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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. G. TURNER, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizianagrum, 6th January 1883, No. 7.

In G.O., dated 4th March 1882, No. 261, Revenue Department, the Government declined to sanction the proposal of the Board of Revenue to enhance the rate of reward, i.e., Rs. 50 for killing a tiger to Rs. 100. This Government Order is made applicable to all the districts by G.O., dated 4th July 1882, No. 687, Revenue Department. But there is nothing in either of the above Government Orders which is calculated to supersede the G.O., dated 2nd April 1875, No. 756, Judicial Department, which sanctions the grant of a reward not exceeding Rs. 100 for a tiger killed without reference to the place where it is killed (i.e., whether in the plains or hill tracts), and it is therefore presumed that the last-mentioned Government Order is still in force and can be acted upon. Accordingly a sum of Rs. 1,380* was paid in October

* October eight tigers ..	..	..	Rs. 780	and November last for the destruction of
November six tigers ..	..	..	600	fourteen tigers, not exceeding the maxi-
			—	mum of Rs. 100 in each case. On the
Total ..	..	..	1,380	receipt of the treasury account for
			—	October, the Accountant-General stating

that the said Government Order of 1875 has been cancelled by the two Government Orders above referred to, objected to the rate, passed only Rs. 400 for the eight animals at Rs. 50 each, and ordered the difference (i.e., Rs. 380) to be recovered. He will of course, on the receipt of the treasury account for November, raise the same objection to the amount paid in that month. If my interpretation of the Government Orders, dated 4th March and 4th July last, is not correct, I have the honor to beg that the Government will be pleased to sanction the sum already paid as it cannot be recovered from the recipients on whom we have no sort of hold.

2. The fearful destruction which tigers cause to human life and the necessity for the grant of a reward of Rs. 100 for killing this beast have already been brought to the notice of the Government, vide paragraph 17 of my Hill Tour report for the last year, printed in G.O., No. 1941, dated 23rd November, 1882, Judicial Department. Almost all the fourteen tigers mentioned above were killed in the Agency Tracts, and two of them were man-eaters. The Agency Tracts and the plains adjoining them are still infested with these animals. It is highly necessary that they should be destroyed as soon as possible for the protection of person and cattle, and for making the country more accessible to the people from the plains. The people in the hills, however, are not so much alarmed by the tigers. This circumstance, coupled with the great danger attending its destruction, often dissuades the hill people from coming forward to kill it. The reduced reward of Rs. 50 is not a sufficient inducement to a shikari from the plains to go to the hills for the purpose. He has additional causes to fear, such as unhealthiness of the place, long journey, and much expense, &c. Nothing but the offer of a liberal reward will induce people to undertake the destruction of this animal, and good effects

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have followed the bestowal of this large reward during the twenty years it has been in force (it was first raised to this figure by G.O., dated 14th October 1863, No. 1646, Judicial Department). I have therefore the honor to recommend that, in these circumstances, the sanction accorded by Government in G.O., dated 2nd April 1875, No. 756, Judicial Department, above referred to for the grant of a reward not exceeding Rs. 100 may be continued till further orders.

ORDER—dated 23rd January 1883, No. 178, Judicial.

The three Agency Tracts will be considered as excluded from the operation of the general rules relating to rewards issued in the Revenue Department, and the enhanced reward of Rs. 100, sanctioned in 1875, will continue to be disbursed.

(True Extract.)

G. Hunter
Chief Secretary.

To the Agent, Vizagapatam.

" " Ganjam.

" " Godavari.

" Accountant-General.

" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

4th March 1882 No 207
 4 July 1882 No 687
 23 Nov 1882 No 1941. Jud.
 2 April 1883 No 756. Jud.
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Directing that the three Agency Tracts be considered as excluded from the operation of the general rules relating to rewards issued in the Revenue Department, and that the enhanced reward of Rs. 100 for killing a tiger, sanctioned in 1875, continue to be disbursed.

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