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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th February 1865.*

No. 277. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial

Department :—

Authorizing the several Magistrates to offer
such rewards for destruction of wild animals
as they may deem sufficient, and directing the
Inspector General of Ordnance to place at
the disposal of the Collector of Coimbatore
the arms he asked for sale. } (Here enter 2nd February 1865, No. 184.)

No. 278. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1865, No. 315.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 184.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd February 1865.*

Read the following papers :—

From the Magistrate of Ganjam,			(Here enter, 5th July 1864, No. 114).		
Do.	do.	Vizagapatam,	(Do.	24th June	„ „ 170).
Do.	do.	Godavery,	(Do.	22nd „	„ „ 220).
Do.	do.	Kistna District,	(Do.	29th July	„ „ 225).
Do.	do.	Nellore,	(Do.	18th June	„ „ 28).
Do.	do.	Kurnool,	(Do.	9th July	„ „ 36).
Do.	do.	Cuddapah,	(Do.	22nd June	„ „ 21).
Do.	do.	Bellary,	(Do.	21st „	„ „ 20).
Do.	do.	Madras District,	(Do.	18th „	„ „ 39).
Do.	do.	North Arcot,	(Do.	28th „	„ „ 31).
Do.	do.	South do.	(Do.	17th „	„ „ 34).
Do.	do.	Tanjore,	(Do.	24th „	„ „ 117).
Do.	do.	Tinnevelly,	(Do.	21st „	„ „ 241).
Do.	do.	Madura,	(Do.	27th „	„ „ 178).
Do.	do.	Trichinopoly,	(Do.	2nd July	„ „ 18).
Do.	do.	Salem,	(Do.	27th June	„ „ 18).
Do.	do.	Coimbatore,	(Do.	22nd „	„ „ 45).
Do.	do.	South Canara,	(Do.	25th „	„ „ 18).
Do.	do.	Malabar,	(Do.	5th Sept.	„ „ 121).

ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1865, No. 184.

On the 14th June 1864, the Government called upon the several Magistrates for reports, whether special measures were called for to promote the destruction of wild beasts in the Districts. In the replies received, 14 Magistrates report that no special measures appear necessary. In the District of Vizagapatam an increased reward has been sanctioned for the destruction of tigers, and the disarming Act has not been put in force. The Magistrate of Kistna considers that the rewards are, generally, sufficient, but that the Magistrate should be vested with power to raise the reward for the destruction of any notoriously dangerous tiger, or cheetah; and he also requests rewards for killing wolves, which are destructive to the flocks. The Magistrate of Kurnool states that the villagers of the District are amply armed, and forwards the opinion of the Head Assistant that the rewards are generally sufficient, but that 100 Rupees might be fixed as a limit of reward, up to which the Magistrate might sanction for an unusually fierce animal. He further remarks that Mr. Arbuthnott's suggestion that the Chucklers and Pariahs might be prohibited from removing the carcass of an animal killed by wild beasts, until the day next but one after the killing, and so preventing the tiger, or cheetah, from finishing his meal, and affording the Shikaries the chance they would have, by watching the carcass, of a shot at him, is worthy of adoption. The Magistrate of Madura proposes an increase of the reward for tigers from 35 to 50 Rupees, and that the grant of reward for elephants should be withdrawn, unless in the case of a tusker proved to have killed a human being, when he would give 50 Rupees. The Magistrate of Coimbatore considers the reward sufficient (although his several applications of late for increased rewards rather contradict this opinion), but thinks that it would be greatly to the safety of the inhabitants of jungly tracts to be better armed. He asks for 20 old percussion muskets and the same number of Fuzils for sale, or loan.

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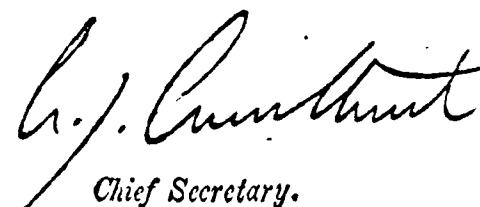
2. These replies show that the information upon which the Secretary of State's despatch was based, was not perfectly correct, at any rate, so far as this Presidency is concerned. The Governor in Council considers that the present scale of rewards is generally sufficient; but he resolves to authorize the several Magistrates to offer, without reference to Government, such reward, for any tiger which has destroyed a human being, as they may deem sufficient, not exceeding Rupees 100; the reward in ordinary cases being confined to the sanctioned scale. A reward, not exceeding Rupees 3½, may be given for each wolf destroyed in the Kistna District, as requested.

3. The proposition of the Head Assistant of Kurnool to prohibit the removal by the chucklers of an animal killed by a wild beast, for at least one day after it has been killed, should be adopted generally. It would doubtless facilitate the destruction of tigers.

4. As to the destruction of elephants, to which the Magistrate of Madura objects, the Government remark that the grant of rewards for their destruction has been stopped in one District, Coimbatore; and that it is quite within the province of a Magistrate to refuse a reward, if he considers its grant not called for.

5. The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines is authorized to place at Mr. Grant's disposal the arms (smooth bore), for which he asks, for sale. The Magistrate will register the names of the persons to whom they are issued.

(True Extract).


Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of

- „ Accountant General.
- „ Civil Paymaster.
- „ Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.
- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Inspector General of Police.

