

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th February 1868.*

No. 395. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 5th February 1868, No. 530 :—

1. Man-eating tigers are causing a great loss of life along the whole range of our Nallay Mallay forests, from near Cuddapah up to the bank of the Kistna; there are said to be five altogether. One that frequents the Nandy Cadama ghaut is the most notorious, and is said to have killed upwards of 100 people. The Collector has already, I believe, reported to Government about this tiger, and a reward of 300 Rupees has been sanctioned; this might, I think, be raised to 500 Rupees. My Assistant at Nundial has on several occasions tried Strychnine, but without success, as the tiger never comes back to his victim after his first meal, and he is never known to kill cattle. These jungles are not such as to allow of elephants being used, but the tiger might, I think, be killed if a large beat was organized; his whereabouts are generally well known, and as his depredations are considerably affecting our working operations, the Forest Department might give 100 Rupees towards the expenses of a beat, if the Collector would organize one, and I have no doubt that sportsmen from Bangalore, Madras, and elsewhere, would be glad to assist.

2. I have lately seen a large steel spring tiger trap, on the principle of a rat trap; its cost is 70 Rupees, and I have the honor to request sanction for purchasing it for use in these forests, its cost can be met from the amount sanctioned for contingencies.

No. 396.

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1868, No. 466.

Miscellaneous.

1. The purchase of the trap in question is sanctioned.

2. A beat with elephants for the tigers has been already organized.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Board of Revenue.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your most obedient

R. W. Beddome Major.

Officer in charge of Forests

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The purchase of the trap in question
is sanctioned. A beat for the Ligers
in question has been already organized.
19th July 1866

Received of the
Major R. W. Beddome
the sum of Rs. 100/-
for the purchase of the trap
in question.