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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th September 1864.

No. 406. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th September 1864,

No. 6,070.

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2. The occupiers of the various pieces of the gardens are both unable and unwilling to clear them, and in such a jungle, it would be unwise to employ convicts, as their opportunities of escape would be numerous. I have been trying for some time to get people to tender for the work of clearing, but none have come forward. It has been roughly calculated that the cost will be 2,000 Rupees, or two years' revenue; but even if it does cost so much, it will be money well laid out, as it will largely increase the quantity of land available for cultivation.

3. The neighbouring gardens and fields are also much infested with the prickly pear; but so long as the owners see close to them a Government property overrun as the Roshan Bagh is, they cannot be expected to set about clearing their ground, or to obey the orders of the Magistracy so often repeated to them to clear.

4. There are in the two gardens a good many old worn out trees and bushes adapted for firewood, that are now difficult to get at on account of the prickly pear; but I calculate that those trees, if hereafter felled, would fetch about 500 Rupees, and that sum could be also expended in the proposed work. The Roshan Bagh skirts the Mount road for about a mile, and in clearing that portion I propose to employ the few convicts I have at my disposal. Exclusive however of their assistance, and the 500 Rupees above-mentioned expected from wood, I do not think the work will be done under the sum of 2,000 Rupees, but as I shall be able to superintend it a good deal myself, I may perhaps be able to do it for a little less.

5. If the Board will sanction this proposal, I propose to take such sums as are immediately required, from the amount set apart for improvements in the Local Fund Budget for 1864-65, re-paying the same as the rents of the garden come in.

6. In both the above-named gardens, there are many fine wells, the walls of which have either tumbled in or are so out of repair as to be quite dangerous and unfit for use. After clearing away all the prickly pear, I should like to be allowed to repair all the wells, making thereby much ground round them fit for garden cultivation. After the whole property has been thoroughly cleared, I would beg to suggest that it would be a most proper spot for a model farm.

7. The extent is perhaps rather large; but all sorts of ground wet, dry, and garden is included in it and all sorts of soils; and without some such place, I do not exactly see how the agricultural machinery shortly expected from England can be properly exhibited. The Collector's Cutcherry is within the grounds, and to it Ryots from every part of the District are constantly coming. If model farming was conducted there, all these people would see it, and might learn something; whereas if the farm were a mile only away, not one in a hundred would go to see it. The parties attending the Cutcherry are also the very people for whose instruction I conclude these machines are being imported, and for whom therefore a model farm is requisite.

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2. The proposition to establish a Model farm in this favorable locality commends itself to the Board's judgment, but if approved by Government, it will need to be considered in more minute detail.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

[signature]
Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

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Submitting letter from the Collector of Madras and recommending that authority be given to expend Rupees 2,000 on necessary improvements to the Government properties designated the Roshan Bagh and Home's gardens.

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