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20 September 1897.

From

C. G. Douglas Esquire,
Honorary Secretary,
Nilgiri Game & Fish Preservation
Association.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Cotacamund.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
herewith a copy of the Annual Report
of the Nilgiri Game & Fish Preservation
Association for the year ending 30 June 1897
for the use of your office.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. G. Douglas
Honorary Secretary,
Nilgiri Game & Fish Preservation
Association.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Nilgiri Game and Fish
Preservation Association,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING THE 30th JUNE, 1897.

WITH

APPENDICES A, B, C, & D.

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NILGIRI NEWS PRESS.—OOTACAMUND.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation
Association,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING THE 30th JUNE, 1897.

The following gentlemen served on the Committee during
the year:—

- 1 Mr. W. L. EDMISTON.
- 2 Mr. E. R. KINDERSLEY.
- 3 Mr. J. H. WAPSHARE.
- 4 Mr. H. WAPSHARE.
- 5 Mr. R. KINDERSLEY.
- 6 Mr. E. G. WINDLE.
- 7 Mr. W. C. DEANE.
- 8 Mr. F. J. HILL.
- 9 Mr. M. CLEMENTSON.
- 10 Mr. L. C. LIEBENROOD.
- 11 Mr. H. D. WILBRAHAM.
- 12 THE HON'BLE MR. H. P. HODGSON.
- 13 COL. THE HON'BLE A. B. DEMONTMORENCY.
- 14 MAJOR R. G. KEKEWICH.
- 15 MAJOR C. J. GRANT, V. C.
- 16 CAPTAIN N. G. BEADNELL.
- 17 CAPTAIN COSENS.
- 18 CAPTAIN COLEMAN.
- 19 SURGEON-GENERAL McVITTIE.
- 20 Mr. J. H. PASCOE.
- 21 Mr. A. D. CAMPBELL.
- 22 CAPTAIN THE HON'BLE F. R. BINGHAM, M. C. H.
- 23 MR. W. W. PHILLIPS, I. C. S.
- 24 MR. T. P. TURPIN.
- 25 MR. W. A. CHERRY.
- 26 MR. W. P. SCOTT.
- 27 MR. W. MULLALLY.

Colonel Montmorency, Major Kekewich and Messrs Campbell, Hill and Phillips vacated office on leaving the District; on the 30th June, therefore, the Committee numbered 23 including the President.

The Hon'ble Mr. J. D. Rees, C. I. E., late Collector of the District and ex-officio President of the Association was succeeded in August by Mr. H. Tremheere, who continues President.

The rules of the Association and the rules framed under the Forest and Nilgiri Game Acts form the usual appendices to this Report.

CHAPTER II.

Prosecutions under the Forest and Game Acts.—A few cases of illegal fishing have been prosecuted, as per accompanying statement, but not a single case of game poaching has been detected. The Forest Executive staff has, throughout the year, been extremely short handed, the consequence being that Forest Guards have been left too much to themselves. Some good preventive work has, it is believed, been done by a special watcher posted in a locality where he has been able to keep an eye on poachers, but with this exception, poaching has, on the whole, been under less control than usual.

A certain number of natives, (Badagas) now take out licenses to shoot and under cover of these, it is to be feared, that irregularities occur which it is difficult to prevent.

Even amongst Europeans there are one or two of the baser sort who are not above shooting in season and out of season, who kill cow bison, hinds, brockets and the like. Such men do incalculable harm if only by the force of their example. An unsportsmanlike practice, fortunately very rare, exists also of men unable or too lazy to shoot for themselves taking out licenses for a "shikari" to shoot for them. In such cases

it fares ill with any sportsman who has the misfortune to be a neighbour.

One case of accidentally shooting a cow bison in the Benne Forest was reported and four others in the Moyar Valley, but these on further enquiry were ascertained to have occurred outside the Nilgiri Game boundaries. In another instance, there were strong suspicions of wholesale butchery of cow bison in the Benne Forests, but it proved impossible to bring the offence home to the culprit.

A case which does not appear in the returns, of 10 Thorayars illegally hunting a spotted deer within the Nilgiri Game limits was convicted before the Sub-Magistrate of Sainyamangalam in the Coimbatore District and the Association granted a reward of Rs. 25 to the informers and witnesses. Another case of illegally hunting sambur on private property was also discovered and handed over to the Police with what result is not yet known.

