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Government of Madras.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th October 1868.

No. 206. Read the following letter from the Colonial Secretary at Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Colombo, 19th September, 1868, No. 42:—

1. Adverting to my letter of the 27th June last, I am directed to transmit to you copies of the letters marginally noted, from which it will be seen that it is doubtful whether the Mysore Cattle are suitable for breeding with the ordinary native cattle of Ceylon.

Mr. C. E. Elliott, Madras, to Colonial Secretary, August, 1868.
Secretary, Cattle Commission, to Colonial Secretary, 10th September, 1868.

2. In these circumstances, His Honor the Officer Administering the Government would be obliged if you would be good enough, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras, to give directions for the selection of a few bulls of the breed which may be considered, in the opinion of the authorities to whom your Government refers such matters, to be best suited to cross with the cattle of this country.

From C. E. ELLIOTT, Esq., to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary at Colombo, dated Madras, August, 1868.

1. Having accidentally learnt that you have applied to the Madras Government to obtain a supply of Mysore bulls for Ceylon, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that having seen and examined the Mysore Cattle, it is my opinion that they will not answer for breeding with the ordinary village cows of the Island.

2. Undoubtedly the former are fine, strong, active, and generally useful, as draught bullocks, but I fear far too big for our small cows. I was out at the Model Farm this morning with Mr. Dalyell (Revenue Secretary to Government) and Mr. Sim (of the Revenue Board); from what I was able to tell these gentlemen, they are of opinion that a smaller class of animal of a good breed would better answer our requirements, and that in importing Mysore bulls the Ceylon authorities were falling into the mistake committed by the Madras Government some years ago, when they sent Nellore and other large bulls down to Tinnevelly and Tanjore for a similar purpose, but found that these beasts of a bigger growth would have nothing to do with the ordinary sized but small country cows.

3. Mr. Sim further thinks that bulls of the breeds known as Poonganore (Arcot) and Congeum (Salem) would be more suitable.

4. In conclusion, I would recommend that either photographs or measurements of our ordinary village cattle, with explanatory notes by Mr. Smith, of the Cattle Commission, be forwarded, and the Madras Government asked to allow Mr. Thacker, their Veterinary Surgeon (whose time and attention are specially directed to questions affecting cattle,) to select a few bulls of different kinds and sizes, which he may consider best suited to our wants.

From the Secretary, Cattle Disease Commission, to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary at Colombo, dated Colombo, 10th September, 1868.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated the 7th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. Elliott in regard to the Mysore bulls ordered by this Government for breeding purposes, which letter is returned herewith. These bulls, I believe, were ordered on the recommendation of the Agricultural Society, whose letter was forwarded to the Commissioners "for their information," and it is their intention to offer certain remarks thereon in their report. They were not aware that the Government intended ordering a supply of breeding bulls at that time, or they would have remarked on the size of the Mysore bulls, which are very large, and would have suggested that if any such were ordered they should be half-grown animals. There may perhaps be still time to give this recommendation to the Indian Government. With regard to the other breeds of cattle mentioned by Mr. Elliott, the Commissioners are not acquainted with such, and cannot therefore offer any opinion,

but it may be well, in any communication with the Madras Government on the subject, to mention that the Ceylon bullocks are somewhat smaller than the Tinnevelly cattle.

2. The Commissioners have understood that, in a report made by Colonel Laffan, on the Military works of this Island, he offered some remarks upon the grasses and soils of the country. If it would not be irregular, they would like to have a copy of these particular remarks for their information in regard to a portion of their report.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 12th October, 1868, No. 2,619.

Miscellaneous.

Resolved that the foregoing letter, together with its enclosures, and copies of the previous correspondence, be forwarded to Veterinary Surgeon Thacker, who will be good enough to report from whence the fifteen bulls required for breeding purposes by the Ceylon Government, should, in his opinion, be obtained.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To J. Thacker, Esq.

Edr. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 12th Oct 1868.

Read the following
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Requesting to be supplied
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(H.C. 19th Sept 1868 No. 42)

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1 Copy To J. Thacker Esqre with Correspondence
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To

J. THACKER, Esq.

Dated October, 12th.

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G. O., 12th October 1868, No. 2,619.

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Bulls for Ceylon Government.—Mr. Thacker, Veterinary Surgeon, to report his opinion from whence the bulls required for breeding purposes should be obtained.

From the Colonial
Sec'y Colombo
Dated 5th Oct 1868.

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From J. Shaker Esqr Veterinary
Surgeon 4 27 October/68 C.R. 3419

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