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No. 46. Read the following letter from Captain E. PERSSE, Madras Staff Corps, to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, dated 3rd March 1873 :—

I see in the Government Gazette that a reward of Rupees 300 is offered for every tiger killed in the Kurnool District.

2. May I request, therefore, that you will be so good as to lay before His Excellency the Governor my application to be allowed to proceed to that district with a view to organize means for the destruction of the above-mentioned animals.

3. I do not expect or mean to imply that I should be appointed Tiger-slayer to Government, but merely suggest that my services may be applied for temporarily for the above purpose.

4. I do not possess the necessary data to show how many deaths are annually reported, caused by man-eating tigers and other wild beasts ; but I am sure that His Excellency will be of opinion that some extraordinary means should be taken for their destruction.

5. Death from wild animals may be classed with cholera or any other disease which devastates the country, and as in one case we take every means of prevention, I would, with great deference, suggest that it would be equally necessary in the other.

6. As regards qualifications, I may say that I have had several years' experience of jungle life and the pursuit of wild animals while employed in the forests of North Canara under that well-known tiger-shot Major William Peyton, and at home I held the position of champion shc[illegible]nd shot record in 1870 in a match open to the world.

7. If His Excellency, on consideration, should think me qualified to undertake what I have applied for, I hope that I may be enabled to do credit to his nomination.

8. The only pecuniary remuneration I would ask for would be the *bona-fide* travelling expenses of carriage and the monthly pay of eight shikarries necessary to obtain information in an extensive and thinly-populated district.

9. I am not in a position to apply for leave, as my seniors have the preference, or I should proceed on my own account and see what I could do.

10. Requesting the favour of a reply as soon as you conveniently can, as the hot weather is approaching and no time to be lost.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

(By order.)

GUINDY, *5th March* 1873. (Signed) A. AWDRY, Captain, *Private Secretary.*

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1873, No. 255.

The Government have resolved not to employ any officer on the proposed duty.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To Captain E. Persse.
To the Revenue Department.
Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Dept.
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Govt. of 1873 Madras

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To

CAPTAIN H. PERSSE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 12th.

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