Statement of prosecutions under the Forest Rules, Game and Arms Acts for the Fasli Year ending 30th June 1897.

Serial No.	Offences under what Act and Section committed.	No. of persons.			By what Magistrate.	Sentence.	Remarks.
		Charged.	Convicted.	Acquitted.			
1	Fishing in the Bhawani River a little down the Talipalayam Thoral.	Rule 8, Sec. 26 of Act V of 1882.	15	...	*15		*Sec. 245 Cr. P. C.
2	Illegal fishing in the Bhawani River.	do.	1	1	...	Sub-Magistrate, Metturpalayam	Fine of Rs. 2 in default 3 days imprisonment.
3	Do.	do.	2	2	...	do.	do.

CHAPTER III.

The Destruction of Vermin.—The following return of vermin killed and for which rewards were paid, speaks for itself and needs no comment.

Year.	Eagles	Wild Cats.	Mon- gooses	Crow Pheas- ants.	Wild Dogs.	Others	Remarks.
1893-94	6	13	5	...	...	...	Also 1 horned owl.
1894-95	23	48	20	14	1	1	*These are cor- rect figures. In the printed report for the previous year, it is stated "Gotters" and "10 wild dogs" which is a mere transpo- sition.
1895-96	58	42	31	6	*6	*10	
1896-97	263	96	52	24	8	6	

CHAPTER IV.

**Increase of Game and Results of Protec-
tion.**—It is manifestly impossible to pronounce definitely on the increase or decrease of Game annually or in any particular year. There is no scarcity of deer in the District and though difference of opinion exists among sportsmen as to there being as many really good heads as formerly, there have been some very respectable trophies brought to bag. It would be useful and interesting if a record of heads above the average could be maintained.

Ibex shooting on the Kaudals remains closed. A propos-
al to allow Ibex stalking with a limit of one saddle-back
each licensholder was on a division negatived at a well
attended meeting held last October.

Since last report, Government has sanctioned a rule
restricting the number of sambar stags to be shot in one season
by each license holder to 5. Government has also cancelled the
rule against shooting doe jungle sheep and introduced one
prohibiting the use of shot against these deer.

The Forest Reserves of Aramby and Caim Hill were
thrown open to shooting at the instance of the Master of
Hounds, on the ground that these coverts swarmed with jungle
sheep to the great detriment of sport. A report is due from
the M. O. H. at the end of the Hunting season as to whether
the opening of these Forests to shooting has improved matters.

In the course of the year, the Association has had to
encounter an agitation against the over-preservation of Sambar
in the near neighbourhood of certain Coffee Estates. The
Nilgiri Planters' Association co-operated with this Association
in sifting the matter and the grievance was carefully investi-
gated by the District Officers and dealt with in a spirit of
conciliation. There is now every reason to expect that with
the facts before it, Government will be able before long to
pass orders satisfactory to all parties.

Complaints were also received from the Collector of
Coimbatore, of damage done to certain forest plantations by
spotted deer from the Nilgiri preserves. The Committee,
however, requested the Collector to consider whether he could
not take all necessary steps within the limits of the plantations
and this, apparently, has been found possible as nothing further
has been heard of the matter.

A movement was started by a number of residents in Oota-
camund for the reduction of the license fee from Rs. 30 to Rs.
15 and about the same time a question was raised by Govern-
ment as to whether officers of and above a certain rank in the
Forest Department should not be exempted from payment of
any fee. On these important questions, the Association decided
that as the amount of the present license fee had already been
carefully considered by Government and as the introduction of
trout now being successfully carried out to the great advan-

tage of the District would continue to tax the resources of the Association for some years to come, it was not advisable that Government should be asked to reconsider the fee or to grant free licenses even to officers of the Forest Department. The license fee therefore remains unaltered and Government has accepted the views of the Association in respect of the proposed exemption of Forest Officials.

CHAPTER V.

Exotic and Introduced Game.—Of exotic game there is nothing to say; the Association has, for the present at any rate, discontinued its experiments, with Pheasants, &c. During the year 49 jungle fowl were obtained through an agent in Madras and turned down in suitable localities. There were several casualties, both on the journey up and afterwards, but the survivors were strong and healthy for captured birds and the experiment is well worth repeating. If pea-fowl could be procured in the same way, the Association might carry out its long cherished intention of replenishing certain parts of the District with these birds.

