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Elephants.

Read the following papers:—

No. 47. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 17th June 1876, No. 50.

With reference to G.O., No. 550, of 23rd March 1876, Judicial Department,

Enclosure one.
1 Account Current.

and in continuation of my letter, No. 48, of 15th instant, I have the honor to

forward herewith a Debtor and Creditor Account of the whole of the Keddah operations from the commencement up to date.

It will be noted that, in a financial point of view, a large proportion of the expense is debitable to the feed and keep of the captured elephants, which an earlier disposal would have obviated. But for interruptions in the Keddah operations, by the want of sufficient decoys and forage on several occasions when captures were expected, a larger number would have been taken, and the receipts would have been larger.

2. In paragraph 4 of the G.O. above quoted, the Government have directed that the value of the Government Elephants employed at the Keddah should be noted at foot of the debit side of the account. The value of the Forest Elephant "Lutchmee" is known to be Rupees 2,000. No reply having as yet been received from the Commissary-General regarding

* *Note.*—Three of the nine are not very useful, and are proposed to be returned, their place being supplied by the new captures. the value* of the Commissariat Elephants, the information could not be noted in

the account. I have, however, requested him to report their value direct to Government.

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ACCOUNT CURRENT OF KEDDAH OPERATIONS FROM THE COMMENCEMENT TO DATE.

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Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Cash for four very small elephants sold in December 1874 ..	Rs. 2,025 0 0	Pay ad allowances of Mr. Mackenzie ..	Rs. 9,310 9 7
Cash for twelve very small elephants sold on the 7th June 1876 ..	8,930 0 0	Pay of fixed establishment ..	1,185 10 10
Value of fourteen elephants supplied to Public Departments :—		Pay and allowances of Mahouts and Attendants of Commissariat Elephants ..	3,348 5 8
Value of four elephants for Forest Department ..	Rs. 9,500	Feed of Commissariat Elephants ..	7,598 14 1
Value of four elephants for the Vizagapatam Agency ..	7,750	Pay ad allowances of Mahouts and Attendants of Forest Elephants ..	1,070 8 0
Value of two elephants for the Ganjam Agency ..	2,600	Feed, &c., of Forest Elephants ..	2,123 0 7
Value of one elephant for the Ganjam Police ..	1,800	Batta to Mahouts, &c., of Commissariat and Forest Elephants ..	1,347 0 0
Value of three elephants retained for the Keddah ..	7,100	Feed and keep of captured elephants ..	16,750 9 8
Value of three elephants retained for future disposal ..		Contingent establishment and coolies ..	18,761 8 0
Value of six large elephants transferred to the Commissariat Department ..		Rewards paid ..	2,380 0 0
Value of sixteen elephants captured, which died ..		Sundries ..	3,053 12 2
		Construction and repair of Keddah No. 1 ..	2,508 14 0
		do. do. No. 2 ..	1,950 0 0
		Construction of Keddah No. 3 ..	1,500 0 0
		Tools and ropes ..	2,930 4 11
		Hire of an elephant employed in the Anamallay Forest in lieu of one supplied to Keddah operation ..	864 0 0
		Amount advanced to Mr. Mackenzie in May and June 1876, not yet accounted for ..	4,488 11 4
		Probable amount of profit to Government ..	81,171 12 10
		Total ..	433 3 2
			81,605 0 0

COIMBATORE,
17th June 1876.(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
13th July 1876. No. 1416.

No. 48. From Colonel J. P. WATTS, Officiating Commissary-General, Ootacamund, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 30th June 1876, No. 293.

I have the honor, in forwarding the accompanying letter, No. 189, dated 17th June 1876, from the Collector of Coimbatore, to state that the Examiner of Commissariat Accounts intimates he is unable to give the information asked for relative to the price of the nine Commissariat Elephants now employed with Keddah operations at Coimbatore, as it appears the accounts and vouchers prior to December 1859 have been destroyed in his office, but the approximate value of these animals is stated to be Rupees 17,600 by the Officer in charge of the Amrut Mahal Depot.

No. 3305.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

OOTACAMUND,
3rd July 1876.(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1876, No. 1416.

It appears from the Account Current that excluding the assumed value of sixteen elephants which died after capture (and which the Government understand to include those which died after transfer to the Commissariat), the receipts from the Keddah operations may be estimated at, say, Rupees (59,905) 60,000.

2. Excluding from the charges the ordinary pay and allowances of the Mahouts and Attendants on the Commissariat and Forest Elephants used in the capture and the feeding of these decoys, which may be viewed as charges that must in any case have been incurred and the transfer of which have relieved other departments (the hire of a substitute elephant for the Forests is debited to the operations), the remaining charges aggregate Rupees 67,031, of which about Rupees 10,000 may be taken as stock charges for constructing and maintaining the Keddahs and providing tools, &c., all available for future operations, and Rupees 53,000 may be assumed as the cost of capturing and maintaining for half a year on an average the thirty-nine surviving elephants which have either been sold or distributed to State Departments, or reserved for future use.

3. The value of the Commissariat and Forest Elephants used in the operations is estimated at under Rupees 20,000.

4. Considering the novelty of the operations, the Governor in Council is of opinion that the result is not unsatisfactory.

5. Further operations have been ordered in view to trying fully the experiment of keeping the selected elephants for a full year in the forests, and as soon as the desired captures have been effected, the expenses should be reduced as much as possible by disposing of all rejected animals as soon as they are fit for the market, and returning to the Commissariat and Forest Departments the animals belonging to them which are not required for the work of training those selected from the captures.

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6. From a recent communication from the Commissary-General it appears that seventeen elephants are still required to complete the establishment, and as there seems no reason to doubt that a ready market can always be obtained for any surplus stock, the Governor in Council is of opinion that the captures may be continued until at least twenty-five selected elephants are on hand for the training experiment, provided that these can be obtained within a reasonable time. It may be assumed that the use of the Commissariat and Forest Elephants can be relied on should it be found advisable to resume capturing operations again at any later date.

7. The cost of the experiment now ordered must be carefully ascertained, and accurate accounts maintained of charges appertaining to it.

(True Extract.)

W. H. D. S.
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

„ Military Department.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Accountant-General.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

3 For the Order of the 2nd August

Rs. 500/-
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To THE COLLECTOR OF COIMBATORE,

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G.O., 13th July 1876, No. 1416.

By Order

JULY.

Nos. 47-49.

Memorandum.—Orders passed on a letter from
Collector of Coimbatore forwarding Account
current of the Keshab operations from the com-
mencement up to date.

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Concurrence of the
Agent.

26 July 1876