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24th January 1870.

Read the following papers :—

No. 97. From H. S. BEADON, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 9th November 1869, No. 3704.

I am directed by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal to forward, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, the accompanying copy of a communication* from the Officiating Superintendent of Tributary Mehals, Cuttack, submitting an application from Captain Johnstone to be supplied with two bulls from the Madras Presidency for breeding purposes. A description of the species of bulls required will be found attached to Captain Johnstone's letter.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor considers that Captain Johnstone's enterprise in cattle-breeding deserves encouragement, and would, therefore, be glad if His Excellency would permit orders to be issued for the supply of the two bulls of the description required.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor desires me also to invite attention to the orders† of the Government of India, in the Military Department, which sanction the supply of bulls from the Hissar stud free of cost, with the exception of charges of transport and carriage ; and I am to solicit that the Government of Madras will, on the same terms, accede to the application of Captain Johnstone who, it will be seen, is quite prepared to pay the cost of the transport of the two bulls.

From the Officiating Superintendent, Tributary Mehals, Cuttack, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Political Department, dated Cuttack, 19th October 1869, No. 246.

In forwarding the enclosed copy of a letter from Captain Johnstone, No. 158, dated the 8th of October, I have the honour to state that I am not aware of the rules of the Madras breeding studs, nor am I aware whether there are any establishments from which cattle are procurable, either free or on purchase, for breeding purposes. If there are, however, I would recommend that Captain Johnstone's application be approved, and that the bulls of the description given be sent to him by steamer from Madras to False Point to my care. It would be useless to expect that they could be marched up in proper condition for use from such a distance. If there are any Government farms in Madras, doubtless that Government would give the animals, and Captain Johnstone would pay their expenses from the time of leaving the farm.

From Captain J. JOHNSTONE, Special Assistant Superintendent, Tributary Mehals, in charge Keonjhur, to the Superintendent of Tributary Mehals, Cuttack, dated Balleberara, 8th October 1869, No. 158.

I have the honour to request the favour of your soliciting the Government of Bengal that measures may be taken for procuring me a young bull for breeding purposes from one of the Madras studs, charging me, if necessary, a fair sum for the same. I annex the description of the animal I require.

2. In explanation I would state that I have, for some years, taken a great interest in, and used my utmost endeavours to, improve the breed of the cattle of Bengal, and have come to the following conclusion, viz., that to effect any permanent good it is necessary to use young and not full-grown bulls, to be selected, if possible, from the large short-legged breeds of Southern and Central India, accustomed to move about in a country yearly inundated, and not from the large-legged breeds of Western India, who, coming from a dry climate, can, with difficulty, be kept in condition in Lower Bengal, and whose progeny, as a rule, are lanky, ugly creatures.

3. I will give a short sketch of my attempts and failures. I first commenced early in 1863 by importing a tolerable-sized bull into Assam from the Bhaugulpore district; this animal was not full grown, and wrongly concluding that his offspring would be weak, I fed him up and kept him from the cows till the beginning of 1864, when I turned him loose at Suddya. I left Suddya for England in July of the same year, and gave the bull to a native merchant by name "Askurrun," and it is possible that he and his progeny may be still in existence.

4. I next began to experiment in March 1867, when at Ruttampore in the Central Provinces. I imported some cows from Upper India, and having procured a small number of country cows, borrowed two bulls belonging to the Local Funds from the Deputy Commissioner; one of these was from Hissar, an immense long-legged creature, which most of my country cows could literally walk under; the other was a Madras bull of inferior breed standing about 14 hands high; neither of these appeared to have the least life in them, and during six months that they were with me I only had one cow in calf by the larger of the two; the calf was born in Serampore, and though very long-legged, was on the whole a fine one; it died during the inundations of 1868.

5. Just before leaving the Central Provinces, I succeeded in purchasing from the Raipore Local Funds a very fine Madras bull, standing 14½ hands; this was poisoned at Serampore; but I had two calves by it, one of which died at Serampore while I was away; the other, by a country cow, is a fine little creature with short thick legs and large body: I propose exhibiting him at the Ranchee fair in February 1870.

6. The great difficulty I have hitherto had to contend with is from the laziness of full-grown bulls, and I am quite convinced that a large bull of over four years of age is practically useless for small cows. I have now got a young Hissar bull, the progeny of the cows I imported from Upper India in 1867; he is a little over two years of age, and I have already several cows in calf by him. I am, however, convinced from the specimens I have seen that without a further cross with the southern breed, the progeny of a Hissar bull and a country cow is of little use for plough work; height is undoubtedly obtained but not a proportionate size of body; to counteract this, I believe the short-legged and large-bodied Madras bull is required.

7. The great difficulty most breeders in India have to contend with is scarcity of fodder, and this rule applies with great force to many parts of Eastern Bengal where the grass, though luxuriant, is too rank to afford proper nourishment to cows and sheep; in Keonjhar, however, and indeed in Mohurbhunj, Bamra, Lehera, Bonai, Gangpore, Sirgoojah, and many other States and Districts round about which I have visited at different times, there is abundance of good grass for ten months in the year, so that in these places, at least, it is to be hoped that something may be done.