CHAPTER VI.

Imported and Indigenous Fish.—Through the able assistance of Major Grant, the Association has continued its operations in trout culture, and from the fact that Major Grant last October urged the Committee to open five miles of the Kundah river to trout fishing and from his opinion quoted in the remarks which follow, it may be inferred that the introduction of trout has passed the merely experimental stage.

The Honorary Secretary is indebted to Major Grant for the following information on the operations of the year and on progress generally.

On the 3rd February 1897, 40,000 Ova from Howietoun arrived at Madras in the S. S. *Clan Mackenzie*.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Clan Line Co., for the excellent condition in which the ova arrived.

The ova were put into the new trays in the Hatch House by 11 a.m. on the 5th February.

Mr. Van Ingen whom the Association has employed to assist Major Grant proved most useful and Major Grant considers him perfectly competent to superintend future hatchings.

On the 24th March 1897, there were over 13,000 fry in the boxes and these it was intended to distribute as follows, care being taken to scatter them well along the streams and to send them out in bait cans or zinc tubs, *not in chuties*.

(1) 5,000 to the Bilihalla, on the Koondals, the coldest and best river on the Nilgiris.

(2) 3,000 to the Avalanche river tributary which runs past the Bungalow.

(3) 1,000 (Levens) to the Lovedale Lake Stream.

(4) 2,000 to the large tributary of the Kundah river which flows a mile below the Emerald Valley waterfall from the west.

(5) 500 (Levens) to Burnfoot Lake stream in the pools at the head of the enclosure.

(6) 500 to the Fair Lawns stream.

(7) 500 to the Terrace river under care of Mr. J. H. Wapshare.

(8) 500 to the Sigur River tributary under care of Captain Beadwell.

Total...13,000.

Unfortunately this distribution could not be effected owing to heavy mortality among the fry shortly after Major Grant had left Ootacamund on duty.

The fry began to die by hundreds owing to a rise in the temperature of the water, which Mr. VanIngen soon discovered to be caused by a stream running through open country and exposed to the sun, having been turned on by the Municipal authorities because the supply in Marlumund Reservoir was running short. This circumstance was reported to the Honorary Secretary who was in Camp and he at once wired to Mr. VanIngen to represent the case to the Chairman of the Municipality and beg for consideration. On this being done, the evil complained of was at once stopped, but not before upward of 10,000 fry had been killed. Measures must be devised to guard against like misfortune in the future and now that Major Grant has returned, it will, perhaps, be possible for the Honorary Secretary in concert with him to protect the hatching waters.

Of the 3,000 fry surviving, the following distribution was effected.

- (1) Bilihalla—Kandahs—500.
- (2) Signur Tributary—Captain Beadnell, 300. Most of which were killed by the carelessness of the men who took them out.
- (3) Burnfoot Stream—600 all put out in good health.
- (4) Fairlawus Stream—500 " "
- (5) Lovedale Stream—500 " "

The fatality amongst the fry and consequent failure in the season's results was due to preventable causes and in no degree discourages further efforts.

But the Chapter of accidents does not end here. With the approval of the Committee Major Grant had ordered from the Director German State Fish Farm Hanningen, a consignment of 20,000 Rainbow trout ova to arrive about the end of June, intended principally for the Pykara river, Kodanad, Kotagiri, Kullakumbay and any streams or lakes of an elevation over 5,000 feet, where members of the Association could look after them. This consignment had been paid for and all arrangements made, but, through a miscarriage of ova boxes des-

patched from Madras, the Director did not forward the ova. He wrote to say he was getting boxes made locally and asked that the cost of them should be remitted which was at once done, but his last letter stated that the money had not reached him and that it would be too late to forward the ova this season. The money has been left in the Director's care and he has been requested to retain it against the cost of a similar consignment next year.

This is failure number two for the year. It means the loss of a season, but that is a trifle compared with the death of thousands of fry which were reared at great trouble and considerable expense and had reached the stage when they could be distributed.

Major Grant tried, in February last, to net some three year old trout for spawn, but failed. He saw over 30 country-bred 3 year olds in the Kundah River. They were very healthy and smart and have any extent of good natural redds near by. He also saw 6 imported 3 year olds in the Avalanche River; one, a leaver, over 4 lbs. and he is not the biggest in the river.

