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No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1874, No. 1,205.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur with the Board regarding the employment of a Veterinary Surgeon for the purposes detailed in the foregoing Proceedings, and resolve to recommend to the Government of India that an application be made to the Secretary of State to engage such an officer for a minimum term of five years, on a salary not exceeding Rs. 400 per mensem.

2. The necessary expenditure can be met from the Surplus Cattle Pound Fund.

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*Abstract of the Reports of Collectors on Cattle Disease.*

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vizagapatam. | Dysentery and Bloody flux. | Between 2nd Jan. 1872 and 25th March 1872. | *420 | 305 | 40 | 75 | 2,700 | Yes..... | In six cases from eating earth, fodder not being available; in the other cases cause unknown. | 6 days. | Segregation..... | Treated with native medicines, medicines prescribed by Dr. Thacker not being available. |
| Kistna ..... | Fluid evacuation ..... | 1st to 30th April 1871. | 6 | 6 | ... | ... | 50 | Not stated. | Unknown ..... | 1 day... | No remedies applied. | No remedies known. |
| Kurnool ..... | Museri or Rinderpest. | From 2nd June 1871 to 12th Nov. 1871. 19th Nov. 1872. | 2,222 | 1,217 | 753 | 252 | 20,363 | Yes... | Not stated in the majority of cases; in some cases infection caught from diseased cattle of other villages. | 10 or 12 days. | Segregation and fumigation with sulphur. | Dr. Thacker's medicine when properly administered was attended with good results. |
| Do. ... | Do. ... | 12th Feb. 1873 ..... | 191 | 95 | 40 | 56 | 3,087 | Yes.. | | | | |
| Bellary..... | Mussura..... | Between 25th April 1871 and 1st Sept. 1872. | 952 | 520 | 316 | 116 | 16,854 | Yes..... | On one occasion introduced by the diseased cattle of travellers. | 9 days. | Segregation and fumigation. | Dr. Thacker's medicine given in a large majority of cases. |
| South Arcot... | Adappan, whirling disease, and Vekay. | Between 25th Oct. and 25th Nov. 1871. | 356 | 309 | ... | 47 | 6,246 | Yes..... | Unknown ..... | 7 days. | None..... | None. |
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| Do. ..... | Foot and mouth disease | 18th Feb. 1873 ..... | 30 | 8 | 4 | 18 | 11,915 | Yes... | | | | |
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G. O. No. 1205, 23d Sept. 74

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You did send us a Memo about the Cattle Pounds Fund, and when reminded by your letter I enquired what was done. Found the men engaged in framing a needlessly elaborate account. Have now told them exactly what to do & we will get an official answer soon

In the meantime I send you a little statement which shows that under existing orders the income of the part of the Surplus Brand fund which is available for Govt Farms at the present time is R 64,184 a year.

According to 3 Aug 74 964 Govt think all this will be wanted for Govt Farms, Model & others.

We have also a balance in the "Provincial" hand.

207 C.

G. O. No. 1205; 23rd Oct. 74

The transactions of the Govt Farms for the last 3 years are

| | Actuals 72-73 | Actuals 73-74 | Estimate 74-75 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Receipts | | | |
| Govt grant | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Farm receipts | 8,949 | 8,272 | 9,400 |
| Surplus Brand Fd | 96,270 | 75,005 | ~~88,230~~ 53,830 |
| | 1,30,219 | 108,277 | 88,230 |
| Expenditure | 35,245 | 34,267 | 40,449 |

As you will see of a recent Go (Govt got hold of number & date yesterday) the Accts Genl has debited all the charges for 72-73 and 73-74 to Imperial & credited the Farm Receipts & Brand fund contributions to Provincials. Hence it may be said that R 1,71,275 of the

Purchase Bond Fund contri-
bution to Rent-Farm &
Balance on hand

Yours sincerely
J Grote

Memo

Augt 5

207 C.

L. O. No. 1205; 23rd Feb. 74

Memo: shewing the receipts & charges of the Battle Bond Fund during the last 5 years.

| Years | Actual receipts excluding balances | Expenditure on account of the erection & repair of pounds & the cost of Bond Stamps | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs | Rs | Rs |
| 1869-70 | 2,07,265 | 74,673 | 1,32,592 |
| 1870-71 | 2,20,377 | 87,407 | 1,32,970 |
| 1871-72 | 2,21,601 | 91,543 | 1,30,058 |
| 1872-73 | 2,31,225 | 101,925 | 1,29,300 |
| 1873-74 | 213,354 | 97,433 | 115,921 |
| Total | 10,93,822 | 4,52,981 | 6,40,841 |
| Average of the past 5 years | | | 1,28,168 |
| Moiety of the average | | | 64,084 |

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Memo.

