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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th November 1875.*

No. 216. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st October 1875, No. 2,919 :—

Read the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent of Government Farms, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 16th September 1875, No. 491.

With reference to the request contained in paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, No. 2,032, dated the 21st of July 1875, that I should submit definite proposals for cattle-breeding on the Farm premises, I have the honor to state that there is no accommodation on the premises of either Farm for cattle-breeding, except on a very limited scale; and the facilities on both Farms at present for grazing cattle are also very limited.

2. The only land on the Sydapet Farm Estate that could be set apart for the purposes of cattle-breeding is that constituting the Model Farm, which, at a moderate expenditure, could be made suitable for the purpose; the plantation in which the Wudder colony is now located would form an admirable shelter for the stock during the heat of the day. The railway to be made through this land will seriously interfere with its cultivation as an ordinary arable farm.

3. There is, however, one serious objection to any attempt being made on the Sydapet Estate in cattle-breeding except on a very small scale, and this is the presence of the Commissariat slaughter-yards in its centre to which cattle and sheep are frequently passing, and which on their way might come into contact with, and communicate disease to, the Farm breeding-stock. If the Commissariat Department ceased to use these yards and established other yards elsewhere in a place more convenient, the loss to the State would be very small, as the enclosed yards would suit well as stock-yard, if the neighbouring land was set apart for cattle-breeding purposes.

4. The late Farm Committee had the Commissariat slaughter-yards established on the Experimental Farm, under the belief that the Farm would be a great gainer from the manure the slaughter-yards would afford; but this expectation has not been realized, for the money-value of the manure obtained is not equal to the expenditure incurred by the Farm for employing a scavenger and cattle to remove the manure, while the Farm has suffered loss by the deaths of several of the cattle employed in removing this refuse.

5. There are other serious objections to the continued use of these yards by the Commissariat Department for the slaughter of cattle, &c: the hedges and crops on both Farms are frequently injured by the live-stock in passing to the slaughter-yards; many persons of the lowest character are induced to pass through the Farms on killing nights to remove the carrion that is then available, and, as they come in numbers, and frequently after dark, it is difficult to prevent them from pilfering the produce of crops that is nearly ripe, while an extensive cattle-slaughter establishment is very objectionable on a Farm that is to be set apart as a School Farm for the education of youths of all classes.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th November 1875.*

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 15th June 1875, No. 912, and 1st July 1875, No. 989.

2. Mr. Robertson reports that the only land on the Sydapet Farm Estate that could be set apart for the purposes of cattle-breeding is that constituting the Model Farm, but that the presence of the Commissariat slaughter-yards is a serious objection, and that slaughtering on the premises must be discontinued, if cattle-breeding is to be attempted.

3. The Model Farm was started under the belief that it would become not only a self-supporting but a paying institution, and the object in establishing it was to show native agriculturalists that a Farm conducted on European principles would pay, and to demonstrate the advantages of an improved system and appliances. This expectation, however, has not been realized, for the last report (1874-75) shows that the liabilities have exceeded the assets by a sum of Rupees 4,977 after five years' trial. Under these circumstances, the Board see no objection to the appropriation of the land constituting the Model Farm for cattle-breeding, if the Commissariat Department can dispense with the use of the slaughter-yards. The buildings could be purchased by the Farm, if necessary.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 217.

ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1875, No. 1,655.

Miscellaneous.

REFERRED to the Military Department in view to its being ascertained whether the Commissariat slaughter-yards can be removed elsewhere.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.

No. 2,919.

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3. There is, however, one serious objection to any attempt being made on the Sydapet Estate in cattle-breeding except on a very small scale, and this is the presence of the Commissariat slaughter-yards in its centre to which cattle and sheep are frequently passing, and which on their way might come into contact with, and communicate disease to, the Farm breeding-stock. If the Commissariat Department ceased to use these yards and established other yards elsewhere in a place more convenient, the loss to the State would be very small, as the enclosed yards would suit well as stock-yard, if the neighbouring land was set apart for cattle-breeding purposes.

4. The late Farm Committee had the Commissariat slaughter-yards established on the Experimental Farm, under the belief that the Farm would be a great gainer from the manure the slaughter-yards would afford; but this expectation has not been realized, for the money-value of the manure obtained is not equal to the expenditure incurred by the Farm for employing a scavenger and cattle to remove the manure, while the Farm has suffered loss by the deaths of several of the cattle employed in removing this refuse.

5. There are other serious objections to the continued use of these yards by the Commissariat Department for the slaughter of cattle, &c: the hedges and crops on both Farms are frequently injured by the live-stock in passing to the slaughter-yards; many persons of the lowest character are induced to pass through the Farms on killing nights to remove the carrion that is then available, and, as they come in numbers, and frequently after dark, it is difficult to prevent them from pilfering the produce of crops that is nearly ripe, while an extensive cattle-slaughter establishment is very objectionable on a Farm that is to be set apart as a School Farm for the education of youths of all classes.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 15th June 1875, No. 912, and 1st July 1875, No. 989.

Govt. of 1875
REVENUE.

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Secy. to Govt.

Dated November 1875

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G.O. No. 1000, dated 15th June 1875.

No. 21,6217.

Cattle Breeding—Referring to the Military Department Proceedings, Board of Revenue, reporting that the land constituting the Model Farm could be set apart for — if the Commissariat slaughter-yards were removed, in view to its being ascertained whether the slaughter yards can be removed elsewhere.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. H. French
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Superintendent, Government Farms.

„ to the Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. W. H. French.

Referred to the Military De-

*partment in view to its being ascertained
whether the slaughter-yards referred to can
be dispensed with. Dated 18th Nov 1875.*

18th November 1875.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 21ST OCTOBER 1875, No. 2,919.

Copy to the Collector.

Received 21st Oct 1875

OCTOBER.
No. 2,919.

*Cattle-breeding.—Submitting to Government
letter from Superintendent of Government
Farms reporting that the land constituting the
Model Farm on the Sydapet Farm Estate could
be set apart for — if the Commissariat slaughter-
yards in the premises were removed.*

*10th Oct 1875
11th Oct 1875
15th Oct 1875
17th Oct 1875*

*No. 4203
November 1875. Alpha*

*27th Nov 1875
21st Dec 1875
21st Dec 1875
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