

# THE ESSEX STANDARD, WEST SUFFOLK

## THE PRINCE OF WALES IN INDIA.

The Serapis and Osborne have left Calcutta for Bombay in order to be in readiness for the embarkation of the Prince of Wales on his return to England.

In Monday's *Times* was an interesting article from its special correspondent in India in reference to the visit of the Prince of Wales to that country. After detailing the movements of the Prince of Wales he says:—The Rajpoots express the utmost satisfaction at the Royal visit, and Jeypore felicitates itself because the Prince killed his first tiger there. There was to have been a fight between a tiger and a rhinoceros at Gwalior, but in the preliminary trial the latter killed the former instantaneously, before the Prince's arrival. The Prince does not desire these sports, but they are considered essential at Native Courts to State pageantry, and certainly are not so cruel as steeplechases, where men and horses are killed or hurt grievously. Wild beasts are scarcely entitled to the consideration of a Humane Society—certainly not so much as self-torturing Fakirs, who are to be seen all over India engaged in peculiar religious exercises without hindrance. There was no exhibition of the kind at Jeypore, though the Maharajah has a fine managerie. He cultivates the fine arts, promotes education, improves the State by public works, and sets a good example to native princes. He has not the military tastes of Scindiah, but devotes himself to social matters, and takes great interest in European politics, and has the *Times* read to him regularly. He governs, however, with a strict hand. In Scindiah's dominions killing a cow is punished by two years' imprisonment. In Jeypore the sentence is still more severe. In Cashmere it is death. These Princes would be rather horrified at the practices of English cattle-drovers, and yet they see no harm in wild beast fights. At Barhinee the Prince made his first acquaintance with an Indian hunting camp, of course, on a scale of great magnificence, there being nearly 200 elephants, including those of the Nawab of Rampore and General Ramsay, 550 camels, 120 horses, 526 coolies, 60 oxcarts, about 1,000 camp followers, 75 of the 3rd Gookha Regiment and band, 20 troopers of Probyn's Horse, camp police, &c. On the 12th the camp was again broken up, and the Prince, under General Ramsay's direction, made a wide sweep through a singularly wild district, but no tigers could be found in the most likely places. It was dark when the Prince moved into a new camp at Tendah; but though he shot no tigers, the elephants were loaded with game, including 15 varieties. On the following day the camp at Peepup was broken up, and three parties were formed to shoot on the way to a place nine miles distant; but detours in the jungle are long and many, and the distance absolutely traversed was considerably more.

The Prince of Wales, who is now on a shooting tour in Kumaon and the Nepaul Terai, camped last Tuesday night at Nuggla Kumaon. The Royal party are advancing by easy stages towards Nepaul, striking camp daily. There has been fair sport in deer and other game, but only one tiger has been seen. On Tuesday his Royal Highness shot a fine bear, and Lord Aylesford another. All the party are in excellent health.

## A HUMANITY CHRISTMAS-TREE.

Can a Christmas-Tree be turned to good account? How to make it an agency for teaching humanity? The *Animal World*, in discussing these questions endeavour to show that at least one lady has given a satisfactory answer,

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