Major Grant considers that fishing in the Kundah River from the Avalanche Road bridge downwards should be opened for the following reasons. The country-bred trout are nearly all above the bridge. The imported trout were turned down in 1888 and he does not think they have bred since the winter of 1893-'94 and are better out. In order that no country-bred trout should be taken, Major Grant would impose a limit of 3 lbs. under which weight all fish should be returned to the water, except in the case of palpably degenerate fish. He thinks there are more than a hundred 9 year old fish in this water and that great care should be taken that no country-bred trout are killed. Licenses should be issued to none but thoroughly reliable sportsmen and they should be required to use a landing net and to fish with the fly only. These are necessary precautions; but there are fishermen and fishermen and the task of selection may prove a difficult one of performance without incurring the charge of favoritism or selfishness. Major Grant mentions that recent circumstances have led him to believe that the stock of trout is much larger than was supposed.

CHAPTER VII.

Finances.—The year's receipts amounted to Rs. 2,704-2-0, which with its opening balance make a total of Rs. 4,792-15-2.

The expenditure was Rs. 3,798-5-10 leaving a balance in hand of Rs. 994-9-4 as against Rs. 2,088-13-2 for 1895-96.

Compared with last year's figures, receipts were Rs. 2-8-7 less, while expenditure was Rs. 1,318-14-1 more.

The usual review of the year's transactions will be found in Appendix C.

APPENDIX A.

The Rules of the Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Association, as amended at the General Meeting held on 23rd August, 1893.

1. The name of the Association shall be "The Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Association."
2. The objects of the Association are the preservation of the existing indigenous game and the introduction of game birds and animals and fish, either exotic or indigenous to India.
3. Any person taking out a license under the Game Act shall be eligible for membership.
4. Any licensee desirous of becoming a special member of the Association, shall submit a written request to the Honorary Secretary to that effect, and, if elected a member, an entrance fee of Rs. 5 must be remitted to the Honorary Secretary. Such special membership shall cease on the expiry of the license. Any other person shall be eligible for ordinary membership on payment of Rs. 5 and election, but shall have no vote.
5. An Annual General Meeting shall be held on the 15th July each year or such date subsequent thereto as may be fixed by the President, when the Committee shall submit an Annual Report of their proceedings with a statement of accounts.
6. A Special General Meeting shall be held at any time on the application of 10 members of the Association to the Honorary Secretary, provided 14 days clear notice of such meeting has been given in writing to the Honorary Secretary and that the notice specifies the subject to be discussed at such special meeting.
7. The control of the funds and the entire management of the Association shall be under a Committee comprised of the President and less than 12 members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
8. The Collector, by virtue of his appointment, shall be *ex-officio* President.

9. The Committee shall elect its own Honorary Secretary.

10. The Committee shall meet once a quarter or oftner, if necessary. Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum and the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

11. The accounts of the Association shall be audited yearly by two members of the Committee and the Honorary Secretary.

It shall be competent for the Committee to form Bye-laws to be in force till the following Annual General Meeting.

APPENDIX B.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATIONS.

Fort St. George, January 10, 1894.

No. 40.—In supersession of the notifications quoted in the margin,

At page 1,117 of Part I of the
Fort St. George Gazette, dated
21st December 1888.
No. 214 dated 30th July 1889.
" 99 " 9th March 1891.
" 412 " 22nd Sept. " "
" 487 " 27th Oct. " "
" 16 " 9th Jan. 1892.
" 405 " 1st July 1893.
Vide note on page 675, Fort
St. George Gazette, dated 30th
June 1894, Part I.
Page 1,271 of Part I of the
Fort St. George Gazette, dated
12th November 1895.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is
pleased, under sections 21 and 26 (f) of the
Madras Forest Act, to make the following
rules for the regulation of fishing anywhere
within the following limits:—

- (1) The south bank of the Bhavani river from Attipadi, in the valley of that name, to its junction with the Moyar river;
- (2) from that point the north bank of the Moyar river as far as the boundary of the Nilgiri District, and thence the boundary of the said District as determined for ordinary administrative purposes to the Nilgiri Peak;
- (3) from that point the western crest of the Nilgiri Hills to its termination below Sispara;
- (4) thence along the northern, western and southern crests of the Silent Valley range to its southernmost point;
- (5) from that point of Attipadi;
and of hunting and shooting in all the reserved and rented forests, fuel and fodder reserves, grazing-grounds and areas under special fire protection within the said limits.

