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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th June 1865.*

No. 133. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Observing that orders will be issued in the
Public Works Department for making over
to the Committee of Management for the
experimental Farm at Sydapett, the Wind
Engine now lying unemployed at Aber-
crombie's Battery. } (Here enter 30th May 1865, No. 1,151.)

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1865, No. 1,535.

ACCOUNT, No. 24.

The Officer in charge of the Store
Department will be requested to place the
Wind Engine referred to in paragraph 4 at
the disposal of the Committee of Management for the Sydapett Farm.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officer in charge of the Store Department,
,, the Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th May 1865.*

No. 531. Read the following letter from Major J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E., Honorary Secretary to the Committee of Management for the Sydapett Farm, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 11th May 1865.

SIR,

1. By desire of the Committee of Management for the experimental Farm at Sydapett, I have the honor to request that you will represent to Government the insufficiency of the estimates framed by the Sub-Committee of the Agri-Horticultural Society, upon which the sum of Rupees 2,000 was sanctioned to cover the probable expenditure necessary in starting the Farm.

No. 680, 28th March 1865.

2. I am directed to state that the subject has received the best attention of the Committee, and that they have come to the conclusion that the necessary expenses will considerably exceed the sum now granted for the purpose. The items in which this excess will be greatest are those which provide for the purchase of live stock, and for the erection of sheds for cattle and implements.

3. The sum of Rupees 200 has been allotted for the purchase of sheep and pigs. This the Committee consider quite inadequate. They have already applied to the Collectors of Patna, Coimbatore, and Salem, to supply them with twelve ewes of the best indigenous breeds in their respective Districts, and the cost of these animals is expected to absorb nearly the whole of the above grant. The Committee are most anxious to get two Southdown rams, and the cost of these cannot be set down at much below Rupees 200. They also wish to try other good Indian breeds; so that altogether their outlay under this head will be about Rupees 600.

4. As to pigs, the Committee conceive that nothing can be done in the way of introducing a good breed without going to considerable expense in the purchase of stock. They have already been inquiring about some specimens of good English breeds which their President had lately an opportunity of inspecting on the Neilgherries, and they find that one boar and five sows are to be had for Rupees 350. Although the Committee are not yet satisfied that these are the best procurable, they have no hesitation in saying that the sum named is the least for which it will be possible to purchase a good breeding stock.

5. The sum allotted for the purchase of five pairs of bullocks is Rupees 700, being at the rate of Rupees 140 per pair. For a month past the members of the Committee have, individually, been making diligent inquiries for bullocks, but they find that the rise in prices has of late been so great, that a fair average pair is not now to be bought for the sum named above. Their price varies from about Rupees 160 to Rupees 220, and the Committee, therefore, request to be allowed to go as high as Rupees 1,000 in making the purchase of five pairs.

6. Under the head of "sheds for cattle and implements," a sum of Rupees 300 has been allotted, and this the Committee desire me to state is quite insufficient. Their first intention was to house the cattle and the machinery, for the present, in temporary sheds, leaving the erection of more substantial buildings until next year; but after carefully considering the matter, they are of opinion that this course would not only unnecessarily increase the ultimate cost, but would also involve great risk from the liability of such temporary sheds to accidents from fire; and they have no hesitation in recommending that the expense of erecting the more substantial and costly buildings should be at once undertaken. Another reason which weighs with them in making this recommendation is that they will be enabled to at once provide for storing the liquid manure from the cattle, which with temporary structures would be very difficult. They propose to run it off, by means of a drain lined with asphalt, into a small reservoir of the same material, and they are

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confident that the small additional outlay will be amply repaid. From several estimates which have been laid before them, the Committee do not expect to be able to construct the cattle shed for less than Rupees 800. This includes stalls for the farm bullocks, and spare room which they wish to provide for extra cattle, for the sake of the manure, also barns for straw and chaff, a small place for boiling food, a reservoir* for liquid manure, &c. Similarly for the farm machinery the Committee do not expect to be able to provide shelter for less than Rupees 400. The sheds for sheep and pigs will respectively

* The cost of the asphalt is not included, it being understood that a large supply is available in the Public Works Stores.

cost about Rupees 250 and Rupees 200. There are also two small houses upon the farm which the Committee wish the Superintendent and the Overseer to occupy. To place these houses in good order will probably cost about Rupees 300. I am therefore directed by the Committee to request that a maximum grant of Rupees 2,000 may be placed at their disposal under the head of "Farm Buildings," instead of the sum of Rupees 300 already sanctioned for the purpose.

