No. 36. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd July 1873, No. 1,355:—

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June 1873, No. 194:—

WITH reference to Board's Official Memorandum, dated 3rd ultimo, No. 583, I have the honour to inform you that up to 31st ultimo Rupees 11,617-8-0 have been granted as rewards for tigers killed in the Nallamallays, since the date of G. O., No. 3,138, dated 17th December 1868.

2. The divisional officers on both sides of the Nallamallays report that the enhanced reward has had the desired effect of stimulating Shikarries to kill many more tigers than formerly, and the result has been undoubtedly very beneficial to the people. During the last four years 65 tigers have been killed in these forests. In the Nandikanama ghaut, where the fear of tigers used to be so strong, man-eaters have now disappeared, and the Deputy-Collector reports that this road, "which, in 1869-70, was traversed by travellers in gangs of thirty or forty at a time, only during the hottest part of the day, is now used at all hours of the night in perfect safety."

3. As regards increase of cultivation, the Head Assistant Collector reports that about 1,000 acres of forest-land in the vicinity of the Nallamallays have been taken up in the Markapur Taluq within the last four years. In the Cumbum, Nandial, and Giddalur Taluqs, there has been very little, if any, increase of cultivation; but this is chiefly attributable to the poverty of the soil of those tracts bordering on the hills. The variable nature of the seasons there has had much more to do with the increase and decrease of cultivation than any fear of tigers.

4. On the whole, I consider that it is no longer necessary to maintain the high scale of rewards sanctioned for this district. Kurnool is no longer pre-eminent among districts for the number of deaths caused by tigers, and I think the special reward may be discontinued in future.

THE Board resolve to submit the letter of the Collector of Kurnool and their Proceedings, dated 14th ultimo, No. 1,011, to Government in answer to the reference in G. O., dated 5th April 1873, No. 390.

2. The Board are glad to observe that the grant of these high rewards has delivered a tract of country from a terrible scourge. The special rate of reward may, in their opinion, be now discontinued.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1873, No. 950.

Miscellaneous.

IN 1867, it was brought to the notice of Government that the road through the Nandikanama ghaut was infested by a dangerous man-eating tiger, and a reward of Rs. 300 was offered for its destruction. In the following year it appeared that there had been considerable loss of life owing

to the ravages of tigers on the Nullamallay Hills and in the neighbouring tract of country, and the extension of the special reward for all tigers killed in these localities was sanctioned in the G. O. under date 17th December 1868, No. 3,138.

2. The Board of Revenue now report that since the date of this order no less than sixty-five tigers have been killed in the vicinity of the Nandikanama ghaut, and that the road is now quite safe. The Acting Collector of Kurnool and the Board are also of opinion that the enhanced reward has had the desired effect, and need be no longer continued. Under these circumstances, the Board are at liberty to direct the Acting Collector to revert to ordinary reward for tigers killed in this locality as in other parts of the district.

3. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to the letter from the Under-Secretary in the Home Department, dated 28th March 1873, No. 1,280.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
5th September 1873.

No. 951.

No. 38.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE ... RNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

G. O., 16th Oct. 1867, No. 1,278, (Public.)
,, 17th Dec. 1868, ,, 3,138, (Revenue.)
,, 5th Sept. 1873, ,, 950, (,,)

SIR,—With reference to your ...ing Under-Secretary's letter, ...280, dated 28th March 1873, I am ...ed to forward the accompanying ... which explain the reasons why ... it was deemed advisable to offer a rewar... Rs. 300 for each tiger killed in certain portions of the district of Kurnool.

2. This special reward was sanctioned ... this Government in 1867 and 1868 on information from the district officials ...ent to show the prevalence and boldness of the tigers in the localities in ... to be such as to make them a real scourge to the country. The alarm occ... was so considerable that one of the main highways ceased to be traversed ... by people in large bodies accompanied by tom-tom beaters, and the cult... not only ceased to extend but even abandoned their cultivation in the neig... ood of the jungles.

3. The experiment has been eminently ..., as no fewer than sixty-five tigers have been killed during the last four y... ivation has again increased; the highway above referred to can now be s... ed at any hour of the day or night; and His Excellency the Goverr... l has, under these circumstances, directed the discontinuance of the ... rewards.

I hav... the honour to be,
Sir,
Y... r most obedient servant,

(Sig... ed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1,011.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th June 1873.

Read the following letter from Captain F. J. HICKS, Superintendent of Police, Kurnool, to Captain C. L. HIGHMOOR, Acting Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Madras, dated Ooyelvada, 24th May 1873, No. 181:—

I HAVE the honour to return papers forwarded with your endorsement, No. 1,454, dated 7th instant, and to report that the grant of a reward of 300 Rupees for killing tigers seems to have had a good effect in saving human life, as shown by the statement in the margin.

—	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Persons killed by tigers...	35	34	26	25	1
Tigers killed	No return.	5	12	7	13

2. I think a large reward is no longer necessary as people now pass through the Nandi Kanamah Ghaut without fear, and I know of no other part of the district where people complain of the country being infested with tigers.

No. 1,680.

FORWARDED to the Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue for information with reference to his Official Memorandum, No. 584, of 3rd May 1873.

MADRAS,
29th May 1873.

(Signed) C. L. HIGHMOOR, Captain,
Actg. Asst. Inspr.-Genl. of Police.

THE number of tigers killed last year was the largest number as yet. The Board await the report called for from the Collector of Kurnool on the 3rd May.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. ST. A. GOODRICH,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.

Copy to the Acting Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Revenue Dept.

No. 950

Pros. of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 5 Sept. 1873.

Read the following

Pros. of the Board of Revenue

Submitting letter from Collector of Kurnool reporting amount granted as rewards for destruction of tigers; &c.

} H.E. 22 July 1873, No. 1353.

In 1867 it was brought to the notice of Govt. that the road through the Nanditanna-ma ghaut was infested by a dangerous man-eating tiger, and a reward of Rs. 300 was offered for its destruction. In the following year it appeared that there had been considera-ble loss of life owing to the ravages of tigers on the Nullamally hills and in the neighbouring

neighbouring tract of country and the extension of the special reward for all tigers killed in those localities was sanctioned in the G.O. under date 17th December 1868, No. 3138.

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3. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Govt of India with reference to the letter from the Under Secretary in the Home Dept. dated 28th March 1873, No. 1280.

To Board of Revenue
Asst Genl } Dep 12/9-73

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Reward for destruction of tigers in Kurnool Dt

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 5th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 5th September 1873, No. 950.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 36-37.

Destruction of Tigers in the Nullamalloy Hills and the neighbouring Tract of Country in the Kurnool District.—Reviewing the results of the orders sanctioning the grant of special rewards for the —, and requesting the Board of Revenue to direct the Collector to revert to the ordinary reward for tigers killed in this locality as in other parts of the district.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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