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24th November 1877, No. 2792.

Wild Animals.

Read the following paper :—

No. 210. *Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public), dated Simla, 16th November 1877, No. 2064.*

Read again—

Home Department Resolution, No. 783-97, dated the 31st March 1877, reviewing the reports on the results of the measures adopted to exterminate wild animals and venomous snakes in British India in 1876.

Read also the following letters from the local Governments and Administrations submitting returns for the year 1876 :—

From Chief Commissioner of Central Provinces, No. 1305-63, dated 6th April 1877.
of British Burma, No. 748-176, dated 7th April 1877.

„ Government of Punjab, No. 1967, dated 2nd May 1877.

„ Chief Commissioner of Assam, No. 1359, dated 16th May 1877.

„ Foreign Department, No. 1446-G, dated 31st May 1877.

„ Government of Bombay, Nos. 1276 and 1937, dated 23rd April and 29th June 1877, respectively.

„ Resident at Hyderabad, No. 26-B, dated 26th July 1877.

„ Government of Madras, No. 2813, dated 21st September 1877.

„ „ of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 2092-A, dated 27th September 1877.

„ Government of Bengal, No. 2373-T, dated 15th October 1877.

RESOLUTION.—In the Resolution of March last local Governments and Administrations were requested to review briefly the year's operations and to express their opinion on the result; but some Provinces have simply forwarded the returns submitted by District Officers.

2. The annexed statement summarizes the year's operations except in Mysore and Coorg, from which Provinces no return has been received. The provincial returns, however, still show a want of care in their compilation, and some have had to be returned for revision. For instance, in the amended statement submitted by the Government of the North-Western Provinces the number of cattle killed by tigers in the Rohilkund Division is shown as thirteen, whereas the Commissioner's report gives the number as five; in neither statement is the total number of cattle killed in this division correctly given.* Again, the

* The correct figures are 158 in the statement submitted by the North-Western Provinces Government and 150 in the Commissioner's statement.

total number of animals destroyed in the Benares Division is shown in the amended statement to be 157, whereas the correct total is 154. The number of tigers

destroyed in Assam seems to be 411, and not 410 as shown in the Chief Commissioner's return.

3. The noticeable features in the returns are the following: Last year it was found that 21,000 persons and 48,000 head of cattle were destroyed during the year by wild animals and venomous snakes; that 22,357 wild animals and 270,185 venomous snakes had been killed; and that Rupees 1,20,015 had been expended

in rewards. This year it appears that 19,273 persons and 54,830 head of cattle have so perished; that 212,371 snakes and 23,459 wild animals have been killed; and that Rupees 1,24,574 have been expended in rewards. In Madras, Bengal, and in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the numbers of persons killed by wild animals and by snakes are considerably less in 1876 than in 1875; in the other Provinces the figures do not exhibit any great variations, except in the Central Provinces, where deaths rose from 617 in 1875 to 1098 in 1876. The Chief Commissioner states that no new or special measures have been adopted in view to the extermination of wild animals and snakes, but there is no explanation of the greater mortality shown in his returns. As regards the loss of cattle, the figures of the year seem unsatisfactory. While Madras and Bombay show fewer cattle killed, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab, the Central Provinces, and British Burma show materially larger numbers. It is also probable that even the figures now reported are only approximate to the truth, as the agency for reporting the mortality caused to men and cattle is still imperfect, though more perfect than it used to be. The unfavorable figures testify possibly to better reporting and not to really greater mortality. As regards rewards paid for the destruction of wild animals (including snakes), more was paid in Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Central Provinces, and British Burma, and less in the Punjab and in Assam.

4. The Government of India trust that in future years the returns may be more accurate and may be reviewed by the local Governments which submit them, and that the measures reported may be more effective.

