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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th May 1865.*

No. 295. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1865.

Read the following letter from A. SMITH, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Salt, to E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Madras, 25th April 1865, No. 128 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 8th ultimo, No. 1,349, I have the honor to report that I exhibited the large chaff cutting machine therein referred to, both at the Madras Salt Kotar, and at the cart stand near Shulay.

2. The machine was made available for preparing the fodder of the cattle collected at these public places, and the facility with which straw was chopped by the machine and eaten by cattle, was readily acknowledged by the parties who witnessed the results.

3. While, however, admitting these obvious advantages, and recognizing as well the fact which I explained to them, that chopped straw was more easily digested than straw in its natural state, and that consequently a smaller quantity of the former, and therefore at less expense, would be required for the sustenance of cattle than of the latter, the spectators pleaded that poverty and the itinerating life they led, precluded their purchasing and carrying about a machine which would itself require a cart and pair of bullocks for its transport from place to place.

4. I expected no better results from the exhibition of the machine to these poverty-stricken people. It appears to me that if European implements are to be introduced into this country, in supercession of the primitive and rude machinery in use, the co-operation of the better-informed and wealthier classes of natives should be enlisted. If some of the latter set the example of adopting European implements, those below them in the social scale, if in a position to do so, are sure to follow in their footsteps. I have, therefore, much pleasure in stating that the following gentlemen, having seen the machine in working order, have expressed a desire to obtain one each of the smaller descriptions, the price of which is, I believe, £3-10 :—

C. Vadachellum Mudelliar, Zemindar of Chunambut.

P. Veerpermal Pillai of the firm of Appasawmy Pillai & Co.

T. Vencatanarain Pillai, a wealthy land-holder and salt manufacturer.

Mr. D. D'Rozario, Commissariat Contractor, Boat Contractor, and Salt manufacturer.

5. I observe from an Order* of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 25th March last, No. 664, that they have sanctioned the making up of some ploughs at the Gun Carriage Manufactory at prime cost *minus* the charge for superintendence. Perhaps the chaff cutting machines now applied for might be made up at the same place, and if possible of a simpler mode of construction, so that in the event of their getting out of order any village artisan may be able to set them right again. This, I submit, is a point of great importance in the introduction of European machinery into this country, as the reluctance so generally prevalent to their adoption is mainly due to the doubt entertained by natives as to the practicability of their being repaired by the ordinary workmen available, in the event of their being in any way injured.

6. I beg that you will be so good as to obtain the Board's order as to the disposal of the chaff cutting machine now reported upon.

No. 111.

Forwarded to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 8th March 1865, No. 1,349.

ON CIRCUIT, TRIVATTUR,
3rd May 1865.

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE, Collector.

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Submitted for the information of Government. The names of the gentlemen who desire to have the chaff cutting machine will be entered in the Board's list. The Board would suggest that the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory be requested to report whether such implements could be cheaply made up in this country. The machine may be returned to the Board's Office for despatch to the Remount Depot.

No. 296.

ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1865, No. 1,033.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Board will forward the cheaper description of Chaff Cutter to the Mint Master and Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, in order that estimates may be prepared of the cost of making up similar machines at those Establishments. The machines should be simplified as much as possible.

2. The Government are gratified at the trouble taken by Mr. Smith in this matter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Mint Master.
,, the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exl. S. T. Augustin.

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Madras
Secy to Govt Office
25 April 1865.

Char. & Co.
Signed A. Smith
Off Collector.

True Copy

No 111

Forwarded to the Asst Secretary to
the Board of Revenue with reference
to their Proceedings dated 8th March
1865 No 1349.

Madras
Secy to Govt Office
25 April 1865.

Signed E. Fairer
Collector.

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