk, in consequence of many of these animals, in the neighbourhood of the town of Udippi, having been mad, and having bitten several persons.

2. Jackals are very numerous in this District, and if not generally dangerous, they are certainly very troublesome, and should, I am of opinion, be included in the list of beasts of prey for the destruction of which rewards are now offered. A reward of 1 Rupee would, I think, be sufficient.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Encl: in a letter from the Secy: to the Bd of Revenue to the Secy to Govt R D dated 27th May 1863 No 3132

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G Hudleston

Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Chepauk,
27th May 1863.

With a File of replies.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To The Secretary to Government R. D.

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From Hr George
11th June 1863

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