The Board having recommended in Proceedings 7th May 1874 - No. 1059 the appointment of a veterinary Surgeon for treatment of diseased cattle and investigation of diseases and modes of treatment, it was settled in Council in June last that if the actual surplus of Cattle Pound funds allowed of the expenditure and the money could not be used for other purposes the Board's proposal might be sanctioned.

2. A Memo: for information was sent to the Board but no official reply has yet been received. From a

a demi-official from Dir. Cruse however it appears that the annual average income from the moiety of the Cattle Pound Fines which has been assigned to Government Farms and other Cognate objects is Rs 64,084 and there is now a balance in favor of the Farms amounting to over Rs 1,70,000.

3. As there appears to be plenty of money credited to Provincial Head, is it necessary to obtain the sanction of the Govt. of India to the expenditure on account of a Veterinary Surgeon or can this Government pass the necessary order?

C. H. C.

Appointg a Veterinary Surgeon
for Inverness Port

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 7th May 1874

I submit that the
Boards recommendation
should be favourably
met and the appointment
of a Veterinary Surgeon
for the Agricultural
Stock Inspections at
once.

There are abundant
means from the Surplus
Pound Fund of £24,600
which is applicable
by Law to such purposes.

The Boards Extract
representations
I think the Enactments
popular interest which

The measure involves no new
taxation & it merely a better ad-
ministration of penalties already
exacted for Strays

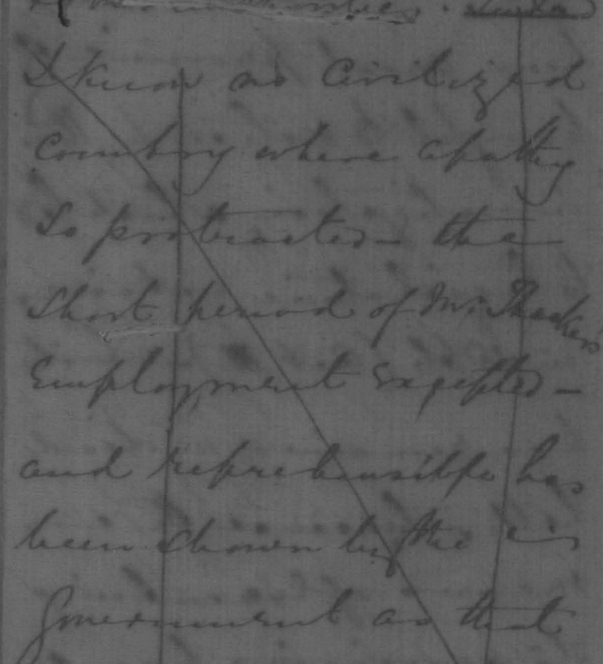
is involved in this question. The incomplete figures (between eight and nine millions) of horned cattle alone fall probably far short of the true census of the farm stock of the Country, & it is doubtful whether draft cattle are included, while sheep are entirely omitted.

It must be borne in mind that the agriculture of the Country - as respects field operations and fertilization - as well as its carrying power (in a great measure) depend entirely on the condition of the cattle

The terrible extent

to which the vast property is exposed to loss & danger from absolutely preventible causes has been most prominently brought to notice by the investigation, which led to legislative action in 1866 (Act III) which has remained a dead letter because the means of executing its provisions have not been provided - and by the subsequent reports of Mr. Shaeke & and Collectors from all parts of the Country.

The lamentable ignorance in which the people have been left in respect to the treatment of cattle as evidenced by all experience



as evidence of the reports which have reached us from Mr Thacker [illegible] Indian Empire as civilized country where apathy to pestilences - the short period of Mr Thacker's employment expected - and responsibility has been shown by the Government and Provincial in this Presidency in regard to this all important matter - and I think experience has shown that the people are not backward to benefit by exertions of Government to put them in possession of improved methods of caring for their Farm Stock. I

His name had missed a Minute of the Board [illegible] called special attention to this matter a few years back.

I am satisfied that there ought to be a Veterinary Department under the Board of Revenue as there is in England under the Home Secretary and that the first step required is to make the appointment proposed by the Board with as little delay as possible

When a good and [illegible] system of agricultural instruction is established, the Veterinary Surgeon would of course fall into his place in the scheme, but in the meantime he should be turning his attention to the general practical

Thornhill

~~Our Farmers~~ ~~Boards~~ of
any agricultural
population in this
respect.

Yours
D. Robertson

Subject to little im-
portance & literacy in
districts of our illiterate
and backward rural areas
etc.

Instruction in
the Veterinary
art must of
course occupy
a prominent position
in the Agricultural
Education which
we must have af-
ford to our boys.
and of which
an Experimental

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Model Farms are
the form. A thor-
ough knowledge
of the Vernacular
Language by the Pupils
of Rural and Ele-
mentary Schools
by adequate
by Vet. Instruction.

