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No. 81. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1864, No. 3,789.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated Ramandroog, 1st June 1864, No. 87 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 732, dated 27th April last, conveyed in the Board's communication of the 29th idem, requesting me to forward the report on the Agricultural Exhibitions held in this District during the last settlement, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. On receipt of the sanction of Government, conveyed in their Proceedings, No. 1,979, under date 4th November 1863, communicated through the Board on the 6th idem, the object of holding the Exhibitions in the Talooks was announced to all, through a notice inserted in the District Gazette; and a list of the prizes to be competed for by the Ryots and Reddies, &c., (amounting to Rupees 1,500) was also published.

Vide Gazette, dated 28th November 1863.

3. The accompanying Statement shows that about forty-five prizes (ranging in value from Rupees 5 to Rupees 60) were awarded, to the aggregate amount of only Rupees 569.

4. Wherever it was practicable, the prizes were allotted through a small Committee, composed of the Collector's Sheristadar, the Tahsildar of the Talook in which the Exhibition was held, a few merchants, the Reddy, the Curnum, and one or two respectable Ryots; their awards being confirmed or modified by the Collector, or other Settlement Officer, as President of the Committee.

5. In the Talook of Hoovinhadgali, in which acclimatized American Cotton is chiefly cultivated, twenty (eighteen and ten Saw) Gins were exhibited at work; and as a result thereof, fifty have been ordered from the Dharwar Factory by the Ryots.

6. There were ten competitors throughout the District, for the prize for Cotton, of whom four were successful; of the Cotton exhibited in the Talook of Hoovinhadgali, the best sample, (taken from a bale of 80 lbs.), was valued at 20 Rupees per Maund of 25 lbs. on the spot; and at Rupees 25 delivered in Coompta; 50 Rupees being the cost of transport of a bandy-load for the distance (160 miles).

7. Cleaned cotton, and cotton with seed, were exhibited in only three Talooks, as marginally noted; and, as at the time of the holding of the Exhibition, the best cotton of the previous crop had been disposed of, while the present crop was not ripe, prizes were awarded to the best specimen produced (provided it was of good quality), with reference to cleanness, color, and length of staple.

Hoovinhadgali.
Harpanhalli.
Koodlighi.

8. Of Fibres, specimens of Gogunara, Janapa Nara, or the country Hemp, Date fibre, Zillada Nara, Plantain fibre, Kalabanda fibre, &c., were exhibited by about sixteen exhibitors, of whom eleven gained prizes.

9. In the Talook of Bellary only Gingelly and Castor oils were exhibited, as also Cocoanut oil by three individuals; but a prize was only given for the latter oil, which proved to be of the best quality produced.

10. About twenty-four persons competed for the prizes for grains, such as, white Cholam, Wheat, Bengal Gram, Paddy, Raggy, Korralu, Onumulu, or Bulter, as it is commonly called, of whom fourteen were successful; while two prizes were awarded for Jaggery, for which eight individuals competed.

11. In the Talooks of Madacasira and Kudlighi, large bunches of cocoanuts, each containing seventy and fifty respectively, were shown by two Ryots, both of whom obtained prizes; and some excellent plantains of the large yellow kind were exhibited in the former Talook.

12. Two prizes were awarded for the best specimens of Maddichecka (a sort of yellow dye), in the Talooks of Adoni and Hospett.

13. In the Talooks of Adoni and Bellary, two individuals, who exhibited Cotton and Woolen Carpets had prizes allotted to them. The Cotton Carpet being of the common blue and red stripes, and measuring 30 by 6 feet; while the Woolen one, which was a very handsome specimen, measured 15 by 2 feet.

14. In the Talook of Koodlighi a prize was awarded for the best Iron ore, and another for the finest black Cumblies exhibited; and two out of three exhibitors of Turmeric and Tobacco were successful in the Talooks of Madacasira and Hospett.

15. In the Talook of Adoni only were any articles other than those for which prizes had been offered, exhibited; and in many instances, the quantity exhibited fell short of the stipulated minimum.

16. The Talook which made the best show, was that of Alur; a sample of each article, for which a prize had been offered having been exhibited, while the grain, specially the first sort Jonna, was of an excellent quality.

17. On a review of the whole Exhibition, it may be said that, considering the unfavourable nature of the season, it was tolerably successful in the Talooks settled by the Acting Collector.

18. In the Sub-division it was a failure, which the Acting Sub-Collector attributes to the above cause, as also to the facts that the sanction for the Exhibition was not received till after the commencement of the settlement, and that the people did not appreciate its object; the Ryots of Madacasira, for instance, believing that it was a scheme of Government to ascertain who grew the best crops with a view of enhancing the revenue assessment.

19. The Head Assistant Collector also reported unfavourably of the nature of the exhibitions in the Talooks of Bellary and Adoni. In the former Talook there seemed to be a general ignorance as to the taking place of the Exhibition; no exhibitors having been present on the appointed day, which caused a postponement of the award of prizes, for which eventually there was no lively competition.

20. My own belief is that unless full publicity of an intended Exhibition be made, at least three months before the season of cultivation, and the Exhibition be held immediately after harvest, but little practical good will be derived from such expenditure of the public money.

21. There can be little doubt but that at Exhibitions such as the one now reported on, many of the articles exhibited are not produced by the exhibitors, but purchased a few days previously.

22. The prices of grains and especially of Cotton, are so high that in this District the Ryots want no stimulus to grow them. I would therefore be inclined to limit in future, prizes to specimens of exotic and indigenous Cotton; of Fibres, Iron, Oils and Dyes, Sugar and Indigo, and perhaps Carpets and Cumblies.

