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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th August 1870.

No. 130. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1870 :—

Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary, Government Experimental Farm, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 19th July 1870, No. 56.

G. O., 3rd September 1869.
,, 16th November ,,

During the latter part of 1869 some correspondence took place on the subject of building a granary for seeds sent to the farm by the Board, and to contain the seeds, grain, etc., grown at the farm.

2. The President of the Committee, Mr. Fane, being a Member of the Board, personal consultations were held on the subject, which resulted in a Minute by Mr. Fane being entered on the estimate of November 1st, stating that a new estimate was being made for a large granary to cost between 4,000 and 4,500 rupees, and that the farm could pay at least Rupees 3,000 if the Board would find the other Rupees 1,500.

3. Shortly after this Mr. Fane reported that the Board could pay the Rupees 1,500, and a resolution was passed by the Committee on February 1st, 1870, that a granary should be built on the large improved plan.

4. In Government Order of April 7th, 1870, No. 461, the Committee were requested to submit a revised plan and estimate at a cost of Rupees 1,500.

5. As the granary was then contracted for, and partly erected, it could not be stopped, and has since been completed.

Cost of granary, Rupees 4,263-15-7.

6. It is a two-story building, sixty-four feet long and twenty feet wide, with a partition wall across the ground floor, and a wooden floor to the upper story. It is floored with asphalte on the ground floor, and is, I think, a remarkably cheap and substantial building, admirably adapted for the purpose required.

7. I will now explain why the Farm Committee decided to erect such a large building. There was about Christmas 9,000 rupees' worth of Carolina Paddy, maize, and other grains lying all about the farm in the greatest confusion, in pig-styes, engine and machine-sheds, cattle-boxes, etc., exposed to the weather and pilfering. It could not be shifted about, or looked after, in the way it should have been, and a considerable quantity was lost, besides a deterioration to the extent of thirty per cent. in vital seed among the maize alone.

8. As it is the intention of the Farm Committee in future to grow crops for the purpose of distributing or selling the grain for seed, it appeared to them most important that there should be a granary at the farm sufficiently large for storing all the grain likely to be grown. The stock of cattle is also much larger than it used to be, and the room in which grain is stored is too small to contain enough grain for farm requirements.

9. As the Committee found they would have a balance in hand if it was not spent in buildings or permanent improvements, they decided to build the granary, which was an absolute necessity, and could no longer be done without.

10. Under the circumstances the Committee, therefore, trust that the Board will carry out their part of the project and transmit the 1,500 rupees promised by the late President on behalf of the Board.

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. In November 1869 the Farm Committee applied for a grant to build a granary principally for the preservation of seed sent for distribution on account of Government. The amount was large, and the Board demurred; but they were not then aware how much storage room, etc., was wanted for farm purposes, and proposed (in their Proceedings of the 23rd February last) ~~to devote~~ Rupees 1,500 to this purpose. The Government expressed their approval of this estimate in their Order, No. 461, of the 7th April.

3. In the meantime, however, under the urgency of the case and relying on a demi-official promise of Mr. Fane that 1,500 rupees would be allowed in any case, (that is, in addition to what the Committee could afford to spend out of savings,) the Committee had determined to devote a balance of the general grant to this indispensable purpose, and had put the work in hand trusting to this contribution being forthcoming to complete it.

4. A thoroughly good and appropriate building has been constructed at an outlay of Rupees 4,263-15-7, (which is within the amount originally proposed to be expended by the Committee in their letter of the 21st August 1869, which received the general approval of Government in their Order, No. 2,499, of the 3rd September,) and the accommodation required for the seed to be distributed under the Board's orders has been most fully provided.

5. The expenditure can be met from savings under the head "Agricultural Exhibitions." There is no probability of the 20,000 Rupees sanctioned for the Government Farm being fully expended.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1870, No. 1,199.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the explanation which is afforded in the Proceedings recorded above the Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the expenditure of Rupees 4,263-15-7, which has been incurred by the Farm Committee in the erection of a granary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Honorary Secretary to the Farm Committee.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 10*th*.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 10*th August*, 1870, *No.* 1,199.

AUGUST.
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Granary at Sydapet Farm.—Rupees 4,263-15-7, expended in the erection of the building, sanctioned.