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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th August 1865.

No. 190. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st July 1865, No. 4,495.

Read the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th July 1865, No. 115 :—

SIR,

Government Order, No. 732 of the 27th April 1864, embodied in Board's communication of the 29th idem.
Government Proceedings, No. 1,161 of 5th July 1864, communicated through the Board on the 8th idem.
Collector's letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd July 1864, No. 123.

1. I have the honor, with reference to the correspondence marginally noted, to submit my Report upon the Agricultural Exhibitions held by myself and my Acting Sub-Collector, during the recent Annual settlement or Jummahbundy.

2. The result, I regret to observe, has not equalled my original expectations.

3. This may be attributed partly to the apathy of the Tahsildars, whose duty it was to apprize the people of the object of the proposed exhibitions, and of the people themselves, who probably found that with the stimulus of abnormally high prices for cotton and the principal cereals, the pursuit of their ordinary avocations was more attractive, and partly to the fact that the final sanction of Government for the amount and nature of the prizes to be awarded, was not received by me till the settlement of seven Talooks had nearly been completed.

4. I was thus of necessity obliged to modify somewhat my original intention of holding a separate exhibition in each Talook at the time of its settlement.

5. The Acting Sub-Collector, Mr. Reid, has, in his Report upon the exhibitions held in his division, expressed his opinion that it would be more advantageous to allot prizes only for exotic articles, such as Imphee seed, &c., and the Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Lilly, is of opinion that prizes in the shape of medals and bangles, with suitable inscriptions engraved thereon, would be more attractive than money prizes.

6. In these views I concur. Cotton, exotic and indigenous; imphee seed, oils and fibres; indigo; iron and iron-ore, would, in my opinion, be suitable objects for competition.

7. The accompanying Statement shews that prizes, (ranging in value from Rupees 5 to 40) were awarded by myself and Mr. Reid to the aggregate value of Rupees 665; being less by Rupees 1,975 than the sum sanctioned by Government.

8. No prizes were allotted by Mr. Lilly. He reports that during the settlement of the Talook of Huvinhadgali, no articles were submitted for exhibition; while at the exhibition held at Hurpunhalli, the few articles shewn were of a very ordinary quality, and in quantity much below the prescribed minimum.

9. On the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 31 of the 9th January 1865, approving of the list of articles to be exhibited, and which was communicated to me through the Proceedings of the Board, No. 198 of the 12th idem, I published in the District Gazette a second notice of the dates on which the several exhibitions would be held.

10. To decide what articles were most worthy of the prizes, (subject to my confirmation as President,) a small Sub-Committee of two Jurors and an Umpire was selected from the respectable ryots or merchants, and suitable measures were taken by me to prevent their knowing who the exhibitors of any article were. They were admitted, and the prizes allotted previous to the admission of the general spectators, who, thus, on entry were able also to see who had in each class been the successful exhibitors. The prizes were subsequently distributed by the President in presence of the assembly.

11. For prizes awarded for cotton there were throughout the District eighteen competitors, of whom four obtained prizes. The best cotton was that exhibited at Tadipatri, where also an extra prize of Rupees 25 (which, though it did not figure in the list of prizes for this Talook, is included in the aggregate sum alluded to in paragraph 7) was given by me for American cotton.

12. Cotton, ginned and unginned, was exhibited in the six Talooks marginally noted; and prizes were awarded for the specimens deemed worthy of one with reference to color, length of staple, &c.

Tadipatri.	Kudlighi.
Gooty.	Raidrug.
Alur.	Bellary.

13. Of fibres—specimens of kuttalivara, gogimara, jannapa vara, or the country hemp; aloes, or kalabunda; date fibre, zilladuvara, cocoanut, and bandikaya vara, &c., were exhibited by twenty-two individuals, of whom eight gained prizes.

14. Wheat and rice were exhibited by four individuals, of whom one obtained prize for the former cereal, and two received extra prizes for the latter.

15. One prize was awarded for the best specimen of "Maddicheckka," or dyeing stuff; and an exhibitor of woollen carpets in Bellary obtained a second prize for a handsome carpet 20 square yards in size.

