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27th April 1868.*

No. 602. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th April 1868, No. 2,603 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Allur, in Nellore talook, 18th February 1868, No. 478.

1. I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Nellore Horticultural Society setting forth the aims and objects of the Society, its past efforts and success, and seeking an annual grant-in-aid from Government in an amount equal to the sum raised for prizes by subscriptions by the community.

2. Hitherto the Society has been a private one, practically confined to the encouragement of the growth of flowers, fruits, and vegetables, within the station of Nellore, and for this purpose the European and Native community have raised for the last three years on an average Rupees 150 a year to be distributed in prizes.

3. If Government are pleased to give the grant-in-aid now sought, it is proposed to extend the objects of the Association by making it Agri-Horticultural, and offering prizes for the best show of the different cereals grown in the district; the various artificial grasses that may be raised for fodder, and the different special products such as Cotton, Indigo, Tobacco, Sugar-cane, Arrow-root, Tapioca, &c., whose cultivation as articles of commerce it is desirable to encourage.

4. The Government have, for the last thirteen years, sanctioned the holding of Agricultural and Industrial exhibitions from time to time in different districts. The present Agri-Horticultural Society would not in any way propose to take the place of such an exhibition. It is simply a local effort to keep up, by continuous encouragement on a small scale, the competition, to excel which, the Government exhibitions from time to time excite. The effort to obtain excellence in production should be continuous and progressive, and not spasmodic. In the district of Nellore the cultivation of native fruits and vegetables is greatly neglected. The district in this respect offers a great contrast to Vizagapatam. I trust that the Board will, on these grounds, support the application which I now forward, and recommend an annual grant-in-aid in support of the local movement for the encouragement of Agri-Horticulture.

From E. E. LLOYD, Esq., Honorary Secretary to the Nellore Horticultural Society, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 15th February 1868.

1. In the month of August 1865, I put in circulation a paper with a view of ascertaining the sense of the community of this town as to getting up and inaugurating a Horticultural Society to be known as the "Nellore Horticultural Society," the principal objects of which Society were—

1st.—To procure seeds, both European and Native, from the best sources.

2nd.—To encourage and aid the introduction among the Natives of European and foreign varieties of flowers, vegetables and fruits, as also to improve the native indigenous products.

3rd.—To infuse a spirit of emulation and competition among the producers, as well as its interest and amusement to them.

4th.—To hold an annual exhibition and to award prizes for the best collection shown by each year. The idea was readily taken up and most warmly responded to. The first year we had

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sixteen gentlemen enrolled as members, four of whom were influential Natives, and it is now recognised by the Society at Madras as "Corresponding Society."

5th.—It was presumed that a monthly subscription of one (1) Rupee would be sufficient to defray the cost of seeds and other incidental expenses, but that a list for donations to a prize fund would be necessary.

2. At a general meeting, a Committee of five of the members (including the Secretary) was appointed to attend to the working and to frame a code of rules for the management of the Society.

The first Show was held on the 24th February 1866, at which many exhibitors came forward, both Europeans and Natives, and the collections both of flowers and vegetables were beyond praise, one of the judges being Dr. Cleghorn, who spoke of the Show in very favorable terms.

This is the third year of its existence, and to show the flourishing state it is in, I beg to enclose an extract of the accounts of last year.

3. Though each year the Natives have come forward in increasing numbers competing for prizes for the best show of vegetables and fruits, a fourth part of the donations, as a rule, being always set aside exclusively for the Native exhibitors, I am now very anxious to see the benefits of the Society extended. I would have it not merely Horticultural but Agri-Horticultural, and have a prize list of a far wider range extending as follows:—

To the best show of cereal grains—the different varieties of Paddy and Rice.

- " show of Cholum, Raggi, &c.
- " Fodder for cattle, both dry and green.
- " Grasses, Guine, Hurryali, Lucerne, &c.
- " Arrow-root, Tapioca, &c.
- " Green-ginger, Turmeric, &c.
- " Coriander, Aniseed, &c.
- " Tobacco, Cotton in pods, &c.

4. This extra expenditure would, however, amount to more than I could expect to collect privately from the well-wishers of the Society in the station. I, therefore, request that you will be pleased to give us your support, and if you think fit, forward this letter to Government with a recommendation from you asking them to afford us their consideration and aid, and if they would be pleased to give us a grant to the same amount that we are able to collect here each year to be added to the prize fund, it would be a boon to the Society, and it would create among the exhibitors, but more especially among the Native portion, a greater spirit of enterprise when they know that the Society is recognised by Government. I also believe that it would tend greatly to the improvement in the growth more particularly of those articles of commerce enumerated above, as the spirit of competition would be greater and consequently greater pains, care, and attention would be bestowed on their cultivation.

I append a table shewing the amount collected as donations for prizes in each year:—

Amount collected in 1866	...	Rupees 121.
" 1867	...	" 173.
" 1868	...	" 154.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Extracts from the accounts of Horticultural Society, enclosed in letter of Honorary Secretary to the Nellore Horticultural Society, dated 15th February 1863.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government.
2. The Board are of opinion that the resident should be promoted to the Society, and that an occasional Agricultural Exhibition in the best mode in which Government can give to agricultural progress.

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No. 603.

ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1868, No. 1,128.

Miscellaneous.

The Government concur in opinion with the Board that the case is not one for State support.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Dantleman.

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