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Elephants.

Read the following papers :—

No. 133. 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, 25th February 1876, No. 12.

I have the honor to request the sanction of Government for the sale by auction of the captured elephants as per enclosed list. They have been trained, and are ready for removal.

List of Elephants to be sold by Public Auction.

Name.	Height.	Sex.	Remarks.
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1. Alice	8 6	Female	A noble-looking animal, perfectly quiet, and well trained.
2. Stella	8 6	Do.	Do. do.
3. Nelly	8 4	Do.	Do. do.
4. Champion	9 5	Male	A very strong and powerful animal, very young, and nearly trained.
5. Gipsy	7 10	Female	A young animal, very quiet and obedient, well trained, will make a good shikar animal.
6.			quiet and docile
7. Cloe	8 2	Do.	Do. do.
8. Phillis	7 10	Do.	Do. do.
9. Venus	7 8	Do.	Do. do.
10. Mary	7 7	Do.	Do. do.
11. Dido	7 7	Do.	Do. do.
12. Jinny	7 3	Do.	Do. do.
13. Juno	6 8	Do.	Do. do.
14. Tomboy	5 4	Do.	Do. do.
15. Sturdy	6 6	Male Tusker	A very strong powerful animal, well trained.
16. Scamp	6 4	Male	A very active animal and quite young and well trained.
17. Diana	6 3	Female	A very handsome animal, very quiet and docile, and perfectly trained.
18. Charley	5 8	Male	A very active animal, and quiet young and well trained.
19. Leilla	6 3	Female	A very handsome animal, very quiet and docile and perfectly trained.
20. Tom	5 3	Male	A very active animal, and quiet young and well trained.
21. Tiny	4 2	Do.	A very small animal.

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

No. 134. From Colonel J. P. WATTS, Officiating Commissary-General, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 29th February 1876, No. 8022.

With reference to the accompanying letter, dated 25th February 1876, No. 12, from the Collector of Coimbatore, I have the honor to state that I have no objection

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to the sale of the elephants therein alluded to as they are not required by this department.

No. 135. 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, 13th March 1876.

- I have the honor to report, for the early information of Government, that a fifth capture of elephants was made on the 8th instant.
2. They are nine in number, and valued at Rupees 15,000.
 3. There is one grand tusker and some very large females.
 4. Twenty-four in all could have been taken; but, as forage is at present scarce, Mr. Mackenzie took the smaller number.
 5. An extract from Mr. Mackenzie's letter describing the capture is annexed.

EXTRACT from a letter from Mr. MACKENZIE, in charge of Keddah Operations, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Allambady, 9th March 1876, No. 17.

- I beg to report that I made my fifth capture of wild elephants yesterday evening.
2. In the lot now captured there are only nine amongst them; some very large animals, and one magnificent male about nine feet or more in height and the possessor of a perfect pair of tusks.
 3. I did not intend making a capture so soon as the weather is very dry and forage all scarce.
 4. Once within the men I could collect. When we got to the place we found that another herd had also come to those jungles the night before and took up their position quite near the first herd; we drove both herds, doing all we could to separate them but to no purpose till we reached the Keddah; the herd that contained fifteen stubbornly kept a few yards in rear of the herd captured. I could have captured the whole lot, but being confident that, if I had such a large number as twenty-four, all would die from starvation, I wanted to capture a small number only; therefore, as soon as the small herd entered the Keddah, I rushed to the gate and by shouts and blank firing turned back the larger herd. This was rather a ticklish proceeding on my part; nevertheless it met the purpose. None of my people, except Constable Shaik Enam, came near me to close the gate till after all danger was over.
 4. The nine now captured will at least realize Rupees 15,000, and I beg that you will be pleased to write to Government and ask them to place this amount to our credit, and include the same in our last accounts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

No. 136. From Colonel J. P. WATTS, Officiating Commissary-General, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 15th March 1876, No. 8478.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter, with enclosure, from the Collector of Coimbatore, reporting a fifth capture of nine elephants in the Allambady Keddah in the Coimbatore District on the 8th March 1876.

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No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1876, No. 550.

The Governor in Council sanctions the sale of the captured elephants referred to in the first of the above letters provided they are not needed for any of the Government departments, but desires that a debtor and creditor account of the whole of the Keddah operations from the commencement may be submitted.

2. It was never the intention of Government to undertake a permanent system of trapping elephants for sale. The object in view was to supply the Government departments requiring these useful but costly animals, and, when this demand ceases to exist, the arrangements should be reconsidered at least so far as to ensure that the enterprise shall be self-supporting.

3. It might be considered whether the Hoonsoor Depot should not be resupplied in place of the decoy elephants, &c., borrowed thence, and whether the value of the latter employed in the Keddah operations should not be debited to them. The Government also consider that the wants of all departments—Military, Forest, Government Agencies in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts, &c.,—should be clearly ascertained before the captured elephants are sold to the public; and, if the Forest Department have not already been resupplied with elephants in lieu of those borrowed from them, this should certainly now be done.

4. In the account now to be submitted the value of the Government elephants employed should be noted at foot of the debit side.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

- .. Commissary-General.
- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George in Ganjam.
- .. Do. do. in Vizagapatam.
- .. Military Department.

Exl. J. W. Fischer.

