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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	2837	Press Mis.
206-7. Dated	12-11-	1868.

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

No. 206. Read the following letter from J. THACKER, Esq., Veterinary Surgeon, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Shervaroy Hills, 27th October 1868, No. 266 :—

1. With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 12th October 1868, No. 2,619, wherein I am called upon to report my opinion from whence Bulls required for breeding purposes should be obtained for the Ceylon Government, I have the honor to state that the information afforded in these papers scarcely enables me to form an opinion.

2. I should like to have been informed of the points in which the present Ceylon breed is deficient, whether as to size, qualification in draught, or the cows in milking qualities. I have ventured to infer that it is in the two former improvement is desired.

3. Experience teaches us that no attempts should be made of extreme differences between male and female in endeavours towards the improvement of breeds of cattle, but all such should be gradual, and attained only in two or three generations.

4. The size of the Ceylon cattle, although mentioned as small, is not specially given, but I suppose them to be smaller than the generality of our breeds in Southern India.

5. I therefore concur entirely in the opinion of Mr. Sim, quoted in paragraph 3 of Mr. Elliot's letter that the Ponganur and Kangiyam Bulls would be more suitable, and I would suggest that five from each of these districts should be sent. The remaining five, however, might be of the Mysore breed of about two or two and a half years of age. Such might be found suitable for some of their larger cattle, at any rate would be fully ready for use for the first produce of the other two classes of bulls sent with them.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1868, No. 2,837.

Miscellaneous.

The Government concur with Veterinary Surgeon Thacker, and resolve accordingly to direct him, in communication with the Collectors of North Arcot and Coimbatore and Major Magrath, to procure the fifteen Bulls required by the Ceylon Government. When the Bulls are purchased the necessary arrangements will be made for shipping them to Ceylon.

(True Extract.)

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

To J. Thacker, Esq.
,, the Collector of North Arcot.
,, the Do. of Coimbatore.
,, the Military Department.
,, the Acountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

J. THACKER, Esq.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated November, 12th.

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G. O., 12th November 1868, No. 2,837.

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Nos. 206-207.

Bulls for Ceylon Government—Mr. Thacker authorised to purchase the bulls specified by him in communication with the Collectors of North Arcot and Coimbatore and Major Magrath.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th Nov 1868.

Read the following letter from J. Thacker Esqre

Giving his opinion as to the kind of Bulls which should be obtained for breeding purposes for Ceylon Govt:

M. 27th Octr. 1868 No. 2661

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