I would strongly
insist that the Vet.
Professor should also
give Practical at
least. so that he
may communicate
directly with his
future pupils - I
would start a
Night class at

(11)

Council

as a at least a
series of lectures.
It will be necessary
to add to the list
of subjects for which
but I know not what
they will readily
welcome back the
pest in between
of the subject to
a knowledge of mainly
agricultural &
a part to which belong
to much of its
revenue from agri
cultural enter
prise, as ours.

L. O.S. 1/5

Nos 3357 & 3358.

Revenue 1874 Dept

Minutes by the
Hon: W. Robinson C.S.I
and
Hon: J. D. Sim. C.S.I

Dated 30: May & 1 June 1874

GO 23 September 1874
No 1205.

Veterinary Surgeon for
the Madras Presidency

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G.O. No 1205. 23d Sept: 74

Revenue Department.

No. 1205.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23 September 1874.

READ the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:

Recommending appointment of a Veterinary Surgeon for treatment of diseased cattle in Madras Presidency and investigation of diseases and Remedies of treatment.

H. E. 4th May 1874 No 1205

Minute by the Hon: W. Robinson C.S.I - 30 May 1874
do Hon: J. D. Sim C.S.I - 1 June 1874
do H.E. the Governor - 4 June 1874

J. D. L.

The Government concur with the Board, regarding the employment of a Veterinary Surgeon for the purposes detailed in the foregoing Proceedings, and resolve to recommend to the Government of India that an application be made to the Secretary of State to engage such an officer for a minimum term of 5 years, on a

a salary not Exceeding Rupees 400 per mensem.

2. The necessary expenditure can, ~~it appears,~~ be met from the Surplus Cattle Pound Fund.

3. The Board will now be called upon to prepare and forward, for submission to the Government of India, a draft Agreement embodying the terms on which they consider this officer should be engaged. The acquisition of at least one Native language should be stipulated for, as in the case of the Assistant to the Superintendent of Government Farms.

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To 14 B of Revenue Secy Aug 1870

...coat District

| ...the ...mptoms giving information as to the follow... ...t; ...ternal appearance of coat rough and dull, ...lt, ...cular or pustular eruptions; body hot and ...es of horns ears and legs cold; nose moist ...d a... eyes dull or bright; animal dull and ...res...less and wakeful; changes in quantity or ...e of ...reting and food excreted. Profusion of ...rom ...ose, weeping from eyes, saliva from mouth; ...ke...s or laboured breathing colour of lining ...ce ...eyelid pale pink dark red or yellow, swelling ...ding ...ficulty of swallowing, shivering fits | Length duration of illness before recovery or death | What preventive means were used | What medical treatment adopted and if so with what results |
|---|---|---|---|
| ...nal appearance of Coat rough - eruptions ...ses hot & sometimes cold - extremities ...sometimes hot - sometimes cold - nose ...t wet - eye - dull - Animal wakeful - ...ps - Urine is red like blood - discharge ...m mucus from nose & coughing | About 8 days. | The Cattle were separated & kept apart from each other. | 1 Mulgaram beef (Dr Mc Gregor's Drink) Garlic, Cummin, black, Onion, Juniper & palmerial Jaghery all these were mixed together, powdered & given at the rate of one ... |
| ...y & Coast quickened - eyelids Yellow - Swelling of throat - Trouble in swallowing - Shivering fits. | | | 2. A pint of Cattle Snake Decoction was given 3. Half a pound of Jaggery mixed with oil seed was given 4. Vinegar was given 5. Thacker's Medicine was also given. 75 Cattle died 5 Recovered. |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 40 died. |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 30 died 10 Recovered |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 30 died 20 Recovered |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 75 died 25 Recovered. |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 10 died 10 Recovered |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 4 died 6 Recovered |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 12 died 8 Recovered |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 20 died 30 Recovered |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 30 died. |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 17 died 3 Recovered |
| Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 10 died 10 Recovered |
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| 10 | Chenpare | Do. | 1st January 1874 | 59 | 59 | - | - | 1200 | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 30 died. |
| 11 | Mambalapak | Do. | 15th January 1874 | 20 | 17 | 3 | - | 520 | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 17 died 3 Dec. |
| 12 | Yennayaram | Do. | 7th Feby 1874 | 40 | 20 | 20 | - | 401 | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 10 died 10 Dec. |
| 13 | Arinjoor | Do. | 12th & 9th December 1873 | 103 | 45 | 58 | - | 385 | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 10 died 10 Dec. |
| 14 | Kuttaru | Do. | 1st January 1874 | 97 | 97 | - | 5 | 200 | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. 20 died 30 Dec. |
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