8. Should I ever have a sufficient number of young half-breed bulls, I propose giving them to the hill chiefs and others who have good grazing grounds, and these people, I may observe, are fully alive to the advantage of having fine cattle. The best cattle I have seen in the Lieutenant-Governorship of Bengal are in Gangpore, a Tributary Mehal of Chota Nagpore.

9. I do not think that any good will ever be attained by lending imported bulls to the villagers, for as a rule the bulls will not go near the cows, and if they do, nine men out of ten are afraid that their cows will be killed. I believe that if anything is to be effected, small farms consisting of, say, thirty cows and one bull, the latter to be changed every two years, should be established at the head-quarters of each district, and the yearling bulls be made over to the heads of villages, who should be held responsible for their keep: the cow calves should be reserved for breeding, so that the standard would gradually increase.

10. The expense of such an arrangement would be trifling, and might be met from Local Funds; in time the sale of surplus and inferior cattle would cover all expenses. Should my suggestion be thought worthy of consideration, I shall be happy to submit my accounts showing what have been expended on my cattle for the last year, during which I consider I have been successful.

11. I may add that I consider good fodder a *sine qua non*, and when good grazing is not to be had I feed my cattle on dhan straw, the stalk of the jowar, or anything else of the kind procurable; in most places two pice a day will suffice to feed a cow not giving milk during the hot

season. I have in all 37 head of cattle, but notwithstanding that for eight months the cattle disease was raging in Upper Keonjhar, I did not lose one. I attribute this exemption to my housing them in inclement weather, and giving them salt. I know little about the diseases of cattle, but that I refer to commenced with a sore in the foot. I have seen the same complaint in Chuttesgarh and heard it attributed to the want of salt which, owing to its increased price, the natives were unable to administer to their cattle as they formerly did.

12. If possible, I should like to get two bulls, as Dr. Manook of Chaibassa, who also takes an interest in cattle, has asked me to procure him one. The bulls might either come by steamer, or be forwarded along the coast road from Madras to Cuttack from one police station to another; in any case, the utmost care would be required to insure their being brought up in good condition. I am not aware what are the rules of the Madras studs, but at Hissar any one can obtain a bull for *bona fide* breeding purposes, free of charge. I have already stated my willingness, if necessary, to pay a fair sum, but I would ask that the most inexpensive mode of transport be chosen, as the distance is great.

Description of Bull required.

* Nellore?

One of the Mysore or Vellore* breed whose height when full grown is about 14 hands.

Short legs, large body and hump; if possible, one of the kind whose horns fall straight back. Colour immaterial, though I should prefer one either red or brindled. Age not under 12 or over 18 months.

(Signed) J. JOHNSTONE,
Special Asst. Supt., Tributary Mehal.

From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated 14th May 1867, No. 268.

In reply to your letter, No. 1825, of the 18th April 1867, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, that bulls and rams will be supplied from the Hissar Farm, cost free, when they may be available; but that all expenses connected with their carriage or transport must be borne by the applicants for them.

No. 2329.

Copy forwarded to the Commissioner of the Presidency Division for information, in continuation of Endorsement, No. 1826, dated the 18th ultimo.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.)

FORT WILLIAM,
22nd May 1867.

(Signed) THOMAS JONES,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Transferred to the Public Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
20th December 1869.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Major,
Offg. Depy. Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

Referred for the report of the Commissary-General.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th November 1869.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 3704.

FROM H. S. BEADON, Esq.,

Offg. Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Fort William, the 9th November 1869.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

General.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

H. S. Beadon

Offg. Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

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To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF BENGAL.

General Department.

Dated January, 21st.

Recd.

Enc.

G. O. 21st January 1870, No. 91.

JANUARY.
Nos. 97-99.

Intimating that two bulls can be supplied by the Commissionariat Department, as required by the Special Assistant Superintendent, Tributary Mehals, in charge Kanchpur.

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The 22nd May 1867.

Asst. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

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Public Department

No. 9420

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India, Bengal.
General Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Officiating Under Secretary Beadon's letter of the 6th inst. last, and not to refer to the application, thereon forwarded, from the Special Assistant Superintendent, Tributary Mahals, in charge Kanchi, to be supplied with two bulls from the Madras Presidency for breeding purposes, to enclose copy of a letter from the Deputy Commissioner General.

2. It will be seen that two bulls of the pure Mysore breed can

N. A. A. M.

(Capt. A. D. S. 28/9)

can be supplied, but,
as their height, even
when full grown, will
fall ~~fall~~ short of that
required by Captain
Johnstone, I am to
enquire ^{whether} it is the
wish of that officer
that they should be
sent.

3. A handbills of
the cargo transport
of the two bills of
delivery all of which
is subjoined to Colonel
London's letter.

For Sir,
21 Jan 1790.

Copied to Mr. Deane Dec 1790

(To be put into the office)

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The following is a list of the
names of the persons who
were present at the
meeting of the
Committee on the
21st of January 1790.
The names are written
in the order in which
they were called upon
to speak.

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To
The Secretary to the
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