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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th February 1869.

No. 472. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1869, No. 248 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 9th December 1868, No. 1,215.

1. I have the honor to submit an account of receipts and disbursements in connection with the experiment * for introducing Guinea grass as a fodder for cattle in South Canara.

* Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 25th July 1867, No. 1,687.

2. Financially, I must admit that the experiment has been a failure, for the expenditure has exceeded the receipts, though it would not have been so in the hands of a ryot.

3. Agriculturally, it did better, for it grew fairly enough, namely, from four to six feet high, and when dried, realized at auction double the price paid for any other dry fodder in the district.

4. Some few natives have taken roots and grown them for their cattle, but very few comparatively, and on a small scale.

5. I have therefore made very little progress towards converting this very conservative people to its advantages, but I have so economized the Government grant for the purpose, that I can persevere without any fresh aid.

6. The ground has been useful also for other purposes, such as trying the Pinus Maritima, the Carob Bean, and Maltese Cactus.

7. The Pinus Maritima has been separately reported on.

8. The Carob Bean and Maltese Cactus were both meant for fodder for cattle. The Carob Beans soon died, being apparently unable to penetrate the hard laterite soil, which seems also unfavorable to the Maltese Cactus, for, though alive, it is at a stand still.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum showing the receipts and expenditure incurred on account of the experimental cultivation of cattle fodder in the Urva garden, in the district of South Canara.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum of expenses incurred in the experimental garden at Urva in 1867-68.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The receipts have not covered the expenditure, but the experiment is an important one, and should, the Board think, be persevered with for another year, young plants being freely distributed among the ryots.

No. 473. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1869, No. 491.

Miscellaneous.

1. The thanks of Government are due to Mr. Thomas for his efforts to introduce the cultivation of Guinea grass, &c. They observe that there is a balance in hand of Rupees 233-9-8, and they will be glad if Mr. Thomas will continue his experiments for another year.

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2. As the Board suggest, every opportunity should be taken of distributing the young plants of Guinea grass gratuitously, to such ryots as may be willing to experiment for themselves.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Extd. G. A. Turton.

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Guinea grass.—Letter from Acting Collector of South Canara forwarding account of receipts and disbursements on account of experimental introduction of, into District as a fodder for cattle, submitted to Government.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 25th.

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G. O., 25th February 1869, No. 491.

FEBRUARY.

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Guinea Grass.—Mr. Thomas thanked for his efforts to introduce its cultivation in South Canara. The experiment ordered to be continued for another year.

Revt. Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 25th ~~January~~ July 1869.

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Pro. of the Bd. of Revenue.

Forwarding account of receipts & disbursements on account of experimental introduction of Guinea grass, &c. in the Canara District.

} R.C. 16th January/69 No. 248

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