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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Association.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING THE 30th JUNE 1898,

WITH

APPENDICES A. B. & C.

NILGIRI NEWS PRESS—OOTACAMUND.

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OF THE

NILGIRI GAME & FISH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

FOR THE

Year ending the 30th June 1898.

The following Gentlemen served on the Committee during the year under review :—

1 Mr. W. L. EDMISTON.
2 Mr. E. R. KINDERSLEY.
3 Mr. J. H. WAPSHARE.
4 Mr. H. WAPSHARE.
5 Mr. E. G. WINDLE.
6 Mr. W. C. DEANE.
7 Mr. J. H. PASCOE.
8 Mr. M. CLEMENTSON.
9 Mr. Colin MACKENZIE.
10 Mr. L. C. LIEBENROOD.
11 Mr. C. H. B. BURLTON.
12 Mr. H. D. WILBRAHAM.
13 Mr. T. P. TURPIN.
14 Mr. W. A. CHERRY.
15 Mr. W. P. SCOTT.
16 Mr. W. MULLALY.
17 Mr. C. LONGDEN.
18 Hon'ble Mr. H. P. HODGSON.
19 Surgeon-General McVITTIE.
20 Major DICKINSON.
21 Major C. J. GRANT, V. C.
22 Captain COSENS.
23 Captain COLEMAN.
24 Captain N. G. BEADNELL.
25 Captain the Hon'ble F. R. BINGHAM.
26 Lieut. LONG, IVth HUSSARS.
27 Mr. R. KINDERSLEY.

These Members are all eligible for re-election at next Annual General Meeting with the exception of Messrs. C. Longden and W. A. Cherry and Captains Cosens, Coleman, and Bingham who have permanently left the District and thereby vacated office.

The Presidentship has been held by Messrs. Tremenheere, Stuart and Cowie who have each in turn been Collector of the District during the year.

The Rules of the Association and the Rules framed under the Forest Act form the usual Appendices to this Report.

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Four meetings have been held during the year.

Prosecutions.—The following Statement shows what has been done in the past 12 months. Detection still leaves a great deal to be desired, but there has been an improvement and Some cases were taken up too late for embodiment of results in this report.

Statement of prosecutions under the Forest Rules, Game and Arms Acts for the Fasli Year ending 30th June 1898.

Serial No.	Offences under what Act and Section committed.		No of persons. Charged.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	By what Magistrate.	Sentence.	Where offences were compounded. No. of persons	Remarks.
1	Catching fish in the Ootacamund Lake.	Rule under Sec. 5 of Act. II of 79.	6	3	3	2ndClass Magistrate Ootacamund.	FinedRs 5 each	,,	
2	Fishing in the Bhavani River.	Do.	6	4	,,	Do Coonoor	Fined Rs. 4 each	,,	Case against 2 men is pending.
3	Shooting an immature Sambur Stag	Rules framed under Sec. 21 & 26*f* of the Madras Forest Act.	3	3	3	Deputy Magistrate Ootacamund.	First fined Rs. 50 2nd and 3rd Rs. 15 each.	,,	
4	Shooting a Cow Bison.	Do.						1	For Rs 25
5	Beating for Woodcock within Kundah Res. Forest.	Do.						1	For Rs 5
6	Shooting an immature Buck Ibex.	Do.						1	For Rs 25
7	Shooting an immature Sambur Stag.	Do.						1	For Rs 25
8	Shooting a doe Ibex.	Do.							Pending

Destruction of Vermin.—The annexed table of Vermin killed, for which rewards were disbursed, exhibits progress from 1893-94 to inclusive 1897-98

Year.	Eagles	Wild Cats	Mongooses.	Crow Pheasants.	Wild Dogs.	Otters.	Remarks.
1893—94	6	13	5	,,	,,	,,	also 1 horned owl.
1894—95	23	48	20	14	1	1	*5 otters were killed but not reported in time.
1895—96	58	42	31	6	6	10	
1896—97	263	96	52	24	8	6	
1897—98	45	108	37	52	2	0 *	

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 16th Sept. 1897, it was resolved on the advice of a Sub-Committee appointed to investigate the matter to reduce the reward for all Eagles to Re. one and to exempt

(a) The Black Eagle
(b) The Braminy Kite
(c) The Common Kite.
(d) The small Blue Hawk.
(e) The Kestrel.

