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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th January 1866.*

No. 106. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th November 1865, No. 7,653.

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6. However, putting aside personal feeling, the question arose, whether there would be any real advantage to the State in my continuing to exert myself in this line; and in spite of the favorable remarks which the Government and the Board were kindly pleased to pass on my efforts, I thought there would not. Seeing that the stud farm had been selected as a place for a central Exhibition for the Presidency, and for experiments on an extended scale; that it was only four miles from my head quarters, and that the head of that stud, in the letter which was published with the Government endorsement above quoted, looked upon my efforts as superfluous, if not antagonistic; I thought it better on all grounds that I should withdraw. I therefore, returned to intending purchasers the monies they had paid me, and advised them to apply to Colonel Thompson; and I discouraged all further applications to myself, by telling applicants that I had no ploughs, &c., that Colonel Thompson lived only four miles off, and had greater facilities and equal will for shewing and procuring them agricultural implements.

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7. Having, therefore, once withdrawn from taking any further personal action in the matter of agricultural implements, I am inclined to think the Board will also be of opinion that it is not advisable, under these circumstances, that I should exhibit winnowing machines, as I had once proposed.

8. While, however, desiring to avoid contention, and withdrawing from a project in which I had unfortunately taken too warm an interest, I thought I might still take up another branch of the same subject without trenching on debatable ground, and I determined to see if I could do any thing towards effecting an improvement of the means of draft. Though wealthy Ryots have a few pairs of bullocks heavy enough for English ploughs, the majority of the cattle is too small. I, therefore, spoke personally to three large cattle breeders, and they have requested me to procure them each one full grown bull from Nellore, and have paid me the necessary money in advance. Though the Nellore bull is a loosely knit animal, his cross will add much weight to the cattle of these breeders, which do not want in hardiness and activity.

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ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1866, No. 55.

Miscellaneous.

The Government concur in the views expressed in paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, and they remark further that Mr. Thomas' proceedings are opposed to the orders conveyed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd November 1864.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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For Secretary.

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

Copy to the Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

Exd. J. Wright.

Rev. 1865 Department,

No. 3194
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Dated 30th November 1865.

No. 7,653.

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