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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1637 Press ~~Mis.~~

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of December* 1859.

No. 12. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th November 1859, No. 4723.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 1st November 1859, No. 147.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, under date the 16th August last, No. 1099, communicated by the Board of Revenue on the 9th idem, I have the honor to forward a copy of Captain Nelson's letter* with its enclosures on the subject of the Merino sheep, and of his operations at Peddacherroo and Siddapoor.

* *Dated 12th September 1859, No.——.*

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From Captain F. NELSON, to the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Kurnool, dated Biarlooty, 12th September 1859.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 417, dated 27th August, enclosing copy of Proceedings of the Madras Government, on letters from the Accountant General 26th July and 6th August 1859, and order thereon 16th August 1859, No. 1099.

"The Governor in Council resolves to treat the cost of the Merino sheep supplied to Captain Nelson, being Rupees 355, as an advance to that officer to be recovered," &c.

2. I beg respectfully to state that I applied for the sheep in question, supposing that I should receive them free of charge and on public grounds, with the view of improving the wool of the district.

3. Appended is a copy of my letter to the Secretary to Government suggesting the experiment, the reply to the same, and copy of letter from the Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore. It will be seen that the question of purchase was never mooted.

4. The flock arrived here in December 1856. They were, many of them, sick; a ram died on the day of arrival, and I lost them at the rate of two and three a day. I had with the assistance of the Government Agent at Kurnool collected a flock of forty ewes of the district. All suffered from the same disease. When I found the flock rapidly diminishing and was satisfied that this climate was unfavorable, I tried to persuade the regular shepherds on the plains to take the rams into their flocks, but neither shepherds nor cultivators would take them. The lambs were killed by the *spear* grass, and half the flock were blinded from the same cause (I observed many of the original flock were blind of one eye when they arrived). Sickness attacked them again and again. In the wet weather they were attacked with foot rot. I lost upwards of a hundred (all I possessed) ewes of the district within the year 1857, and withdrew all further attention from the matter. Three miserable specimens, the last of the Merino, were carried off by a Cheeta a few weeks ago. None of any breed are in existence.

5. The Madras Government desire to be informed how my operations have prospered. With reference to the re-payment of a loan of Rupees 3,000 advanced to me under the order of 23d November 1854, No 1526.

6. Since I arrived here in March 1855, I have spent in clearing, purchase of stock, and in every other outlay, incidental to the undertaking, about 23,550.* This sum includes the Government advance of 3,000 and about 7,000 Rupees realized from produce.

* *Personal expenses i. e. servants' food &c. &c., about 70 Rupees a month, not included in this sum.*

7. I owe about 3,000 Rupees which I hope to clear off in all 1860, when the Government loan only will remain unpaid.

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From Captain F. NELSON of Siddapoor and Peddacherroo, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Biarlooty, 7th November 1859.

I have the honor to request you will lay the following before Government.

2. The climate of Peddacherroo much resembles that of Mysore. During some days residence there in the month of May, the thermometer in the shade only stood at 82° Farenheit. I am desirous of trying a sheep walk there.

3. I have the honor to solicit that I may be allowed a small flock of the Australian Merino breed from the Government farms in Mysore.

4. I have myself imported from England two rams, at cost of fifty pounds, but shall be unable to give the experiment a fair trial by further importation on account of the great expense and risk.

5. Should Government deem my request reasonable, I have every hope that the wool of this district, already favorably reported upon, may be considerably improved.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of December* 1859.

From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., to Captain F. NELSON, of the 2d Native Veteran Battalion, Siddapoor and Peddacherroo, dated Fort Saint George, 23d November 1855, No. 1286.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 6th instant, No. 29, applying for a small flock of sheep of the Australian Merino breed from the farm in Mysore, and in reply to state that a communication will this day be made to the Commissioner for that territory, recommending that your application should be complied with if in the power of the Commissioner.

2. As you do not state the number of sheep that you want, I am to request that you will be good enough to communicate your wishes on that point to the Commissioner direct; and it will be for you to make arrangements for conveying to their destination any sheep that the Commissioner may be able to afford to you.

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From Captain F. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary to the Commissioner for the Government of Mysore, to Captain F. NELSON, 2d Native Veteran Battalion, Kurnool, dated Nundydroog, 8th November 1856, No. 175.

I have the honor, by desire of the Commissioner for the Government of Mysore, to inform you that fifty sheep, viz. five seven-eighths bred rams, thirty seven-eighths bred ewes, and fifteen three-quarter bred ewes, all under three years of age, and some in lamb, left the sheep farm on the 30th ultimo in charge of the peon whom you sent to receive them.

The pay of the shepherd who accompanies the sheep is 4 Rupees per month, with batta at 1 anna per day, and half pay when returning. A memorandum of the expenses, amounting to Rupees 44, is annexed.

MEMORANDUM.

| | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amount advanced to Captain Nelson's peon | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Do. to do. for the feeding of the sheep and batta to a shepherd, at 1 anna per day from 30th October 1856 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Do. to a shepherd entertained on the 30th October 1856, at 4 Rupees per month | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Co.'s Rupees | 44 | 0 | 0 |

(Signed) F. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary.*
(True Copies.)
(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, *Collector.*

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Ordered that the enclosure to the above letter be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 16th August 1859, R. D., No. 1099, relative to Captain Nelson's, operations at Siddapoor and Peddacherroo.

*In Con.* 17*th August* 1859, *No.* 4141.

(True Copies and Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

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No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 3d December 1859, No. 1637.

Under the circumstances represented in Captain Nelson's letter, submitted with the Board's proceedings, the Governor in Council directs that the cost of the Merino sheep referred to viz 355 Rupees, be written off to profit and loss.

2. The advance of 3,000 Rupees made to Captain Nelson under the order of Government dated 23rd November 1854, No. 1526, will be recovered from him by the Collector of Karnúl, as originally directed.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
*Secretary to Government.*

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3d December 1859.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue

Submitting for information, letters from the Coll of Karnúl and from Capt Nelson, regarding the Merino sheep supplied to the latter from Mysore, and of the progress of his operations in Siddapúr & Peddacherru.

(Here enter 18th November 1859 No 4723)

Under the circumstances represented in Capt Nelson's letter, submitted with the Board's proceedings, ~~of the 16th ult~~ ~~in case of the fifty Merino sheep supplied to him from the Mysore sheep farm~~, the Govt in Council directs that the cost of the merino sheep referred to viz 355 Rs, be written off to Profit and Loss.

2 The advance of 3000 Rs made to Capt Nelson under the order of Govt dated 23d Nov/54, No 1526,

will ~~recovered~~ be recovered from
him by the Collr of Karnúl,
as originally directed.

[signature]

1 Copies
To
The Board of Revenue Pits[s]
1 — Accountant Genl
3 — Civil Auditor
1 Copy Capt[n] Nelson

Revenue 1859 Department.
Pres[y] of Fort St. No 10 Dec[r]
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Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Dated 18th.
Desp[d] 22d } November 1859.
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No 4723.

No 1637. 3d December.

Submitting for
information a letter
from the Collector of
Kurnool with an Enclo-
-sure from Captain Nelson
relative to his operations
at Siddapoor and Ped-
-dacherroo.—

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of 4th June 1860 No 58.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dy 3d December 1859.

From Captain Nelson
7 Encl. & 1860 C. 1261 in Cons
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Writing off Rs 355
the cost of Merino Sheep
supplied to Captain
Nelson, and directing
the recovery of the ad:
advance of Rs 3,000 made
to him.

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