The rewards paid during the year amount to Rs. 452 being less by Rs 505 than the disbursments of 1896-97, when Rs. 957 were paid. The head of vermin destroyed is 244 as against 449 last year. The chief falling off is in Eagles being 218 less than in the preceding year. Fewer mongooses were killed and 5 otters. There was an increase in the number of wild cats killed but rewards were paid for only 2 wild dogs, as against 8 the year before. The rarity with which the wild dog is killed continues to be a regrettable feature of this branch of the association's endeavours to protect game.

Increase of Game and Results of Protection.

As remarked last year it is impossible to pronounce definitely on this subject. There are plenty of Sambur in various parts of the District. In Kodanad there has been a marked increase of late years. In the S. E. Wynaad Forests Sambur are this year particularly numerous. On the other hand Bison seem to be diminishing in Mudumalai. In the Moyar and adjacent

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reserves there are a goodly number of Spotted deer. The amount of poaching in the Sigur Range is, however, deplorable. Every Salt-lick is watched from machans or screens and a great many animals must be done to death by these means. The Forest Department ought to be more on the alert but is short handed-as usual.

Special measures have been taken to prevent the raidin of Sambur by Kurumbars during the monsoon when no Europeans are about. The success of those measures cannot be judged by the number of 'cases' detected, for the Kurumbar is too smart to be caught, but in a year or two the result may be evident in a larger number of deer on the grounds.

Ibex shooting has been thrown open and some very good heads have been bagged, some small ones too and a doe or two by mischance. Sportsmen must for their own sakes look to it, that the shooting is not overdone and try to detect any case of immature bucks or of does being killed, whether by accident or otherwise. Without such care another long period of closure must be enforced.

The Reserves of Aramby and Cairn Hill have remained open to shooting, but the Master of Hounds has never reported whether this measure has improved hunting so far as the drawing of these coverts is concerned. There are decidedly fewer jungle sheep in them than formerly.

The stock of jungle foul is on the whole fair. There are more birds perhaps than some of the sportsmen shooting from Ootacamund would believe. The exceptionally numerous and severe fires of last hot weather must however have destroyed many nests and many small chicks.

It is under contemplation to cancel the rule by which the shooting of jungle hens during the first fortnight of the season is prohibited and to ordain that no hens be fired at after the 31st December. It is also under consideration to close woodcock shooting on the 15th February.

There is no reason to suspect that the rules, restricting each license-holder to the shooting of 5 stags during the season and to one Mature Buck Ibex have been infringed.

A register has been opened in the District Forest Office in which it is proposed to record the measurements &c. of all game killed within the Nilgiri game limits and it is hoped that all sportsmen shooting over that country will contribute to this useful and interesting record. Besides "game" as defined in the Act and Rules, the record should contain particulars of tiger, bear, panther and of mahseer and in time to come of trout.

While dealing with the protection of game another Register which has been opened in the District Forest Office may appropriately be mentioned, for, if successful, it may have very important results. This Register it to contain the names of all shikaries recomended by reliable Sportsmen of experience. It will take some time to work properly perhaps, but if, as is hoped, license-holders will give the preference to the men on the Association's Register, the best men will readily book themselves and think twice before they do anything to forfeit their privilege while the loafing, poaching Kandal scoundrel who is everything by turns and nothing long will find his chief occupation gone. These are the men who get hold of young hands and induce them to kill game not worth powder, but for the sake of the meat which falls to their own share, and do not hesitate to break bounds in the pursuit of game into reserves closed against shooting.

Trout Culture.—Major Grant reports with regret that all efforts to obtain a consignment of trout ova this season have failed, through the Director of the German Government Fish Farm at Kuningen being unable to arrange for the proper shipment of the ova. In future Major Grant thinks the association should always arrange for the shipment of the ova and suggests that the Madras Chamber of Commerce might be willing to assist.

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The bad effects on the ova and fry of the swamp water, which supplied the old Hatching House, at Snowdon was told in last year's report; accordingly a new Hatch House has been built on the stream in Glenrock, near the Rifle Butt there. It is hoped that much better results will be obtained with hatching work in future. The Trout in the Khoonda river are doing very well and Major Grant has reason to believe that there are many more of them than was previously supposed and that this river is sufficiently stocked to allow fishing to be opened.

