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No. 453. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1866, No. 4,792.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 19th June 1866, No. 158:—

1. I have the honor, with reference to Proceedings quoted in margin, to submit my proposition for the Cattle Show, which it is in contemplation to hold at Gudiatum towards the end of the year.

Dated 9th May 1866, No. 3,278.

2. A prize list, drawn up on the basis of those already sanctioned for the two Salem Shows, is appended.

3. I have given these papers my best consideration, and have asked the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant Collector, to offer any suggestions which might occur to them in connexion with the project. My first proposition contemplated a purely local exhibition, but as Government desire to make the experiment on a larger scale, I have adopted a suggestion of Mr. Price's, and would now propose that a certain proportion of prizes only should be open to general competition, and that the others should be awarded exclusively to local exhibitors. We should thus, I think, have a better chance of realizing some of the advantages to which Mr. Thomas alludes in paragraph 3 of his letter, and in providing against our local competitors, being absolutely beaten on their own ground, should awaken a wholesome measure of emulation without any of those feelings of mortification and bitterness, which might be fatal to local enterprize, if defeated at all points in its first essay. If Government are not disposed to accept this view, I can easily modify the prize list, so as to fulfil the purposes of a show open in all respects to general competition.

4. I have not entered any prizes for ponies, as the District is utterly unsuited for the successful breeding of horses, and any effort in this direction would prove fruitless. But I think the project would be very incomplete, if it did not include prizes for the principal agricultural staples of the District, and I have, accordingly, provided in my list for a *general* and *local* competition in such products. It was this feature in the programme which made the Sircy scheme in February 1856, (the only project of the kind with which I have yet been personally connected,) one of the most successful on record.

5. In adding sugar-candy to my list, I should mention that the local article has a high repute in the general market, and is worthy of every encouragement. I am sending samples to the Central Committee for the Paris Exhibition.

6. Silk-worms and raw silk in cocoon deserve likewise a place in the list. In the Gudiatum Talook, and the neighbourhood of Vellore, some of the best land is under mulberry crop, and being a somewhat costly and precarious branch of industry, it merits our best encouragement. In entering general prizes for silkworms and silk in cocoon, the object I propose to myself is to invite competition from Bangaloro and other parts of Mysore, where, I hear, much attention is being bestowed on the improvement of the breed of worm, and thereby to give a new stimulus to the local branch of this most useful industry.

7. It does not occur to me that my prize list calls for further explanation.

8. My proposition to hold the show at Gudiatum appears to have the general acceptance of the local officers. I would propose that it should be opened on the 12th December, and close on the evening of the 14th. This arrangement would, I believe, be convenient with respect to the dates fixed for the two Salem Shows.

9. Leaving the question of prize juries and other minor preliminaries to the Local Committees, which will be formed as soon as Government have approved of the General, I would only recommend, in conclusion, that the experiment with the steam plough ordered in the papers noted in the margin, should come off during the second day of the show, and that specimens of the chain pump and other useful agricultural implements and appliances should be furnished for exhibition from the Sydapett Farm. The two small ploughs, made up at the Gun Carriage Manufactory for the Sub-Collector and myself, might likewise be exhibited at work on the occasion.

Board's Procs. dated 18th January 1866, No. 445.
Do. dated 27th March ,, ,, 2,189.

10. Government will probably be willing to leave the preparation of the few simple rules which may be required to the Local Committee.

11. The total cost of such a show as I propose will be some Rupees 1,650, but if Government are of opinion that the number and value of the prizes under some of the items may be advantageously increased, I would ask that a grant of Rupees 1,800 should be sanctioned for expenditure.

List of Prizes to be competed for at the Agricultural Show to be held at Gudiatum during the 12th, 13th, and 14th of December next.

OPEN TO GENERAL COMPETITION.

	Rs.
Best bull not under three and over eight years of age	70
Second best do.	50
Best bull calf	25
Second do.	15
Best cow with calf at side	50
Second best do.	35
Best pair of heifers	50
Best pair of working oxen	70
Second do. do.	45

IMPLEMENTS.

Best specimen of plough	20
Do. of cart	20
Do. mamoty	5
Do. pick-axe	5
Do. codavali	5
Do. coduval	5
Do. aruval	5

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Best samples of rice, first sort, (quality and preparation,) quantity eight Madras measures	20
Best samples of rice, second sort, (quality and preparation,) quantity eight Madras measures	15
Best specimen of tobacco from foreign seed grown in Presidency, half maund...	20
Do. indigenous do.	15
Best specimen of indigo, half maund	30
Do. sugar do.	30
Do. sugar-candy do.	35
Best basket of silk worms	35
Silk in cocoon, a viss	30

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FOR *local* COMPETITION.

	Rs.
Best bull, above three and under eight	60
Second best do. do.	35
Third do. do.	25
Pair best of yearling bulls do.	50
Second best pair do.	30
Best cow with calf at side	35
Second best do. do.	25
Best pair of heifers	35
Best pair of working oxen under seven years	50
Second best do. do.	35
Best buffaloe bull	30
Do. cow buffaloe	25
Best pair of plough	35
Best pen of sheep not less than six	35
Second best do.	25
Best pair goats, male and female	10
Do. fowls, one cock and five hens	10
Second best do.	5
Best specimen rice, first sort, quantity eight Madras measures...	15
Do. second do. do. ...	10
Do. third do. do. ...	5
Best tobacco from foreign seed grown in Zillah, half maund ...	20
Best indigenous tobacco, half maund	15
Second best do. do.	10
Do. indigo, two viss	25
Second best do.	15
Best specimen sugar, half maund...	25
Second best do. do.	15
Best specimen sugar-candy, half maund...	30
Second best do. do.	20
Best basket silk worms	30
Silk in cocoon, one viss	25
Sundries	125
Total...	1,650

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON, *Collector.*

PALMANAIR,
19*th June* 1866.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 3rd May 1866, No. 1,055

2. The Board approve of the Collector's proposals, and recommend them for adoption.

No. 454. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1866, No. 1,836.

Land Revenue.

The proposals appear unobjectionable, and are sanctioned; but with reference to the unfavorable circumstances of the year, the failure of crops, and the mortality among cattle, the Government consider that the show had better be postponed for a year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Rtd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 13th July 1866.
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No. 4,792.

Recommending for adoption proposals of Collector of North Arcot for Cattle Show to be held at Goodiattum.

Ct 18 Sept. to July

With order

No 453-457.