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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

26th June 1877, No. 2,114.

Read the following paper:—

577. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th May 1877, No. 2,090.

Read the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent of Government Farms, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 20th April 1877, No. 375:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 333, of the 23rd of January last, I have the honor to state that when admitting students into the School of Agriculture I showed no preference to the applicants belonging to this Presidency; indeed, had I been inclined to do so, I had no power. The admissions were granted according to priority of application.

2. The admission rules* were framed in order to secure the best men without regard to the place of their birth. However, as pointed out in the Proceedings of

the Board, No. 653, of the 16th February last, a number of Madras candidates were, under special circumstances, granted an indulgence as regards admission.

The Entrance examination had been fixed for the 23rd of October last, I was obliged a day or two before that date to close the application register. During the interval between the closing of the register and the time when I received the results of the examination, a number of applications were received, which I was obliged then to decline, seeing that the number of accepted candidates and of the candidates for examination together amounted to a number greater than the institution could accommodate.

4. But before the institution began work a number of the accepted candidates asked and obtained permission to withdraw their names from the roll of the institution, chiefly on account of the famine, the parents of the youths being unable from their more straitened circumstances to pay the expenses of their sons' journeys to Madras and to afford the enhanced cost of their maintenance at Sydapet; thus some vacancies were created, and these I filled up as opportunity occurred, by accepting students who had passed the Matriculation, the General Test, or equivalent examinations, and were otherwise qualified.

5. Since the Entrance examination was held, a number of candidates for admission have offered themselves for examination; however the "Entrance examination" having already been held I could not meet their wishes.

6. The accompanying list (No. 1) gives the names and places of residence of the candidates who have applied for admission into the institution. List No. 2 gives the names, caste, and places of residence of the students now on the roll of the institution.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. D. MACLEAN,
Additional Sub-Secretary.

No. 573.

ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1877, No. 2,114.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council concurs with the Board in the opinion expressed in paragraph 2.

2. The Board will watch carefully the progress made. Care must be taken that other education does not occupy too much time to the prejudice of this.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Educational Department.

Admission of Students into School of Agriculture.—Encouraging with the Board of Revenue that students should be encouraged to come from all parts of the country; and intimating that education should not be given too much to the prejudice of agriculture.

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Chas. Hickin
Additional Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two original Statements to be returned.
the Superintendent of Government Farms.

Erd. W. H. French.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2625

7/11/4

From Am. B. J. Jennings

Dated *7.11.1877*

1877.

FOR ORDERS.

I do admit all comers - to long as foreigners do not present on our side - for from obtaining substance I prefer to attach the utmost importance to the education of our people. In that I have seen boys work - even families - is an agricultural work - as respects its multiplication of man can raise - & the best of all it will be effecting.

Handwritten notes in cursive script, mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through.

School of Agriculture - Submitting to Government letter from Superintendent, Government Farms, furnishing information called for regarding admission of students into - and stating Board's views on subject.

MAY.
No. 2,090.

Received 24/11/1877

PROCEEDINGS, 7TH MAY 1877, No. 2,090.

Board of Revenue.
MADRAS.
1877.

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Trancheville

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agicultural instruction -
The old character of culti-
vation in this country, get
deeper tillage & more manure
into the ground we may
cultivate even in seasons
of drought & employ labor.

Thank Messrs. Nat-
his school & the extension
of the drill system. Old
occupy most serious at-
tention of the M.

I do not give any
importance to the

at present to the
L. A. D.

*at meeting of School
Board of 1906*
FOR ORDERS.

c. 212 May (7) R. 23/6/77

Dated