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No. 119. Read the following letter from Colonel C. A. DENISON, Acting Private Secretary, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Oossoor, 9th August 1863:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Governor, to request you will again submit for the consideration of Government, the subject of the destruction of crops on lands adjacent to Guindy Park, by the Deer.

2. There have been two orders passed on this subject.

One the 22nd of November 1859, No. 1,587; the other 14th of April 1863, No. 655.

3. Since the latter, I have been called upon to pay compensation to the amount of Rupees 125.

4. The amount claimed was much larger, but on examination by the Farm Bailiff, this sum was considered fair and reasonable; but, if this is to continue, there will soon be no funds available to meet demands.

5. The villagers, as I understand from the Farm Bailiff, say they will not fence in their lands, that they can keep theirs and their neighbours' cattle and goats from doing damage to their crops, and that it is our business to keep the Deer inside the Park. But the question is how is this to be effected except at a great expense. His Excellency found the Park full of Deer, and no means of keeping them within bounds; it is not our fault, therefore, that the villagers' crops are destroyed, and it is hard upon our funds that such repeated drains should be made upon them, and now that the villagers find their complaints are promptly redressed, and compensation given, they are not slow in reporting either real or imaginary losses. It would be a pity to destroy the Deer, even if this could be accomplished, for there are a large number of Antelope, some seventy or eighty spotted Deer, and twelve or fourteen Sambur.

6. Fencing the Park all round would be a very expensive process, for it must be five feet high and also close to prevent the Antelope getting through; yet it is absolutely necessary to take some steps in the matter, and that speedily.

7. I would submit, therefore, whether it might not be expedient to try the effect of a couple of night watchmen (for each village, there are three I think) who would patrol and keep off the Deer, and that in the event of any destruction of crops taking place, through their neglect, that they should be fined.

8. I confess I have strong doubts as to the efficacy of this plan, but it might be worth the trial, say for a month, six watchmen at Rupees 5 each, and if found to answer, the time to be extended.

9. Perhaps Mr. Ellis might be able to suggest some other plan.

10. His Excellency has desired me to add that it would be as well to call for an estimate of the cost of repairing and completing the fence round the Park, a good deal of timber might be given from the Park for the purpose.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1863, No. 1,492.

1. Referred to the Collector of Madras through the Board of Revenue for early report, as to what effectual measures can be adopted to prevent the Deer in Guindy Park from destroying the crops on lands in the neighbourhood.

2. Orders will be issued from the Public Works Department for the preparation of the estimate alluded to in the concluding paragraph of this letter.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wrtght.

No 22. Income Tax Act 16-17
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From Colonel C. A. Morrison Acting Private Secretary

Dated 9th August 63
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From Lieut Gen 29/23 Augt 63
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Suggesting certain precautions for keeping off the Deer in Guindy Park from destroying the crops and lands adjacent to the Park.

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No 119 & 120.

No. 1192.

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2 Orders will be issued from the P. W. Department for the preparation of the estimate alluded to in the concluding para of this letter.

From Lt Genl
13th Augt 1863

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