7. The Committee have inspected an old well, near the site of the proposed farm buildings, where they conceive that a wind engine might most advantageously be employed to raise water from the Adyar. They understand that an engine, with pumps attached, exactly suitable to the purpose, is now lying unemployed at Abercrombie's Battery, and they desire me to request that it may be placed at their disposal. Before addressing Government on the subject, they requested Mr. Moncrieff to favor them with his advice as to the adaptability of the engine to the proposed site; and that gentleman reports most favorably on the matter, and calculates that the expense of fitting it up will be about Rupees 300. I am directed to request that this sum may also be sanctioned by Government. The Committee are sanguine of the success of the proposal to raise water at this spot by means of wind.

8. In conclusion, I am directed by the Committee to request that the monthly grants of Rupees 100 each, for "cooly labor," and for "feeding cattle," may be converted into annual grants of Rupees 1,200 each. The amount of labor required upon the farm will vary from month to month, according to the season of the year; and while at some times little or none will be required, at others the monthly grant of Rupees 100 will be quite insufficient. Similarly, with regard to feeding cattle, as grain can be bought much cheaper during some months than during others, and as the number of cattle to be fed is likely to vary considerably, the Committee request that their hands may not be tied in this respect. I am also directed to point out that the allowance under the head of "sundries" is quite insufficient, and to request that instead of a monthly grant of Rupees 10, an annual sum of Rupees 500 may be sanctioned.

No. 532.

ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1865, No. 1,151.

Miscellaneous.

1. The estimated charges sanctioned in G. O. dated 28th March 1865, No. 680, were as follows:—

	RS.
For bullocks	700
Sheep and pigs	200
Carts, water do., wheel-barrows, &c.	500
Small tools, implements, &c.	200
Manure	100
Cattle sheds	300
	2,000

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Establishment, &c., monthly expenditure.

Superintendent	75
Overseer (European)	30
Writer (Native)	15
Ploughmen	40
Sundries	10
Stationery	5
	175
For cooly labor	100
„ feeding cattle	100
	375

2. At the Committee's request the Government resolve that in lieu of the above, grants as below shall be made:—

	RS.
For bullocks	1,000
Sheep and pigs	950
Carts, &c.	500
Implements	200
Manure	100
Cattle sheds, &c., buildings	2,000
For fixing engine for drawing water.	300
	5,050

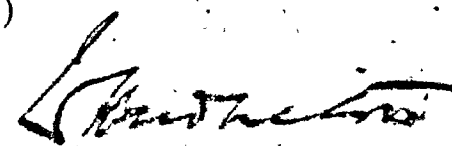
Monthly charges.

For Establishments as above	175
	<i>Annual charges.</i>
For cooly labor	1,200
„ feeding cattle	1,200
	2,400

3. The Government do not think it necessary at present to raise the allowance for sundry contingencies.

4. Orders will be issued in the Department Public Works, for making over the Wind Engine to the Committee.

(True Extract.)


Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Honorary Secretary to the Farm Committee.
„ the Public Works Department. ✓
„ the Civil Pay Master.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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to place the Wind
Engine referred to in
para 4 at the dis-
posal of the Com-
mittee of manage-
ment for the
Lydehill Farm.

5th June
To the Officer in charge
of the Shore Dept of Fort St George
Revenue Dept 5th June 1865

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Prof. Govt for June
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Pro: of the Madras Govt
in the Revenue Dept

Of 30 May
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William Crode

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