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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th October 1878, No. 1,741.

Read the following paper :—

No. 308. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1878, No. 2,442.

Read the following letter from C. BENSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Acting Superintendent of Government Farms, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 9th August 1878, No. 673 :—

WITH reference to the desire often expressed both by the Government and by the Board that the officers of the Agricultural Department should acquire more detailed knowledge of the local customs of our cultivators by personal observation, and to the very evident necessity which exists for a full agriculture survey of each district of the Presidency being made before we can attempt to introduce any great improvements, as well as to afford useful employment until a decision has been finally arrived at regarding the scheme for general agricultural education, submitted to Government in the Proceedings of the Board, No. 5,223, of the 13th December last, which from G.O., No. 1,095, dated 18th July last, seems likely to be for the present considerably delayed, I have the honor to suggest the advisability of deputing either Mr. Schiffmayer or myself to perform a tour with the abovementioned objects in some district during the ensuing cold season.

2. Mr. Schiffmayer has been in charge of the Sydapet Experimental Farm for the past four months, and will presumably continue so until October at any rate; if he is required to transfer charge of the farm to me in the middle of our busiest cultivating season, great inconvenience cannot but result. It is also very desirable, if he is to remain in charge of the farm, that he should be in residence on it both for convenience in superintending it and in his own interests; this he can only do on my vacating my present residence.

3. On Mr. Robertson's return from privilege leave in October next, when I vacate the office I am now temporarily filling, I shall either have to resume charge of the farm under great inconveniences and difficulties or be deputed to some other work. Ever since I joined my appointment (nearly four-and-a-half years ago) I have been unable, from the nature of my duties, to see any but a very limited amount of native cultivation, my present knowledge of it having been derived from hearsay and such writings as exist, which are mostly written by non-agriculturists.

4. If my suggestion meets with the approval of the Board, and I make it under the impression that, in event of such a deputation being made, travelling allowances (horse, tentage, batta, and mileage) proportionate to those which are allowed to the Superintendent of Government Farms will be granted, it is clear that the value of the services of the officer who may be so deputed will be greatly enhanced for carrying on work of agricultural education, as is suggested in Board's Proceedings No. 5,223 of 13th December last and No. 1,960 of the 15th ultimo.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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3. The Board have recently submitted proposals as regards travelling allowances, &c.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 309.

ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1878, No. 1,741.

Miscellaneous.

The Government concur with the Board as to the desirability of Mr. C. Benson proceeding on a tour, but it is possible that the proposal may be affected by the entertainment of a fresh class at the School of Agriculture. The Board will ascertain Mr. Robertson's views in the matter, and arrange accordingly.

2. Mr. Benson will be allowed travelling allowances to the district in which each tour is to be made at the same rate as the Government of India shall fix in the case of Mr. Robertson, and then the extra tentage of a Head Assistant Collector as already suggested by the Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General
„ the Financial Department.

Erd. W. H. French.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Superintendent of Government Farms.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

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Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4118.

Board of Revenue. Dated 3rd September 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. direct Mr. deputation so soon as he can be spared 21/9 1878

I think the suggestion reasonable. but ask Mr. Robertson's opinion if he is still on the hills. 21/9 1878

Ordinal to Mr. Robertson

1877-78 1878-79

Revenue Department

No. 4118. 1878.

Board of Revenue

MADRAS.

To THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated September 3rd.

Printed 11th.

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PROCEEDINGS, 3RD SEPTEMBER 1878, No. 2,442.

21/9/1878

SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,442.

21/9/1878

Agriculture.—Recommending that Mr. C Benson of the Government Farms may be deputed to make a tour in districts such as Trichinopoly and Bellary to obtain practical knowledge of the soils and crops and modes of culture.

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For Mr. C. Benson

Remains Department.

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According to the
deposition of the

Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 29 October 1878

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dated 3 September 1878 No 2442.

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No 4118

FOR ORDERS.

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C 20-9-78
R 21-10-78
R 26-10-78
R 29-10-78

MR 8/10
Note
& the Board suggest
T. Robinson & R. B. B. B.
Do the Board suggest
District Commissioner
leave it to the Board
to decide

T. Robinson has written
privately under date the
22 Oct to ask what is to
become of him as he is
not required here
according to present
arrangements

matter and arrange
accordingly.

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14. To the Board of Revenue
6. The Accountant General
1. The Financial Dept

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G.B.
Mr. Benson's town.

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To Mr. R.
H. H.
Benson

Ob. 200 209.

C. 26-10-78
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