Finances.—The following remarks are substituted for the report which has hitherto formed one of the Appendices.

The accounts of the Association have been audited by the Head Accountant of the Collector's Office. A detailed examination and checks of the books shews that the year's transactions have been fully accounted for and each item of expenditure supported by the necessary voucher.

With some trifling exceptions the income of the Association is derived from fees on shooting licenses levied by the Forest Department, the value of these after passing through the Government Accounts is credited to the Association. This is the practice prescribed some five years ago and at the end of that period a report as to the working of it was called for. The report has been submitted giving a satisfactory account of the system.

The number of shooting licenses sold this year as compared with 1896-'97 shew a slight decline, thus:—

Year.	Licenses at Rs. 30.	Licenses at Rs. 5.	Total Number	Total Value.	Remarks.
				Rs.	
1896-97.	90	10	100	2750	The small difference calls for no comment, it may have been due to the movement of troops from Wellington to the front the Depot being without a regiment for some time.
1897-98.	89	2	91	2680	
Difference.	—1	—8	—9	—70	

Receipts.—As per para 3 of last years report there was a balance of Rs. 85 due by the Forest Department on account of license fees. This added to the value of licenses sold during 1897-98, as shown in the foregoing table, makes the amount due by the Forest Department Rs. 2,765. Rs. 2,405 has been paid which leaves a balance of Rs. 360 still due to the Association by the Forest Department.

Including some miscellaneous items amounting to Rs. 35-12-0 the actual recipts of the year were Rs. 2, 414-11-0, against Rs. 2,704-2-0 for 1896-97, being a difference of Rs. 259-7-0 in favour of last year. But this is more than covered by the outstanding of Rs. 360 against the Forest Department. The Association has on the whole made only Rs. 65 less than in 1896-97.

Charges.—The years expenditure amounts to Rs. 1,716-5-4 which is a saving of Rs. 2,082-0-6 on the outlay incurred (Rs. 3,798-5-10) during 1896-97. The reduced expenditure on trout culture through the failure of the German Imperial Fish Farm at Kuningen (Elsass) to ship the large consignment of ova ordered and the saving effected in the disbursement of rewards for vermin are the chief contributaries to the decreased expenditure for the year under review.

The transactions of the year are exhibited in detail in the annexed statement while the subjoined table compares the expenses incurred during 1896-97 and 1897-98:—

Year.	Opening Balance.			Receipts.			Total.			Charges.			Closing Balance.			Remarks.
1896-97	2088	13	2	2704	2	0	4792	15	2	3798	5	10	994	9	4	
1897-98	994	9	4	2444	11	0	3439	4	4	1716	5	4	1722	15	9	
Difference.	-1094	3	10	-259	7	0	-1353	10	10	-2082	0	6	+728	5	8	

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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 not 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. TheCommittee shall meet once a quarter or oftener,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 10th, 1894.

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

At Page 1,117 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st December 1886.
No. 214 dated 30th July 1889.
" 99 " 9th March 1891.
" 418 " 22nd Sept. "
" 487 " 27th Oct. "
" 16 " 9th Jan. 1892.
" 405 " 1st July 1893.
Vide note on page 675 *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 5th June 1894, Part I.
Page 1,277 of part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 12th November 1895.
Page 1,044 of part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 17th August 1897,

(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. Unless with the sanction of Government no person shall shoot at, wound or kill the females or immature males of any of the following

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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 :—

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

2. Unless with the sanction of Government no person shall kill, wound or shoot at any mature male sambur 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 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 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 fasli 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 purpose.

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 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 16 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 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.

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 :—

Fort St. George Gazette, 25th November 1884, page 23.

Streams and Lakes.

1 Ootacamund lake and stream issuing therefrom.

2 Marlimund Reservoir in Ootacamund.

3 Lawrence Asylum lake and Stream issuing therefrom.

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4 Pykara river and its confluents from their sources down to the limits.

5 Avalanche or Kundah river and its confluents.

6 The Katteri and its confluents.

No. 42.—The Governor in Council hereby notifies under section 5 of the Nilgri 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.

Fort St. George Gazette, 2nd November, 1886, page 960.

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 it supersession 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.:—

Fort St George Gazette, 28th October, 1890 page 825.

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

(Signed) C. A. GALTON.
Secretary to Government.

The following notices have been published in the District Gazette (by 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 10 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 1899.

