

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2984

Press
~~Mis.~~

13-14

Dated

6

12

1865.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th December 1865.*

No. 13. Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Government Farm Committee, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th November 1865:—

1. With reference to the Order of Government, No. 732, dated 4th April 1865, I am directed by the Managing Committee for the experimental Farm at Saidapett to submit an abstract of expenditure for the quarter which ended on the 31st ultimo, together with a brief report of their proceedings.

2. The Committee desire me to say that it will be more convenient and satisfactory if they be permitted to report annually instead of quarterly, as they would be thus able to show the expected out-turn of the Farm contrasted with the expenditure.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1865, No. 2,984.

Miscellaneous.

1. The report of the Committee is satisfactory, and Government are much indebted to them for the trouble they have taken in conducting the operations of the Farm.

2. For the present Government consider it desirable to have quarterly reports of progress.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Honorary Secretary to the Farm Committee.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Report

Superintendent. The Committee have greatly felt, and still feel, the want of a thoroughly efficient and trustworthy Superintendent. Corporal Lynn, although willing, and intelligent, having been found unequal to the general duties and having little or no knowledge of Farming, it was found necessary to dispense with his services, and Mr. J. Williams who was formerly Gardener at Gundry Park, was appointed, on trial, in his place on the 1st October. He is an excellent Gardener, but the Committee have doubts as to his possessing a sufficient knowledge of Farming on Account Keeping.

Cultivation. Prickly pear has been successfully kept down all over the

the Farm and wherever the roots of the cleared brushwood have put forth shoots, they have been stubbed up. The expense of stubbing up a large area of land which was so lately covered with thick tangled brushwood has proved great, but it was unavoidable. About 50 acres of this land after being thoroughly ploughed and cross ploughed have been lately sown with Cholum and gram. A field of about 2 acres has been carefully prepared for irrigation and has been planted with Lucerne, Guinea grass, Chinese Sugar grass (Amphoe) and Clover and an adjacent field is now being prepared for *Thuriala* Grass. These two will be watered by means of the Wind Engine. Two acres of guinea grass have also been planted out, and highly

Roads & hedges.

Buildings.

highly manured ground, which the Committee proposed to water by means of a Disc Pump constructed at the Gun Carriage Manufactory but the power required to work it was too great for Coolies to be economically employed, a Picottah has been substituted.

Several new cross roads have been designed and marked out and hedges have been planted at their sides, as well as along the two main roads which intersect the Farm.

The Farm Buildings and Pigstyes have been completed, with the exception of a portion of the flooring on which Asphalt is now being laid down. They have been substantially built, the greater part of the Materials viz. Bricks, Tiles

Tiles and woodwork having
been manufactured on the Farm.
They consist of two good store
rooms for grain, seeds &c., a
shed for implements, and a
shed for cattle, all tile-roofed.
The buildings are on three sides
of a quadrangle. the pigstyes,
manure heap, and cistern
for liquid manure being at
the back. Shelter for the
ploughs and other large
implements and Machinery,
is much required and the
Committee propose to construct
a suitable shed with corrugated
iron roof on masonry pillars.
The Wind Engine was put up
in September and works well.
A reservoir has been built
and a channel nearly com-
pleted, leading the water
to

Live Stock

to a commanding point from whence a
considerable area of ground can be
irrigated.

The live stock on the Farm con-
sists of the following -

1. Bull (Prize Bull at the Adumby
Cattle show)
12. Working Bullocks.
40. Sheep and Lambs of Coimbatore.
Myene and half bred
Marino breed.

8 English Pigs.
Pigeons.

Manure.

The Committee have succeeded
in establishing a cart stand at
the cart corner of the Farm from
which a good supply of manure
is now obtained. Two shops were
constructed at a trifling expense,
at the Gateway, which are rented
for Rupee 1-8-00 a month by
persons who supply the cart
men with grain and fodder.

An Abstract of the
expenditure for the quarter
ending 31st October is appended

accounting

amounting to Rupees 3,270-12-2 -
 which added to the expenditure
 of the previous quarter vizt. Rs. 3,566-10-7.
 makes a Total of Rupees 6,837-6-9.

Abstract of Expenditure.

	1 st Quarter.	2 nd Quarter.
Labour on Farm	428-11-"	782-1-7.
Pay of Establishment	278-10-7	624-12-11.
Farm Buildings Wind Engine, Pumps & Wells	412-8-2	908-6-3.
Repair of old Buildings	411-""	" - ""
Purchase of Live Stock	1,005-15-"	1,444-8-"
Purchase of Carts	161-15-9	48-""
Purchase of Implements	9-""	16-9-"
Food for Live Stock	245-1-9	294-14-11
Manure.	160-5-4	23-12-"
Sundries including Books & Stationery	453-7-"	124-10-5
Compensation for rented land resumed & Rato removed	} "" "" 232-""	
Purchase of seeds	" - ""	71-1-1
Total	3,566-10-7	3,270-12-2 3,566-10-7

Grand Total 6,837-6-9

Michael. Major.

Privy Secretary to the
 Govt. Farm Committee

Madras
 30th Nov-1865

822984.

The report of the
Com^{tee} is satisfactory
and the fact are much
indebted to them for
the trouble they have
taken in conducting
the operations of the
Farm.

WV

WV

For the present fact
consider it desirable
to have quarterly re-
ports of progress.

5th St. Farming Society
Farm Committee
Dec 1868

L D S
Dec
1868

Dec 24/65

Pro. 4 April 1865

Rev. 1865. Vap.
Pro. of Govt for Dep. Sec.
from

Major J. K. Nichols
Hon. Sec. Govt. Term.

to the Sec. & Govt.
Revenue Dept.

Dated 30th }
Recd. 10th Dec. } Nov. 1865
Enclosure - 1.

Submits quarterly
Report of Proceedings
of Govt. Term
Committee.

By J. K. Nichols
With an enclosure

N. B. 14