Ja 26 — The Story about Mahiḷāmukha the Mad Elephant

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Purāṇacorāna’ vaco nisamma,

Mahiḷāmukho pothayam-anvacāri,

Susaññatānañ-hi vaco nisamma,

Gajuttamo sabbaguṇesu aṭṭhā ti.

Verse 1 — English

Considering the former thieves’ word, Mahiḷāmukha roamed round lashing out, considering the word of the restrained, the elephant supreme was established in all virtues.

Source note 1.1 (English)

There is too much information in this line to be got across, and I exceed the syllabic count.