

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1384	Press Mis.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th May 1868.

No. 310. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Ruling that elephants maintained for purely
Military service are not available for the
purposes of the contemplated breeding farm,
but that it will be considered in the Revenue
Department, whether the resources of the
Commissariat Department can be otherwise
utilised in furtherance of the proposed experi-
ment. } (Here enter 6th May 1868, No. 1,819.)

No. 311. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1868, No. 1,334.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Forest
Department.

2. It is observed that the Government of India have expressed their opinion
adverse to the proposed breeding farm.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 1,819.

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Commissary General, Madras, 20th April 1868, No. 430; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George,

In forwarding, for the information of Government, a letter received from the Conservator of Forests, regarding the establishment of an elephant breeding farm on the Anamallays, I have the

No. 691, dated 14th April 1868.

honor to request that I may be informed whether this Department is to take any action in the matter.

2. The elephants of the public cattle establishment could not be used for breeding, as the objections urged by Captain Beddome are equally applicable to their being put to this purpose as to the animals of his own establishment, for, although they may not be steadily worked like the latter, still they should always be in an efficient state, and fit for immediate service.

From Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, Camp Ootacamund, 14th April 1868, No. 691; to the Commissary General, Madras.

With reference to the Government Order, No. 4217 of the 1st of November 1867, and the Government Order thereon, No. 2642, dated 7th November, I have the honor to inform you that I am not able to give any opinion as to the probable expense of rearing young elephants in the Anamallays. Government observe that the subject is certainly deserving of careful consideration, and state that I had better communicate with you on the subject.

* 2. The formation of an elephant farm on a large scale would of course rest with you. There are superb tracts of forest throughout which the elephants could roam, and there is a fine river with an abundant supply of water throughout the hot weather, on the banks of which I would propose that the establishment should be located. If the elephants were not worked, they would not require much rice, if any; and if there were several good Foujdars in charge, one Forest Officer might have the supervision and payment of the establishment. I presume that you always have a quantity of elephants at Hunsur and Cannanore. These might be located where I propose, probably at much less expense for keep, and yet be available whenever they are required, and the catching of wild elephants could, I think, be carried on by the Mahouts and establishment at a great gain to Government.

3. The fact of all our female elephants (though constantly at hard work) having dropt calves proves that there would be no difficulty about the breeding, and that it is the result of the animals being turned loose in the forests. As far as our small establishment (which is always required for work) is concerned, the breeding is detrimental, as the animals have to be taken off work, and we cannot well dispense with their services.

ORDER, No. 1819, 6th May 1868.

Governor in Council is of opinion that, in the spirit of the Proceedings of

No. 1379, 4th April 1868.

Government marginally noted, elephants maintained for purely Military service are not available for the purposes of the con-

temporary breeding farm. It will, however, be considered in the Revenue Department, whether the resources of the Commissariat Department can be otherwise utilised in furtherance of the proposed experiment.

(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General.

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General, with an enclosure.

„ Revenue Department. *With 20 copies.*
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Adjutant General, for information.

Exd. A. W. Cooke.

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No. 1540.

Proceedings of the
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Deposits.

Dated 6th 3rd May
Received 8th 1868.

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Reading of the
Order for printing of the
minutes of the meeting
for the purpose of the
meeting being from
the 1st of the month to the
1st of the month. The
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