Rules

1. No person shall shoot at, wound or kill the females or immature males of any of the following animals within the limits of any reserved or rented forest or of any fuel or fodder reserve, grazing-ground or area under special fire-protection:—

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Bison or gaur. | (5) Antelope. |
| (2) Sambar. | (6) Barking deer. |
| (3) Spotted-deer. | (7) Four-horned deer. |
| (4) Ibex. | |

2. No person shall kill, wound or shoot at any mature male sambar or spotted deer if it is hornless or if its horns are in velvet.

3. No person shall kill, wound, shoot at or capture pea-hen, at any time throughout the year or the hens of jungle-fowl between the 1st of March and the 1st of October of each year. No person shall take the eggs of pea-hens or of jungle-hens at any time throughout the year.

4. No person shall hunt, kill, wound or shoot at any game as defined in Madras Act II of 1879, within any of the reserved or rented forests, fuel or fodder reserves, grazing-grounds or areas under special fire-protection comprised within the aforesaid limits, until he has obtained a license from the Collector of the Nilgiris.

5. Any person may obtain from the Collector a license to shoot game on payment of a fee of Rs. 30. The Collector may refuse to grant a license only if the applicant has been convicted of an offence against the rules under the Forest Act relating to hunting, shooting and fishing, or against the provisions of Act II of 1879. The license shall not be transferable and shall be available only for the currency of the first year to which it relates whether it be taken out at the commencement of, or during the currency of the year.

The Collector of the Nilgiris shall, however, have authority, at his discretion, to reduce the payment for each license to Rs. 5 in the case of non-commissioned officers and soldiers of Her Majesty's forces on proof to his satisfaction that the application for the license is for bona fide sporting purposes.

6. The seasons during which licenses shall permit hunting or shooting of game in the reserved or rented forests or other areas specified in Rule 4 comprised within those limits, shall be duly notified, from time to time, by the Collector of the Nilgiris and shall be clearly endorsed on the licenses.

7. The Collector may from time to time, by notification in the District Gazette, declare all or any rivers, streams or lakes closed against fishing during any year or part of a year within any part of the aforesaid scheduled area and may similarly declare the whole or any part of any reserved or rented forest, fuel or fodder reserve, grazing ground or area under special fire-protection within such schedule area, closed against shooting or hunting for the whole or any part of any year. He may also prohibit within the same areas and for like periods the pursuit, killing or capture of any particular species of game or fish.

8. The poisoning of water, the dynamiting of fish, the setting of cruives or fixed engines for the capture or destruction of fish, the damming and baling of water for the capture of fish, the netting of fish with nets, the meshes of which are under 1½ inches square, and the setting of traps and snares for the capture of game are absolutely forbidden anywhere within the limits of the scheduled area in which these rules are in force.

9. Any breach of the above rules within any area reserved under Section 10 of Act V of 1882 will render the offender liable on conviction before a magistrate, to the punishment provided by Section 21 of the Act and any breach of the above rules in any of the above mentioned areas, other than those reserved under Section 10 of the Act, will render the offender liable on conviction before a magistrate to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or to fine which may extend to Rs. 200 or both.

The following notifications, issued under Act II of 1879, which still remain in force, are reproduced below:—

No. 41.—It is hereby notified under Section 5 of the Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Act of 1879, that, with the view to protect acclimatized fish which may be believed to be in the under-mentioned streams and lakes within the Nilgiri District and specified in the schedule to the said Act or which may be hereafter introduced therein, His Excellency the Governor in Council hereby prohibits the poisoning of the waters of the said streams and lakes and the throwing of dynamite or any other deleterious matter therein, and the use of nets of a mesh below one inch and a half:—

Part St. George Gazette, 25th November 1894, page 23.

Streams and Lakes.

1. Ootacamund lake and stream issuing therefrom

- 2 Marimund Reservoir in Ootacamund.
- 3 Lawrence Asylum lake and Stream issuing therefrom.
- 4 Pykara river and its confluents from their sources down to the limits.
- 5 Avalanche or Kundali river and its confluents.
- 6 The Katteri and its confluents.

