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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th July 1863.

No. 539. Read the following letter from A. D. ROBERTSON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bombay (Revenue Department), to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 11th July 1863, No. 2,288:—

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, copy of a letter from Dr. G. F. Forbes, Superintendent of the Cotton Gin Factory at Dharwar, dated the 22nd ultimo, containing the information required in your letter No. 882, dated 21st May 1863, and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will have the goodness, in order to save time, to communicate with Dr. Forbes direct on the subject.

From G. F. FORBES, Esq., Superintendent, Dharwar Cotton Gin Factory, to A. D. ROBERTSON, Esq., Secretary to Government of Bombay, dated Sedashighur, 22nd June 1863.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum No. 1,869 of 1863, dated 6th instant, and beg to state that, in reply to a reference to Dharwar respecting the date upon which the eighteen Saw Gins for the Government of Madras was despatched, I am just now informed that it left Dharwar on the 5th instant, and that along with it, a cart-load consisting of eight hundred weight of American Cotton seed was forwarded. The packages were addressed to the care of the Revenue Secretary to the Government of Madras, who was at the same time advised of their despatch. They were sent by land viâ Bangalore and Coimbatore, and the Railway Station Master at the latter place was written to, and requested to receive and forward them thence by rail.

2. With respect to the enquiry made regarding the seven Churkas, I beg to state that I have not yet received any information, from the Madras Government on the subject of your communication to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 18th ultimo, requesting that the information sought for in my letter to your address dated 4th May 1863, might be communicated to me direct. I am consequently as yet not aware of the wishes of the Government of Fort Saint George with respect to the points therein submitted.

3. The drawing alluded to in the 1st paragraph of the letter under reply, represents the improved Churka therein referred to, as being mentioned in paragraphs 61 to 67 of my Report on the Dharwar Factory.

4. These Churkas are imported from England; they cannot be made at the Dharwar Factory. They can be procured through the Agency of the Manchester Cotton Company, but had better be obtained direct from the manufacturers, Messrs. Platt and Richardson, Oldham near Manchester; if ordered from any other parties care should be taken to obtain only "the improved *Roller Churka* by Platt and Richardson," as quantities of inferior machinery of that description are being manufactured elsewhere.

5. With regard to supplying Saw Gins from the Dharwar Factory for the American Cotton of the Bellary Districts, I beg to state that if an early application is received mentioning the actual number of Gins required, I shall be able to state whether arrangements can be effected at the Factory, for supplying the whole or a portion of them, but it is desirable that I should receive this information with as little delay as possible.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. D. ROBERTSON,
Secretary to Government of Bombay.

No. 540. ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1863, No. 1,420.

1. In February last the Government of Bombay forwarded copies of a Report on the Cotton Gin Factory at Dharwar, and expressed their readiness to aid this Government in introducing improved Gins into this Presidency.

with some of the leading
Mechanics

2. From the Report it appeared that Dr. Forbes had proceeded to England on the special duty of procuring improved machinery, for cleaning Cotton, and in concert with some of the leading mechanists had produced a Gin, which had proved most successful, and was largely used by the Cotton growers of Dharwar.

3. The Government of Bombay were first requested to furnish the Government with drawings of the improved machinery, and particulars of price, &c., and then application was made

25th February 1863.
19th March "

for seven of the improved *Churka* Gins alluded to in paragraphs 61 to 66 of Dr. Forbes' Report, and a Saw Gin.

4. In reply the Government of Bombay forwarded two Woodcuts of Improved Churkas procurable from the Manchester Cotton Association at a cost

11th May 1863.

of £10 in England and £13 in India. In a later communication it was stated that no Roller Gins for hand-driving were in stock.

5. The Government regret the trouble caused to the Bombay Government to so little purpose. They were led to believe from the fact of Dr. Forbes' mission to England and from his report that these Gins were made up at the Dharwar Factory, or they would have applied at once as they will now do, to the Secretary of State for several specimens.

6. The Saw Gin has been received and is now being tried.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
30th July 1863.

No. 1,421.

No. 541.

From J. D. SIM, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter dated 11th instant, No. 2,288, I am directed to state that this Government will apply to the Secretary of State for a supply of Platt's Improved Churka Gins. They regret the trouble to which they have put your Government on this subject, but from the fact of Dr. Forbes having been deputed to England to invent or procure improved machinery and from the tenor of his report they were under the impression that these machines were made up at the Government Factory at Dharwar.

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2. I am directed to state that the Saw Gin and Cotton seed have arrived, and to express the acknowledgments of this Government for the assistance afforded in these respects.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Mechanists

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No 1420.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 30th July 1863.

Read the following letter
from the Secy to the Govt of
Bombay.

Forwarding for info
formation copy of a letter from
the Superintendent of the Cotton
Gin Factory, Dharwar, respecting
the sale upon which the 10 Saw
Gins for this Govt were despatched

(Here entered 11 July 1863 No 2288)

In February last

the 70th of same month commu-
nicated a Report on the Cotton
Gin Factory at Dharwar and
expressed their readiness to aid
this Govt in introducing im-
proved Gins into this Presidency

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appeared that Dr Forbes
had proceeded to England
on the special duty of procur-
ing improved machinery for
cleaning cotton and in concert
with some of the leading
Mechanics

Buchanan's had produced a gin which had proved quite successful and was largely used by the Cotton growers of Dharwar.

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paras 61 & 66 of Dr Forbes report and a Saw Gin.

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The Saw Gin has been received and is now being tried.

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Copy in a Letter to Govt.
D/ 12th August 1863

Revenue 1863 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for July

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Pro: of the Madras Govt
D/ 30th July 1863.

Pro. No. 257-258
21-5-63

" 287
15-7-63

Letter from Bombay Government furnishing the information required by this Government regarding the Churkas and saw Gins, with orders thereon.

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Revenue Department

№ 1442

Letter from the Secretary to the Govt of India

Bombay Castle 30th July 1863

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 288, dated 21st instant, and to state that this Government will apply to the Madras Government for the information required by the Government of India.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
[illegible]
Secy to Govt

Copy in a Letter to Govt.
D/ 12th August 1863

Revenue 1863 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for July

№ 1420.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
D/ 30th July 1863.

Pro. No. 257-258
21-5-63

" 287
15-7-63

Letter from Bombay Government furnishing the information required by this Government regarding the Churkas and saw Gins, with orders thereon.

№ 539 to 540.

Selection from the Records of the Bombay Govt. No. XXVII - New Series. —

Govt Factory at Kharwar-

I am directed by Estate that the Law Firm, said, Cotton Lee & Lane, arrive and to convey to you the acknowledgments of this Govt for the assistance afforded in these efforts-

Yours &c.
George
30th July 1938

Copy in a Letter to Govt.
Dy 12th August No 43 of 1863

Revenue 1863 Dept.
Rec'd of Govt for July

No 1421

To
The Secretary to the
Govt of Bombay.
Dy 30th July 1863.

Intimating that
this Government will
apply to the Secretary
of State for a supply
of Platts Improved
Chunka Guns.

No 541.