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No. 1,823.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th July 1874.

Read the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent of Government Farms, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 28th May 1874, No. 310:—

In continuation of my letter No. 303, dated 19th instant, I have the honor to enclose copies of two other letters on the same subject, which I have since received.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From K. RAMACHANDRA ROW, to W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent of Government Farms, Sydapet, dated Combaconum, 22nd May 1874.

I own some lands in this and Coimbatore districts. It has long been my earnest desire to introduce gradually the improved and refined mode of western agriculture into my lands, and in short to become a farmer. Although blessed with some means, I was ignorant as to the aid I should seek to acquire a decent knowledge of agriculture. I was for a long time thinking over the subject, and happily my attention was drawn to some parts of the Revenue Register some months back, from which I learnt that I could be well profited if I but seek aid from you. If you can conveniently favor me with a reply to the following few lines, I shall for ever be obliged to you:—

(1.) What books should be read in order to understand the fundamental principles of farming?

(2.) Is it necessary for me to remain at Madras for a time to learn business in your farm to get a practical knowledge of agriculture; or will it do as well to study the books and use what he picks up in the course of his study practically into his lands?

(3.) Will you be kind enough to analyse the soil (if any be sent to you) and give your opinion as to what could be cultivated in it to the best advantage?

(4.) What English machines and implements are worth having in the beginning, in order to simplify the agricultural work?

(5.) I should like to have some seeds of Carolina paddy, Australian Maize, yellow Cholum, Cotton, Sugar-cane, etc., and some such other dry produce worth while trying, with full instructions as to how and when to grow them. I shall be happy to let you know the result of the same if required.

(6.) I request to be informed what agricultural journal you would advise me to buy, its yearly subscription, and the person I should apply to.

2. I beg you will be kind enough to send me your farm reports for the past two years, 1872 and 1873. I shall send the price on hearing from you. Begging to be excused for the trouble I give you.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. R. ROBERTSON,  
Superintendent of Government Farms.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From JAYA ROW, son of late Head Sheristadar of Madura, to W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent of Government Farms, Sydapet, dated Madura, 22nd May 1874.

I TAKE the liberty to state that I am anxious to cultivate American Cotton and Bourbon Cotton in my village where I have got suitable land to cultivate foreign seed cotton. The soil is brown, loamy or red, and it is low and capable to retain moisture.

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2. I beg therefore to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with the seeds in such quantity as you consider adequate for experiment, and to send them by banghy, the charge of which will be borne by me.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. R. ROBERTSON,  
Superintendent of Government Farms.

The communications from Jaya Row and K. Ramachandra Row, will be forwarded to the Collectors of Madura and Tanjore respectively, with the request that they will favor the Board with any observations they may have to make thereon.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.  
.. the Collector of Tanjore.

Copy to the Superintendent of Government Farms.

No. 2,419.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 27th August 1874.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 15th July 1874, No. 1,823.

Read also the following letters:—

From the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Tanjore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, 21st July 1874, No. 212.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 15th July 1874, No. 1,823, I have the honor to report that K. Ramachandra Row belongs to a respectable family, and is a wealthy landholder of great intelligence. I am of opinion that he is deserving of every encouragement in his endeavours to introduce improved methods of agriculture.

From W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th July 1874, No. 237.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 15th July, No. 1,823, I have the honor to report that Jaya Row is a small landholder of respectable family who is anxious to make experiments in the cultivation of foreign cotton. I think he should receive all possible encouragement and assistance in his endeavours.

The Superintendent of Government Farms is authorized to afford the same assistance to Jaya Row and K. Ramachandra Row as he was instructed in Board's Proceedings, 7th August 1874, No. 2,138, to give to the "Native Association of Mayaveram."

(True Copies and Extract.)

*C. A. Galton*  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.  
.. the Collector of Tanjore.  
.. the Superintendent of Government Farms.  
Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,  
with Board's Proceedings, dated 15th July 1874, No. 1,823.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Board of Revenue,  
MADRAS.

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PROCEEDINGS, 15th JULY 1874, No. 1,823.

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Agriculture.—Application of K. Ramachandra Row of Combaconum for certain information in connection with improved system of — and for some seeds for experimental cultivation, forwarded to Collector of Tanjore, and that of Jaya Row of Madura for American and Bourbon seed cotton, forwarded to Collector of Madura, for observations.

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