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No. 26. Read the following letter from L. FORBES, Esq., Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government Revenue Department; dated Fort Saint George, 16th November 1857, No. 3984.

SIR,

Adverting to para. 3 of Minutes Consultation dated 12th January 1857,* No. 49, R. D., I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the following Report for the information of Government.

* *From Tanjore 5th June in Consultation 16th November* 1857.
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2. In their Proceedings under date 12th December 1856 the Board reported the result which, during the first year, attended the introduction of Nellore Bulls into the Tanjore District with the view of improving the breed of cattle in the latter Province.

3. The subject had been previously touched upon in the Report† of the Committee of the Tanjore Exhibition and the result of the experiment up to that time was not encouraging. From some cause, for which the Committee professed themselves unable to account, the Nellore Bulls would, rarely take the slightest notice of the cows of the District. The Herdsmen attributed this to the diminutive size of the Tanjore cows, but this was not considered by the Committee to be a satisfactory explanation.

† *21st April* 1856, *No.* 32 *of Government Selections of* 1856 *Page* 64.

4. On the recommendation‡ of the Board however the Government were pleased to authorize the retention of the Bulls for a further period of one year, so as to allow of the experiment having a fair trial.

Pro. 10*th July* 1856 *p.* 32 *Selections No.* 32, *p.* 1.
28*th July* 1856, *No.* 871 *P. D. Page* 114 *of Selections.*

5. The Board regret now to learn that the results of the past year have been most unsatisfactory, and that, both by the Acting Collector, and the Exhibition Committee of the present year, the attempt has been pronounced a total failure.

6. Under these circumstances, it is obvious that the retention of the bulls in the Tanjore District would serve no good purpose and would be a needless expense. The Board would therefore solicit permission for carrying out the views expressed by them in para. 4 of their Proceedings dated 9th April 1857, and for transferring these animals to the South Arcot District with a view to a similar attempt being made there. Should the Government however be indisposed to renew the experiment with the Nellore breed and determine upon the sale of the bulls, the Board would propose that they be disposed of in the Tanjore District, as it may happen that success which has been denied to the scheme when worked by Government Agency may be attained when the attempt is left to private enterprize. A statement of the total charges for their keep, &c., will be submitted on receipt of final orders regarding their disposal.

7. The Board acknowledge the importance of any measure having for its object, the improvement of cattle, whether for agricultural purposes or for draught, and they are unwilling to allow the ill success which has hitherto attended the experiment to discourage any further attempt of the kind. It appears to them that the suggestion contained in para. 33 of their Proceedings dated 10th July 1856, viz., that bulls of the Mysore breed should be introduced into the Tanjore District, is one which might now be tried; if successfully carried out the result would be in some respects more advantageous, than that which during two years past they have so vainly attempted to attain.

8. In the first place the great disparity of size, which the Board are satisfied has been the main cause of failure hitherto, would not exist, and moreover a smaller breed of cattle such as those of Mysore and Salem is perhaps better adapted to the requirements of the Tanjore District than the more powerful description bred in the Nellore and Guntoor Districts. There is every encouragement too in the interest which the ryots, &c. have evinced from the very outset; so far from their being unwilling to bring forward their cows, it was reported‡ by the Tanjore Exhibition Committee that the Notification was immediately largely responded to, thus showing that, whatever the cause of failure, it was not attributable to apathy or disinclination on the part of the ryots to avail themselves of the liberal offer of Government. A measure of such obvious advantage it is gratifying to observe, will not fail to receive assistance and support from those hom it chiefly concerns.

‡ *Printed Report page* 71.

9. The Collector indeed does not favor the above view of the case, as he considers that in a country so destitute of pasture as Tanjore any superior breed which may be introduced must on that account again degenerate in process of time. But the Board would not attach much weight to this objection. The scheme of course has for its *primary* object the advantages to be derived from the introduction, for breeding purposes, of first rate bulls, but further than this, it is intended to familiarize the people with the idea and to show them the importance of the improvement of their cattle, to induce them, if possible, to take it up themselves, and to set on foot a systematic course of stock breeding which shall not only produce a finer description of animal, but shall, by individual and sustained effort keep up the quality of the breed. The comparative scarcity of good forage in Tanjore is certainly a disadvantage, but as this drawback had equal force when the undertaking originated and was not even mentioned by the Collector Mr. Forbes as likely to prove a bar to success, the Board are inclined to adopt the Committee's view of the case which is strongly in favor of a renewal of the experiment with Mysore bred bulls.

10. Should the Government be disposed to make another attempt, the Board would suggest that it be made on a somewhat smaller scale, which can be afterwards enlarged to any extent should the result be such as to render this desirable. A sum of Rupees 800 would, they think, be sufficient to allow of the Acting Collector carrying out this object with 8 bulls which could be purchased for about Rupees 500, and the issue of the operations of a year would sufficiently indicate whether perseverance would be rewarded with success.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, No. 124; dated 29th January 1858.