No. 42.—The Governor in Council hereby notifies under section 5 of the Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Act (II of 1879, Madras) that from and after this date until further orders, the catching or killing of fish is prohibited in the Bay of the Ootacamund Lake at the foot of Awdry House. The limits within which fishing is prohibited as above will be demarcated by posts erected by the Nilgiri Game Association, one of which shall be placed below St. Thomas' Church and the other below Blackwood Cottage.

No. 43.—Under the provisions of Madras Act II of 1879 (an Act to provide for the protection of game and acclimatized fish in the district of the Nilgiris in the Madras Presidency) and in pursuance of the notification published at page 70, Part I, of the Fort St. George Gazette of the 8th February 1881, His Excellency the Governor in Council hereby fixes the undermentioned periods as the seasons during which it shall not be lawful to shoot at, kill, capture, pursue, or sell, or attempt to kill, capture or sell large and small game, respectively, in the year 1891 and future years, viz.:

Large game (including all game other than hares and feathered game).	} The 1st of June to the 31st of Oct. inclusive.
Small game (hares and feathered game).	
	} The 15th of March to the 30th of Sept. inclusive.

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,

Secretary to Government.

The following notices have been published in the District Gazette (the Collector) under rules 6 and 7 of the above rules.

NOTICE.

Under Rule 6 of the rules under Sections 21 and 26 (f) of the Madras Forest Act (V, 1882) sanctioned by Government in Notification No. 40, dated 10th January 1894, published at pages 113-115 of the Fort St. George Gazette, dated the 30th January 1894, Part I, the Collector of Nilgiris hereby notifies for public information the following close season for the Fasli year ending 30th June, 1897.

For Reserved Forests, Fuel and Fodder Reserves, Toda-putta lands, grazing-grounds and areas under special fire-protection within the limits laid down in the above notification except those in the South East Wynnad Division.

1st June to 31st October—for large game.

15th March to 15th of September—for small game.

Under Rule 7 of the rules quoted above, the following Reserved Forests, areas under special fire protection, and rivers and lakes are closed against hunting, shooting or fishing during the current Fasli year, viz., up to the 30th June 1898.

List of closed Reserves.

OOTACAMUND RANGE.	COONNOOR RANGE.
Snowdon, West.	Sim's Park.
Marlamund Plantation.	Rallin.
Konabettu Forest (part of Secgur Reserve).	

Rivers and lakes.

Ootacamund Bay below Awdry House.	} Closed against all fishing.
Dadabettu Reservoir.	

Pykara River.	} Closed against Trout fishing.
Avalanche River with Emerald Valley river and its affluents.	
Marlamund Reservoir.	
St. Lawrence Lake.	
Ootacamund Lake.	

All Reserved Forests, fuel and fodder reserves, grazing-grounds and areas under special fire-protection in the above area are closed against the shooting of them. The capture of Trout (except with the permission of the Collector for a special purpose is prohibited. No Pheasants, Guinea fowl, Chukors, Partridges, Pea Fowl or other game birds introduced by the Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Association shall be shot at, killed or captured within the areas specified above.

The beating of sholas in the Kundah Reserve either with beaters or dogs is prohibited during the current Fasli year, viz. up to 30th June 1898. Any Licensee stalking on the Kundahs may, however, beat a shola for Tigers or Panthers, provided he does not fire at any other game whatsoever, which may be started when so beating.

Under the sanction of Government this license is issued subject to the condition of not more than five Sambar Stags being shot by the licensee.

Under the sanction of Government conveyed in Order Mis. No. 4889, Revenue, dated 1st December 1896, the prohibition against shooting dog jungle-sheep has been cancelled, but under the same order any licensee holder who fires at any jungle-sheep, male or female, with shot is liable to forfeiture of his license.

Ootacamund,
17th June, 1897.

J. H. A. TREMEMHEERE,
Acting Collector.

NOTICE.

