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Elephants.

Read the following papers :—

No. 100. From Colonel J. P. WATTS, Officiating Commissary-General, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 31st March 1876, No. 8985.

In forwarding, for the information of Government, the documents noted in the margin, I have the honor to recommend that the nine elephants therein referred to be sold under any circumstances, and more especially so if they are likely to realize the prices fixed upon them, since they are not required for the Commissariat.

Letter, No. 23, dated 20th March 1876, from the Collector of Coimbatore.
Copy of letter, No. 19, dated 13th March 1876, from Mr. McKenzie to the Collector of Coimbatore.
List of nine elephants captured on 8th March 1876.

2. I would take this opportunity of bringing prominently to notice that elephants captured in Southern India seldom turn out satisfactorily, not having the stamina to stand the training and coercing on being captured, and to point out that in consequence thereof the Keddah operations in the Coimbatore District are not likely to be attended with any good result as far as the Commissariat Department is concerned.

3. Out of sixteen wild elephants recently transferred to this department, six from Coimbatore and ten from Mysore, only seven are now living—two of the Coimbatore, and five of the Mysore lot.

4. The Coimbatore elephants were originally valued at Rupees 2,500 by the Collector, but consequent on a representation made by Colonel Loudon it was ruled that they were to be taken over at Rupees 700. The Mysore elephants were purchased at Rupees 834 each, so that the sixteen elephants above referred to cost Rupees 12,540 in the first instance. To this must be added Rupees 9,906-5-5, being the cost of keep, up to date, of the seven still living and of the nine dead ones up to the dates of their decease, making a total expenditure of Rs. 22,441-5-5 for seven animals that are still unfit for work.

No. 101. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George (through the Commissary-General), dated Coimbatore, 20th March 1876, No. 23.

In continuation of my letter, No. 12, of the 25th February 1876, I have the honor to forward letter with a supplemental list of nine elephants since captured, and request the early sanction of Government for their sale by public auction after due advertisement. If sanctioned, the sale will take place in May, by which time they will have been sufficiently tamed. Any elephants that may be required by the Commissariat Department, if named, may be bought in at the auction, so that their value may be ascertained at the public competition.

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From C. A. MACKENZIE, Esq., in charge of Keddah Operations, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of the Coimbatore District, dated Allambaddy, 13th March 1876, No. 19.

I beg to report that I secured the whole nine elephants and brought them to my camp this evening.

2. I will remain here for about a fortnight or three weeks more, and then move on by slow and easy stages to Gopichettypolliem and Coimbatore.

3. I beg to enclose a list showing the height, sex, and probable value of each animal.

4. The tusker is a most magnificent animal, the tusks although not very large, are quite large enough, perfect, and handsome. I am quite certain that the Native Rajahs and Chiefs, as well as timber merchants, will vie with one another in bidding for him.

FIFTH CAPTURE.

LIST showing Names, Height, &c., of Elephants captured on 8th March 1876.

No.	Names.	Height.	Sex.	Probable Value.	Remarks.
		FT. IN.		RS.	
1	Hector	9 0	Male	3,500	A magnificent animal, possesses a perfect and handsome pair of tusks.
2	Black Bess... ...	8 9	Female ...		
3	Lady	8 3	,, ...	2,500	A fine large and powerful animal.
4	Bill	7 5	Male	2,300	Do. do.
5	Jack		,, ...	2,500	A young animal, possesses a good pair of tusks.
6	Starlight	7 5	Female ...	2,200	A young and active mukna.
7	Firefly	6 4	,, ...	1,300	A young and promising animal.
8	Jerry	6 4	,, ...	1,300	Do. do.
9	Kitty	5 6	Male	900	Do. do.
		5 0	Female ...	600	Do. do.
	Total ...	...	.....	17,100	

ALLAMBADY,
13th March 1876.

(Signed) C. A. MACKENZIE,
In charge, Keddah Operations,
Coimbatore District.

No. 102.

ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1876, No. 951.

As the elephants in question are not required by the Commissariat, the Governor in Council directs that the wants of all other departments be ascertained in view to their being met before any sale takes place. The papers will be communicated through the Revenue Department to the Conservator of Forests, and also to the Inspector-General of Police, who can communicate direct with the Collector.

2. The Government desire to receive any remarks the Collector may wish to make on the letter from the Acting Commissary-General, with his reply to G.O., 23rd March 1876, No. 550, Judicial, which should be submitted with as little delay as possible. The Collector will report whether there is on record in his office any mention of similar delicacy among the elephants formerly captured in Coimbatore.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
17th May 1876.

3. The Commissary-General will also report what traditions exist in his department regarding the stamina of South Indian elephants; and as regards the losses from recent allotments, will furnish details as to the cause of death if ascertained by examination, the localities in which the deaths occurred, and all other particulars in view to final decision as to the expediency or otherwise of continuing or abandoning the Keddah operations.

4. The Government have reason to believe that the timber merchants on the Malabar Coast use none but elephants caught in this tract of country for their work, and that they are found to be hardy and useful. It seems possible that mismanagement—intentional or otherwise—on the part of the Mahouts, may lie at the bottom of the unexplained mortality.

5. Copy of the Commissary-General's letter will be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner, Mysore, for information.

(True Extract.)

W. Kaye Chief Secy 1876
Chief Secretary.

To the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.
,, Officiating Commissary-General.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Inspector-General of Police.
,, Collector of Coimbatore.
,, Military Department.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF
MYSORE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 17th.

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G.O., 17th May 1876, No. 951.

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Nos. 100—102.

Elephants.—Papers regarding a further capture of elephants at Coimbatore, communicated to the Revenue Department and Inspector-General of Police, in view to their making known their wants direct to the Collector. A report called for respecting the alleged unsuitability of elephants captured in Southern India, &c.

No 12358
Communicated to [illegible]
Bd. of Rev.

25-5-76 28 May 1876

1 To the Board of Rev. [illegible]
1 " The Conservator of Forests

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