23. As regards Cotton, length of staple, purity of fibre, and the acreage under cultivation should form special features.

24. I also think it would be highly beneficial if a prize of considerable amount were offered in each Talook for the best plantations of a year's growth of useful trees; a certain extent of land thus planted being an essential.

25. Owing to the highly remunerative prices for Sugar, Cotton and grain in this District, the Ryots are slow to avail themselves of the concessions made by Government with regard to planting of topes; and as regards the topes, raised at so great expense by Government, which have been sold to natives and those made over to descendants of the original planters, the trees are being gradually cut down, with a view to their sale, and to make way for cultivation.

26. Should the Government approve of my views, as expressed in paragraphs 22 to 24, I would draw out a scheme of a proposed Exhibition for the future.

27. In conclusion, I think it right to mention that I was not myself present in the District when the Exhibition now reported on was sanctioned, or when it took place.

Enclosure No. 1.

List showing the Articles exhibited during the recent Jummabundy Settlement, and of Prizes awarded to successful Competitors in the District of Bellary under the sanction of Government, dated 4th November 1863, No. 1,979.

| ARTICLES. | TALOOKS IN WHICH PRIZES WERE AWARDED BY THE ACTING COLLECTOR AT THE EXHIBITIONS. | | |

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ARTICLES.	TALOOKS IN WHICH PRIZES WERE AWARDED BY THE HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR.																TALOOKS IN WHICH PRIZES WERE AWARDED BY THE SUB-COLLECTOR.						TOTAL.	
	PENUKONDA.			ADVANI.			ALUR.			MADAKSIRA.			TOTAL.			BELLARY.			ADVANI.			TOTAL.		
	Gained by		Amount.	Gained by		Amount.	Gained by		Amount.	Gained by		Amount.	No. of persons.	Amount.		Gained by		Amount.	Gained by		Amount.	No. of persons.	Amount.	
Paddy ...	...		...	...		...	...		...	H. Sanki Goud.	15	25	3	40		...		...	...		...	...	...	4	65
Wheat ...	...		...	...		...	Sanjivi Reddi, Hanumata Reddi, and Gangadar Reddi...	15	15	G. Dasanna ...	10					...		...	...		...	...	...	3	15
White Javary ...	...		...	...		...	P. Gangadar Redds...	15	15	H. Bhimappa	15	30	3	30		...		...	...		...	2	30	2	30
Bengal Gram ...	...		...	...		...	Sanjivi Reddi	15	15	...	...	...	2	15		...		...	...		...	1	15	1	15
Corrala ...	...		...	...		...	P. Gangadar Reddi...	6	6	...	...	...	1	6		...		...	...		...	1	6	1	6
Ragulu ...	Rodam Rami Redi	10	10	H. Sanki Goud		5	Yenugala Dasana.	5	5	...	...	...	1	5		...		...	...		...	1	5	2	15
Anumulu ...	Yenugala Dasana.	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	5
Jaggery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	2	15
Tobacco ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	5
Cotton, cleaned ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	5
Cotton with seed...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	2	15
Coccanuts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	10
Plantains... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	H. Narrianappa	...	8	1	8		...		...	...		...	...	...	4	150
Woolen Carpets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hanumantu ...	...	5	1	5		...		...	...		...	...	...	2	18
Black Cumblies ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	5
Iron Stones ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	15
Dyeing Stuff (Maddichecka)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	10
Turmeric ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	2	20
Gogu Fibre ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	K. Venkatanarranapa.	...	10	1	10		...		...	...		...	...	...	2	20
Country Hemp ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Allagondi Gonda ...		15	1	15		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	10
Date Fibre ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	4	55
Kalabunda or wild Aloe Fibre ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	S. Maddileri Goud ...		10	1	10		...		...	...		...	...	...	3	30
Jilladi and Plantain Fibre ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Govinda Goud ...		15	1	15		...		...	...		...	...	...	3	20
Cotton Carpets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	De. ...		5	1	5		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	15
Cocoanut oil ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...	...		...	...	...	1	5
		3	30		10			6	51		10	98	13	128	2		25			3	35	11	111	45	569

RAMANDRUG, *1st June* 1864.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to repeat the experiment in the modified form suggested by him.

2. It is evident that circumstances were adverse on the last occasion.

No. 82.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1864, No. 1,161.

1. The Government consider that the Exhibition for a first attempt and under the serious disadvantages of brief notice and an unfavourable season, was reasonably successful. The Board will instruct Mr. Hathaway to give immediate notice of a similar Exhibition next year, and to submit a list of the prizes which he would propose. For those articles the production or improvement of which it is desirable to encourage, substantial prizes should be offered, while for ordinary produce the prizes should be only sufficient to enlist the interest of the agricultural community generally in the Exhibition. The extension of planting is of great importance, and the Government will be glad of the Collector's views on the subject.

2. *In future the Collector* will forward specimens of the more important products, such as Cotton, to which prizes are awarded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Rxd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

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Under date the 5th July 1864.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Submitting with the Board's recommendation, letter from the Collector of Bellary reporting on the Agricultural Exhibitions held in the District, during the last settlement.

(Here enter 20th June 1864 No. 3789)

The Government consider that the Exhibition for a first attempt are to encourage the various advantages of brief notices and an unfavorable season was reasonably successful. The Board will instruct Mr. Matthews to give an immediate

immediate notice of any similar Exhibition next year and to submit a list of the prizes which he would propose. For those articles the production or improvement of which it is desirable to encourage, substantial prizes should be offered, while for ordinary produce the prizes should be only sufficient to enlist the interest of the agricultural community generally in the exhibition. The extension of planting is of great importance and the Government will be glad of the Col. Lectors views on the subject.

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