Under G. O. No. 401, Revenue, dated 8th June 1894, the Collector of the Nilgiri District hereby notifies for the information of those whom it may concern that no license is required for fishing anywhere within the following limits:—

- (1) The South Bank of the Blavani River from Attapadi, in the valley of that name, to its junction with the Moyar River.
- (2) From that point the North Bank of the Moyar river as far as the boundary of the Nilgiri District, and thence the boundary of the said District as determined for ordinary administrative purposes to the junction of the Moyar river with the Kakinhalla river on the Mysore-Nilgiri boundary about 4 miles north of Tippakadu.
- (3) Thence the boundary of the South-East Wynnad division of the Nilgiri District to Nilgiri Peak.
- (4) From that point the western crest of the Nilgiri Hills to its termination below Sispara.
- (5) Thence along the northern, western and southern crests of the Silent Valley range to its southernmost point.
- (6) From that point to Attapadi.

(2) If the Collector wishes to declare all or any rivers, streams or lakes within the above limits, closed against fishing during any year or part of a year, or to prohibit the capture of any particular species of fish within the above area, he will publish a notification in the District Gazette to that effect from time to time. Such notification for the current fasli year, i.e., year ending 30th June 1894, is published in the District Gazette, dated 1st May 1894, page 6, Forest Sheet.

(3) The poisoning of water, the dynamiting of fish, the setting of cruives or fixed engines for the capture or destruction of fish, the damming and baling of water for the capture of fish, the netting of fish with nets, the meshes of which are under 1 inch square, are absolutely forbidden anywhere within the above limits.

(4) Any breach of the rules in paras. 2 and 3, within any area reserved under Section 16 of the Madras Forest Act, will render the offender liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months or to fine which may extend to Rs. 500 or to both; and any breach of the above rules in any of the above mentioned areas, other than those reserved under Section 16 of the Act, will render the offender liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or to fine which may extend to Rs. 200 or both.

(Signed) C. G. DOUGLAS,

for Collector of Nilgiris.

Ootacamund,
21st June 1894.

APPENDIX C.

OOTACAMUND,
12th July 1897.

FROM

C. G. DOUGLAS, Esquire,

HONORARY SECRETARY,
NILGIRI GAME AND FISH PRESERVATION
ASSOCIATION.

TO

THE COMMITTEE,

NILGIRI GAME AND FISH PRESERVATION
ASSOCIATION, OOTACAMUND.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to submit, for the year ending 30th June last, the usual Audit Report prepared under my orders by the English Head Accountant in the Collector's Office.

2. The receipts and charges of the Association for the year as recorded in its cash book were compared with the Local Bank Cheque and Pass books, Postage Stamp Account, Acquittance Roll, and other vouchers for each item of charge and were found to agree. Details of the transactions of the Association for the year under Audit will be found in the statement annexed to this report. The following is an abstract thereof:—

Years.	Opening balance.	Receipts.	Total.	Expenditure.	Closing balance.
1895-96	1,861 10 4	2,706 10 7	4,568 4 11	2,479 7 9	2,088 10 2
1896-97	2,088 13 2	2,704 2 0	4,792 15 2	3,798 5 10	994 9 4

3. *Receipts.*—The total receipts for the year were Rs. 2,704-2-0, being within Rs. 2-8-7 of the receipts last year. The chief source of income was, as usual, the contribution by the Forest Department of the revenue realised by sale of shooting licenses under Government Order dated 10th January 1894, No. 8. Licenses issued during the year were 100 (90 at Rs. 30 and 10 at Rs. 5) against 89 (81 at 30 Rupees and 8 at Rs. 5) in 1895-96 and the amount collected was Rs. 2,750 against 2,470 in last year. The total contribution due from the Forest Department including the balance of Rs. 25 referred to in para. 2 of the last report amounts to Rs. 2,775, which, after deducting the contribution actually made during the year, viz., Rs. 2,690 leaves a small balance of Rs. 85 due by the Forest Department. Of the other items of receipts, the only one calling for any remark is the small amount of Rs. 10, donations realised for membership.

4. *Expenditure.*—The total expenditure for the year rose to Rs. 3,798-5-10 or Rs. 1,318-14-1 more than the actuals of the previous year. The causes of this increase are:—

- (1). Expenditure on trout culture.
- (2). Larger disbursements as rewards for the destruction of vermin.
- (3). An increase in the cost of establishment.

The outstanding balances as well as all the advances made during the year under audit were recovered before its close, except Rs. 50 made in October 1896 to Goorkah watcher Nabir Ram and Rs. 10 to Dy. Ranger Singaravala Mudaliar for petty repairs, &c. The former has not returned from his native place and the latter will refund the advance shortly as he has been transferred from this District.