Para 1. The Board of Revenue submit in reference to para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation 12th January 1857, a correspondence shewing the result of a further trial of the experiment of introducing Nellore bulls into the Tanjore District for the improvement of the breed of cattle. As already noticed in the above resolution, the first year's trial did not prove favorable, and that of the past year, now reported on, has been so unsatisfactory as to induce the Acting Collector and the Exhibition Committee to pronounce the experiment a total failure. The Board consider it useless longer to continue the experiment with Nellore bulls, and suggest that these should be transferred to the South Arcot District where they have recommended a similar experiment; or should that measure be deemed unadvisable, that the cattle should be sold in Tanjore.

Proceedings Board of Revenue 9th April 1857, No. 1116, report of agricultural exhibition held at South Arcot.

2. The Board attribute the failure in Tanjore mainly to the great disparity of size of the Nellore bulls contrasted with that of the cattle of Tanjore, and believe that were the experiment renewed with the smaller breed of cattle common to Mysore and Salem, the results would in all likelihood be different. They recommend therefore that a further attempt should be made on a smaller scale, to be enlarged hereafter if the result be encouraging, and that a sum of money should be placed at the disposal of the Acting Collector for this purpose; they name 800 Rupees with which they say 8 bulls might be purchased and fed for a year, when the issue of the experiment could be reported.

3. The Government agree with the Board that further experiment in Tanjore by means of Nellore bulls will serve no useful purpose; they therefore resolve to leave it to the discretion of the Board to dispose of the bulls either by sale in Tanjore, or by transfer to South Arcot, as may seem to them most conducive to the public good. As regards Tanjore, the Government so far accede to the Board's recommendation as to permit the renewal of the experiment, but with a fewer number of bulls, and these they would for the present suggest should be obtained from the Salem District. The Government accordingly authorize the Acting Collector of Tanjore to purchase, in communication with the Collector of Salem, four or five bulls of the better description, known as the Aulumbaudy, and which are procurable at Adamancotah and Macherry and to conduct the experiment by means of them. He will incur whatever expenditure may be necessary for the feed and care of the cattle for one year, after which period he will submit a special report, accompanied by a Statement of expenses, for the orders of Government.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue Bd. Office
Fort St. George,
16th November 1857.

124

No. 3984

From,
L. Forbes Esq.
Ag Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To
H. Forbes Esq.
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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6. Under these circumstances, it is obvious that the retention of the bulls in the Tanjore District would serve no good purpose and would be a needless expense. The Board would therefore solicit permission for carrying out the views expressed by them in Para: 4 of their Proceedings dated 9th April 1857 and for transferring these animals to the South Arcot District with a view to a similar attempt being made there. Should the Government however be indisposed to renew the experiment with the Nellore breed and determine upon the sale of the Bulls, the Board would propose that they be disposed of in the Tanjore District as it may happen that success which has been denied to the scheme when worked by Government Agency may be attained when the attempt is left to private enterprize. A Statement of the total charges for their keep &c will be submitted on receipt of final orders regarding their disposal.

7. The Board acknowledge the importance of any measure having for its object, the improvement of Cattle, whether for Agricultural purposes or for draught, and they are unwilling to allow the ill success which has hitherto attended the experiment.

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10. Should the Government be disposed to make another attempt, the Board would suggest that it be made on a somewhat smaller scale, which can be afterwards enlarged to any extent should the result be such as to render this desirable. A sum of Rupees 300 would they think be sufficient to allow of the Acting Collector carrying out this object with 8 Bulls which could be purchased for about Rupees 500 and the issue of the operations of a year would sufficiently indicate whether perseverance

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t. St. George,
November, 1857.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

L. Teesley
Ag Sub Secretary

To,
H. Forbes Esq.
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

R. D. No 1391.

The Government will be so good as to decide this question.

The further[?] of the experiment in Tanjore has been complete. If had not a sufficiently long trial, and, as far as [illegible] are evidenced, these be abandoned.

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From
The Actg. Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue
to the Actg. Revenue Secy. to Government.

Dated 16
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L.E. No. 124. 29th January 1858

Reporting on the results of the experimental introduction of Nellore Bulls into Tanjore with the view of improving the breed of Cattle in the latter Province.

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stock — from farm-
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there is asking for
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if left to themselves
they will gradually
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in Texas [illegible]
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with the [illegible]
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of the experiments [illegible] before [illegible]

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I can see no room for indulging
~~doubtful speculation~~.

~~For~~ improving a breed of
~~animals the introduction~~
of a ~~few~~ superior animals
is the least ~~requirement~~.

~~The breeding~~ must be proceed
on a regular plan. The anim[illegible]
crossed with the superior breed
must be selected with much
regularity of shape is not
~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] ~~success~~

The improved produce must
be carefully kept up & the
young carefully fed & nourished
~~to give~~ the improved breed obtain
further cross & full opportunity of
development — New native
~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] breed of [illegible]

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the result of the Merino sheep
introduced [illegible]
also Dr. [illegible]
the local [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~

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~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
the entire variety of [illegible]
which exist in the hill districts
is fitted to [illegible]
the best breed of cattle —

to ask the Coll. of [illegible]
and [illegible]
in respect of the transfer
of the Bulls to his district
[illegible]
of the district where [illegible]
exists [illegible]
of [illegible] but [illegible]
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pasturage

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 29th January 1858.

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Passing orders on the Report made by the Board of Revenue, regarding the result of the experimental introduction of Nellore Bulls in Tanjore, with the view of improving the breed of cattle in the latter District.

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