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 Wynaad 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 1899.

List of closed Reserves.

OOTACAMUND RANGE.	COONOOR RANGE.
Snowdon, West. Marliamund Plantation. Konabettu Forest (part of Seegur Reserve).	Sim's Park. Rallia.

Rivers and lakes.

Ootacamund Bay below Awdry House. Dodabetta Reservoir.	Closed against all fishing.
Pykara River. Avalanche River with Emerald Valley river and its affluents. Marliamund Reservoir. St. Lawrence Lake. Ootacamund Lake.	Closed against Trout fishing.

All Reserved Forests, fuel and fodder reserves, grazing-grounds and areas under special fire-protection in the above area closed against the shooting of Ibex. The capture of Trout (except with the permission of the Collector, for a special purpose is prohibited. No Pheasants Guinea fowl, Chickore, 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

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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 Sambur Stags being shot by the licensee.

Under the sanction of Government conveyed in Order Mis. 4889 Revenue, dated 1st December 1896, the prohibition against shooting doe 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,
11th July 1898.

D. W. G. COWIE.
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 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 junction of the Moyar river with the Kakanhalla river on the Mysore Nilgiri boundary about 4 miles north of Tippakadu.

(3) Thence the boundary of the South East Wynaad 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 1½inch 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.

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Items	Particulars.	Amount.		
	Opening Balance—	994	9	4
1	To contribution by the District forest Officer	2405	0	0
2	To Compensation fee and Fines realized for shooting against Rules	30	12	0
3	To Fees realized for Membership	5	0	0
4	Sale proceeds of old nets	3	15	0
	Grand Total..	3439	4	4

Items	Particulars.			Amount.		
1	By Rewards for Vermin killed—					
	2 Wild Dogs	Rs.	20 0 0			
	168 Wild Cats	"	324 0 0			
	37 Mongooses	"	37 0 0			
	45 Eagles (13 at 2 Rs. and 32 at 1 Re.)	"	58 0 0			
	52 Crow Pheasants	"	13 0 0	452	0	0
2	By Salary paid to Game Establishment—					
	Clerk	Rs.	181 0 0			
	Game Watchers	"	575 11 5			
	Mr. Van Ingen for help at Snowdon Hatchery	"	80 0 0	836	11	5
3	By Contingent charges paid—					
	Postage Charges	Rs	20 2 0			
	Telegraph Charges	"	3 0 0			
	Stationery Articles	"	17 13 3			
	Printing Charges	"	86 6 0			
	Advertisement Charges	"	37 3 0			
	Servants Clothing	"	74 13 6			
	Establishment Travelling Allowance	"	18 4 0			
	Money Order Commission	"	6 14 0			
	Petty Carriage Charges	"	7 12 0			
	Receipt Stamps purchased	"	0 2 0			
	Auditor's Fees	"	15 0 0			
	Tools purchased	"	1 10 0	283	0	3
4	By Amount paid for a Bank Chalan Book			1	9	
5	By Wages for the work done at the stock Pond in Pykara			18	0	
	Do. at Snowdon Lake			1	10	
6	By Cost of erection of a hatching shed at Glenrock Rifle Butt			106	12	
7	Do. Game Boards for Ooty Lake			16	10	
	Total Charges...			1716	5	
	By Closing Balance—					
	Bank of Madras Rs. 1502-7-0 *minus* Amount of uncashed cheque Rs. 170		—Rs. 1332 7 0			
	Cash on hand	"	156 8 0			
	Advance due from Goorkha Narber Rana Game Watcher who went to his place to bring 2 others	Rs.	50 0 0			
	Advance due from Major Grant (Fish hatching operations.)	Rs.	200 0 0			
	Do. from Watchers named Batcha Saib and Abdul Rahiman Saib	Rs.	4 0 0	1722	15	
	Grand Total...			3439	4	4

Rupees three thousand four hundred and thirty nine, Annas four and Pies four only.

C. G. DOUGLAS,
HONORARY SECRETARY,
Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Assoc

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From,

C. G. Douglas Esquire,
Honorary Secretary,
N. G. A. Ootacamund

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort Saint George,
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the Annual Report of the Nilgiri Game and Fish Preservation Association for the year ending 30th June 1898, for the use of your office.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

C G Douglas
Honorary Secretary
N. G. A.

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