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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 824

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th April 1866.*

No. 101. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1866, No. 1,962.*

Read the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th February 1866, No. 180 :—

Referring to the Board's Proceedings, dated 10th January last, No. 177, I have the honor to forward herewith translation of a letter from the Honorable the Maharajah of Vizianagram's Manager, on the trials made by him, during the past year, with the agricultural implement supplied with the Board's No. 253, dated 8th March 1865.

Translation of a letter from the Acting Manager of the Honorable the Maharajah of Vizianagram.

1. I have received your letter of the 19th instant, and in reply, beg to state that I have been carrying on cultivation with English plough, and other agricultural implements, both in the "Pulbagh," and other gardens of the Honorable the Maharajah, and in the neighbouring villages by means of the man named Rubin Atkins, whom you were pleased to get from Madras through Doctor Hunter at my request so soon as those implements had been received here, and whom I have retained on a salary of Rupees 25 a month. I was present myself on two or three occasions, and observed the operation. I find that the benefit to be derived from the use of the said plough, is four times greater than that of the country implements; for, with the latter the land is usually ploughed four times before the soil could be turned up to a foot in depth and a foot in breadth, while the same could be done by half a foot broader with a single operation by the English plough; but the drawback is that the ordinary kind of cattle of this country are not strong enough to drag them, it requires larger description of bullocks, &c., which are of greater value. If one could afford a large outlay of expense for the first time, it would doubtless prove beneficial eventually, both in respect of labor and expense. Greater advantage can likewise be derived by the introduction of the horse hoe, and the scythes, than by the country ones.

2. At present, however, there being no rain for a long time, much has not been done by the English plough; it has been used only where it has been practicable. In the approaching rainy season I hope to have done much by these implements, and not only to make the Ryots of the neighbouring villages acquainted with the use of them, but also to get similar instruments made up here.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) B. HORSBURGH,
Asst., for Collector.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The testimony is valuable and interesting as conveying almost the first assurance of the successful use of the English implements in native farming.
3. The Collector will be good enough to obtain a further report after the next season of cultivation.

No. 102.

ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1866, No. 824.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 20th March 1866.

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No. 1,962.

Submitting letter from Collector of Vizagapatam forwarding report of the Manager of Maharajah of Vizianagram on trials made with English Agricultural Implements supplied to him.

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