16. Three prizes were awarded for the best specimens of iron and iron-ore from the Talooks of Hospett and Kudlighi (the exhibition being a joint one); and two prizes were gained for black cumlbies woven in the latter Talook, in which they are made of a very superior quality.

17. Tobacco (exhibited in Hospett) obtained a prize, as did also ippee oil, sugar-candy, jaggery, country paper, earth salt, coffee, and inphee* seed. The samples, however, of saltpetre, white sugar, articles carved in marble stone, and of mokkajonna, or Indian corn, which latter was exhibited by four persons in the Talooks of Raidrug, Kudlighi, and Madaksera, were of an ordinary quality, as was also the tobacco exhibited at Gooty.

* Hospett Talook, Madukserat.

18. The Talook which made the best show was that of Tadapatri; a sample having been there exhibited of almost every article for which a prize had been offered.

19. Nowhere else was good Indigo exhibited. Four persons competed for this prize; of whom two were successful. Very superior trotting-bullocks also, for which no prizes had been offered, were exhibited by their owners; and there seemed a general wish on the part of the people to make the exhibition an attractive one by sending things not entered in the prize list.

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20. Some large thin cakes of singularly pure chunam attracted my attention; and learning that it came from some hills at Oopalapaud, distant some 12½ miles, I paid this place a visit, and was well re-paid for doing so.

21. Oopalapaud itself is situated about one and half mile to the south of the valley, where the range of hills takes somewhat the shape of the letter C, and in their centre is a waterfall, which, in the wet weather, is very beautiful. Ferns and mosses growing most luxuriantly on the banks along the whole of its course. The spring, which is a natural one, rises almost at the very top of the hill, and is probably supplied from another spring on the higher hills two or three miles distant. The water is very pure; and even during the hot weather never entirely ceases to flow. The villagers have utilized it for "wet" cultivation by bending its course round the face of the hill, and it has worn in the lime-stone a snowy white channel, the blades of grass on the sides of which are encrusted with lime.

22. At the top of the hills the formation is, I believe, calcareous serpentine; but lower down we meet with a lime-stone exceedingly pure, producing a chunam as white as snow, and well adapted for all Engineering purposes. There are large caves in this formation (containing vegetable fossils) some of which must have penetrated several hundred feet into the rock.

23. There is also to be found, a few miles from Oopalapaud, a very good sand-stone, admirably adapted for building purposes which will be most valuable to the Railway Company when their works reach near to this point.

24. About three thousand persons were assembled when the exhibition was held at Tadipatri; and about one thousand at the one held at Gooty (where was also held the exhibition for Adoni); while in Bellary, during the joint exhibition for it and the Talook of Raidrug, the attendance was small. At Hospett and Kudlighi it was tolerably numerous.

25. In conclusion, I would observe that, as directed in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, No. 1,161 of the 5th July last, I have forwarded by banghy five specimens of the best articles exhibited, as also of the chunam alluded to above.

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3. Though the Collector has not made any proposal for Exhibitions for next year, the Board think that one or two might with advantage be held at central places, and they resolve to request the permission of Government to call upon Mr. Hathaway to submit proposals in accordance with the views expressed by him in paragraph 6 of his letter for the purpose.

No. 191. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1865, No. 1,870.

Miscellaneous.

1. Government observe that although the results of the Exhibition have not satisfied the Collector or the Board, it appears to have been far more successful than the one held in 1864, and to have excited greater interest amongst the people.

2. Under these circumstances, Government consider it desirable that the experiment should be repeated next year in those Talooks where it is most likely to succeed, and desire the Board to make the requisite arrangements in concert with Mr. Hathaway.

3. Paragraphs 20—23 of Mr. Hathaway's letter will be communicated to the Public Works Department, and to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

4. The specimens received with the above Proceedings will be returned to the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Department Public Works.
,, the Financial Railway Department.

Exd. T.' O'Connor.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with two enclosures.

Copy to A. Hathaway, Esq., Collector of Bellary.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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Dated 31st July 1865.

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No 4,495.

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Submitting, with remarks, report from Collector of Bellary on Agricultural exhibitions held during recent Jummabundy of District, and requesting permission to call upon that Officer to submit proposals for future exhibition of certain articles.

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11 Augt 1865.