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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th May 1867.

No. 231. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd May 1867, No. 2,687.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 6th April 1867, No. 86:—

1. I have the honour, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December last, No. 880, to report, for the information of the Board, that cattle disease of a virulent type having broken out in Arconum neighbourhood, Mr. Thacker was asked to visit the affected tract. This Mr. Thacker was able to accomplish, and the results of his observations are recorded in his letter to my Acting Head Assistant Mr. Wilkinson, dated 26th ultimo, of which a copy is herewith forwarded for the information of the Board.

2. It is very gratifying to find that the people are, to some degree, alive to the importance of separating the diseased from the healthy cattle.

3. I propose embodying Mr. Thacker's observations in a Circular to accompany the vernacular translation of the recipes received with the Board's Proceedings of the 27th ultimo, No. 1,933, now under preparation for the Gazette.

From Veterinary Surgeon, J. THACKER, to the Acting Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot, dated Arconum, 26th March 1867.

1. *Having completed my investigation of the cattle sickness existing to a greater or less degree* in the villages of Chittoor, Attupaukam, Punivaram, Manavantangal, Kilandaray, Nagavadoo, and Pallavarum, I have the honour to report that the disease Vekkai வைக்கை is a type of Rinderpest.

2. It is both infectious and contagious, and I have found, with much satisfaction, that all necessary steps towards preventing the spread of the disease have been carried out by the village people. The healthy cattle of a village where the disease appears to have been were all removed some distance outside, and picketed in numerous small detachments around. The men in attendance upon them, to a certain extent, do not attend upon sick animals. By such means, so willingly carried out by the villagers, I hope soon to hear of the cessation of the disease, and I would respectfully beg to suggest, that under such willing labours of the people amongst themselves to extinguish the disease, that the more rigorous measure of the Cattle Plague Act may be held in abeyance. I would further beg to bring to your notice the ready compliance of the villagers of Pallavarum to destroy all skins, &c., and to bury the cattle which die of this sickness.

3. I have seen seventeen animals labouring under various stages of the disease in Pallavarum, for which I have desired medicine to be sent you without delay. You may remark that I have apportioned only small doses, as I find the cattle of this village much stunted in growth and in very poor condition, and think that a half-powder morning and evening quite sufficient dose for such animals

4. I find statically that the cattle of the six prior named villages have died to a larger extent, as of 300 attacked, 250 died and 50 only recovered, whereas in the village of Pallavarum of 128 attacked, 65 recovered. Such striking contrast I find to have arisen from the care and attention of the latter village people, having saved them by daily administerings of quantities of gruel, a matter of great consequence, and one which I would beg to suggest your encouraging to your utmost in any such other villages where this practice does not obtain. I think with liberal potations of gruel and distribution of the murrain powders prescribed in my pamphlet, many recoveries may be effected, but in conclusion I would wish prominently to advise the system of segregation carried out at Pallavarum being more extensively known and recommended to any other village which become infected.

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1. The Collector's proposals in paragraph 3 are approved.
2. His letter, with its enclosure, will be submitted for the information of Government.

No. 232.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1867, No. 1,098.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Approving proposal of Collector of North Arcot for embodying in Circular Mr Thacker's observations on the cattle disease that prevailed in Arconum neighbourhood, and submitting the same to Government.

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