No. 43—2,065.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution with the appended table be forwarded to local Governments and Administrations for information, and be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

ARTHUR HOWELL,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

STATEMENT showing the results of the measures adopted in British India with the view of exterminating Wild Animals and Venomous Snakes during the Year 1876.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

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	NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED BY						NUMBER OF CATTLE KILLED BY						NUMBER OF ANIMALS AND SNAKES DESTROYED AND AMOUNT OF REWARD PAID FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION.							
	Elephants.	Tigers.	Leopards.	Bears.	Wolves.	Hyenas.	Other Animals.	Snakes.	Total Number of Persons killed.	Elephants.	Tigers.	Leopards.	Bears.	Wolves.	Hyenas.	Other Animals.	Snakes.	Total Number of Cattle killed.	Elephants.	Tigers.
Madras	6	83	33	10	..	..	31	819	981	1	3,231	2,235	32	3,681	445	370	327	10,332	2	50
Bombay	..	21	7	3	9	..	47	960	1,013	..	1,308	477	11	947	45	323	257	3,438	..	0
Bengal	3	438	67	52	155	27	662	8,548	9,869	..	2,516	1,694	28	900	773	1,431	4,500	11,932	..	..
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	10	20	12	17	673	18	249	3,053	4,692	1	1,119	5,874	235	1,814	627	1,980	532	12,132	..	..
Punjab	..	..	1	1	4	..	20	640	666	..	..	2,760	87	3,463	3	74	219	5,605	..	..
Central Provinces	2	153	20	15	14	1	63	830	1,098	..	2,166	1,338	13	271	54	350	174	4,886	..	..
British Burma	6	15	5	2	..	..	9	77	114	1	619	79	1	..	..	33	32	825	2	..
Assam	19	177	7	23	..	..	47	210	483	..	1,940	428	..	150	..	16	7	2,541	..	..
Hyderabad	..	8	4	..	2	3	11	137	165	..	141	258	13	1,402	92	55	259	2,220	..	..
Ajmere and Mhairwar	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	52	37	..	16	230	..	220	..	1	1	468	..	..
Total	52	917	166	123	837	43	1,143	15,246	19,373	3	12,116	15,373	410	12,448	2,039	4,573	6,468	54,830	4	60
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STATEMENT showing the results of the measures adopted in British India with the view of exterminating Wild Animals and Venous Snakes during the Year 1876—(Continued).

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NUMBER OF ANIMALS AND SNAKES DESTROYED AND AMOUNT OF REWARD PAID FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION—(Continued).

	Leopards.	Bears.	Wolves.	Hyenas.	Other Animals.	Snakes.	Amount of Reward.	Amount of Reward.	Total Number ex-cluding Snakes destroyed.	Total Amount of Reward including Snakes.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		
Madras	10,480 12 0	1,021 15 943 0 0	133	709 0 0	39	64 8 0	164	594 0 0	4,741	23,944 12 0
Bombay	2,106 0 0	2,322 0 0	45	396 0 0	324	1,207 0 0	20	2 0 0	5,169 15 6	11,106 15 6
Bengal	7,831 0 0	1,083 4 555 8 0	259	610 10 0	570	4,684 8 0	461	898 8 0	1,219	26,888 6 0
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	1,844 0 0	381 1,703 0 0	430	1,133 0 0	4,770	8,446 4 0	567	1,357 12 0	89	13,711 12 0
Punjab	108 0 0	561 8 0	69	1,076	3,352 3 0	7		238 5 0	21,285	6,943 7 0
Central Provinces	10,400 0 0	575 5,185 0 0	355	1,523 0 0	148	534 0 0	325	629 0 0	144	18,699 0 0
British Burma	1,220 0 0	55 509 0 0	35	325 0 0				274 2,948 0 0	658	5,102 0 0
Assam	8,303 8 0	174 775 4 0	46	113 12 0	2	15 0 0		188 0 0	800	10,306 8 0
Hyderabad	337 8 0	81 1,117 8 0			46	210 0 0	40	107 8 0		1,852 8 0
Ajmere and Mharwar	9 0 0	9					1		50	9 0 0
Total	43,538 12 0	3,786 33,972 12 0	1,362	4,915 8 0	5,976	18,673 12 0	1,585	3,650 12 0	8,053	1,24,574 4 6

No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1877, No. 2792.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, and to all District Magistrates, and the Inspector-General of Police.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

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