

THE  
ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT  
OF THE  
COOCH BEHAR STATE  
FOR THE  
YEAR 1907-1908.



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## PHILKHANA.

125. There were 29 elephants (including the 2 at Chaklajat) in the Philkhana Establishment. The total expenditure, including the grain compensation allowance, was Rs. 23,802-1-1. No elephants were purchased last year. Two elephants died during the year. A Kheda was held jointly with the Government under the direction of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Goalparah. Ten elephants were captured by our men. According to the terms of the agreement they were equally divided between Your Highness and the Government. These five elephants allotted to the State were valued at Rs. 7,300. Two of these elephants were sold at Rs. 2,100, and three kept. Half the cost of training the newly captured elephants has been realized from the Forest Department. All these amounts have been paid into the Treasury.

The expenditure on account of Kheda during the year was Rs. 4,284-7.

The Kheda operations commenced on May 28th, 1907 and ended on 15th December 1907. A report on the Kheda was submitted by my predecessor in this office No. 3128, dated the 25th February 1908.

## LIBRARY.

126. Ninety-eight English and 35 Bengali books were added to the Library, bringing the number of English books to 7590 and that of Bengali to 952. The total number of books in the Library amounts to 9043.

## MILITARY.

127. The corps was maintained up to the sanctioned strength. During the year the services of the Subadar Major, Amira Khan and Jemadar, Ali Reza, were dispensed with and two new men were appointed in their places. The change was necessitated by a want of discipline among the sepoy as already reported in my previous reports. 18 Gurkhas were appointed in July 1907, consisting of one Subadar Major, one Havildar, two Lance corporals and 14 sepoy to be on guard duty with Your Highness at Darjeeling, Calcutta and Cooch Behar, when found necessary, *Vide* Council Office letter No. 607 dated the 25th July 1907. Five more Gurkha sepoy were enlisted in October 1907 by order of the Officer Commanding the Cooch Behar Military Force.

The expenditure on the Military Department during the year was Rs. 33,200 against Rs. 27,201-2-3 in the preceding year. Since the close of the year Your Highness, on the recommendation of the Commanding Officer and my predecessor, was pleased to sanction an increase of pay to all the Military Force including that of the Subadar Major and Jemadar. It is expected that this will have the desired effect of attracting a better class of recruits.

## STATE PRESS.

128. Babu Priya Nidhan Palit was in charge of the Press. Stamps to the value of Rs. 1,73,461-11-9 were manufactured against 1,70,642 in the preceding year.

The number of paying subscribers to the *Cooch Behar Gazette* was 104 against 100 in the preceding year and the number of copies of the gazette distributed free was 77, the same as in the preceding year.

## SHOOTING CAMP.

129. The expenditure on account of the Shooting Camp during the year was Rs. 9,998-14 (including the cost of establishment, repairs to tents and furniture and purchase of fittings for the Motor car.) Bills for the Bholka and the Kholabari Camps in 1906-07, were paid from this year's provision. In 1907-08 there



were three camps, one at Sili Torsa in February 1908, one at Satasia, and another at Kaladanga, (Lakshmipur, Assam,) in March 1908.

The bills for the two camps in Assam were paid from the provision for 1908-09 as the bills were not received before the 31st March 1908. These two camps lasted for about a month. The camp at Kaladanga was a big one. Great difficulty was experienced in making the necessary transshipment across the river Brahmaputra.

The success of the camp was partly due to the excellent arrangements made by the Zemindar of Lakshmipur, Babu Bhola Nath Chaudhuri, who invited Your Highness to shoot in the Lakshmipur Estate.

I have the honour to be,  
YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient servant,

A. W. DENTITH,

*Superintendent of the State, Cooch Behar.*