5. The year closed with a balance of Rs. 994-9-4 or Rs. 994-3-10 less than in 1895-96.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

C. G. DOUGLAS,

Honorary Secretary,

Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Association.

Items	Particulars.	Amount.	Items	Particulars.	Amount.
		Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.
	Opening Balance	2,088 13 2	1	Reward paid for vermin killed:—	
1	Donation for membership	10 0 0		8 Wild dogs	Rs. 80 0 0
2	Contribution to the Association by the District Forest Officer	2,690 0 0		96 Wild cats	287 0 0
3	Sale proceeds of Vermin skins	1 2 0		263 Eagles	526 0 0
4	Sale proceeds of wood belonging to the Association realized from Sergt. Giles	3 0 0		52 Mongooses	52 0 0
		2,704 2 0		6 Otters	6 0 0
				24 Crow pheasants	6 0 0
			2	Paid salary of Game Establishment—	957 0 0
				Clerk	Rs. 179 0 0
				Game Watchers	287 4 4
				Mr. Van Ingen for help at Snowdon hatchery	160 0 0
			3	Paid for repair, &c. of trout ponds at	626 4 4
				Burnfoot lake	Rs. 53 13 0
				Snowdon	20 5 0
				Pykara pond	6 9 0
			4	Paid charges for trout ova purchased from Haeck State Fish Farm	80 11 0
					343 6 0
			5	Paid charges for Paris ova purchased from Howietown Fishery, Stirling, N. B.	453 5 9
			6	Paid to the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore, as reward for 4 prosecution witnesses	25 0 0
			7	Paid cost, carriage and feeding charges of jungle fowls sent by Mr. A. A. Samuel, Taxidermist, Madras	62 13 0
			8	Paid charges for hatching sheds:—	
				Cost of hatching box	Rs. 117 4 0
				Cost of charcoal, &c.	22 8 0
					139 12 0
			9	Paid for nets purchased from Captain Arbuthnot	79 12 0
			10	Paid for wire netting from Oakes & Co.	317 6 0
			11	Paid for a Registering Thermometer, Magnet, and a Maximum and Minimum Thermometer...	24 14 6
			12	Paid for work done at the Lawrence Asylum lake	48 4 0
			13	Paid for Hakea Saligna plants from Government Botanical Gardens	50 0 0
			14	Paid contingent charges:—	
				Travelling allowance of Goorkha, game watcher	Rs. 40 0 0
				Travelling allowance of Major Grant for his visit to Kundahs	23 5 0
				Travelling allowance of Mr. Van Ingen to Mettupalayam and back... ..	20 0 0
				Clothing, &c., purchased for game Watchers	42 9 9
				Advertisement charges for advertisements in the Mail and Nilgiri News	16 11 6
				Postage charges	22 4 2
				Receipt Stamps purchased	0 5 0
				Bank cheque books purchased... ..	3 2 0
				Stationery articles purchased	17 14 0
				Telegraph charges	19 12 0
				Printing charges (Game Notice, Trout Report, Annual Report, &c.)	112 14 5
				Petty carriage and cart charges	1 15 6
				Money order commission	1 8 0
				Painting charges	5 7 6
				Audit fees	15 0 0
					342 12 10
			15	Paid for petty articles purchased (Ropes, String, Brush, Ice Salt, &c.	9 5 8
			16	Paid for Ice purchased	37 11 0
				Total Rs.	3,798 5 10
				CLOSING BALANCE.	
				Bank of Madras, Ooty	Rs. 916 7 0
				Cash on hand	18 2 4
					934 9 4
				Advance due from Goorkha Narber Rana Game Watcher, who went to his place to bring 2 Goorkhas as Game Watchers	50 0 0
				Advance to Singaravelu Moodelliar for Pykara trout pond	5 0 0
				Advance for carrying trout from Snowdon to Ayalanche	5 0 0
					60 0 0
				Total	4,792 15 2
				Total	4,792 15 2

Rupees four thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, annas fifteen, and pies two only.

OFFICE OF THE NILGIRI GAME ASSOCIATION,

Ootacamund 12th July, 1897.

(Signed) E. G. DOUGLASS,

HONORARY SECRETARY,

Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Association.

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