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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 18th March 1869.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th March 1869.

Read again Proceedings of Government, dated 28th January 1869, No. 250.

Read also the following:—

No. 456. From the Acting Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Bombay Castle, 17th February 1869, No. 399.

1. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 253, dated the 28th ultimo, with enclosure, and, in reply, to state that the Agri-Horticultural Society of Bombay receive a grant-in-aid from Government of Rupees (250) two hundred and fifty per month, or Rupees (3,000) three thousand per annum.

2. I am desired to add, that the Society also receive assistance from the Bombay Municipality, who granted them a sum of Rupees (6,000) six thousand in 1868, and Rupees (10,000) ten thousand for the current year.

No. 457. From the Secretary to Government, Punjab, (General Department,) to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Lahore, 13th February 1869, No. 490.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 253, of the 28th ultimo, I am desired by the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor to state, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras, that the following sums are contributed by Government in aid of the Agri-Horticultural Society of the Punjab:—

	P. M.
Grant from Imperial Revenues	450
Contributions from Local Funds of districts	620
Total per mensem ...	1,070

2. I may refer you to the Supplement to the Punjab Government Gazette of the 16th January 1868, which affords full information regarding the affairs and position of this Society.

No. 458. From the Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 13th March 1869.

1. I have the honor, by desire of the Committee of the Society, and with reference to their letter, No. 515, of 11th December 1868, to forward a copy of a letter received from the Agri-Horticultural Society of Bombay, setting forth the amount of assistance that has been received by that Society from Government and public funds.

2. Trusting that this may induce the Government to give favorable consideration to my previous communication.

From the Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society of Bombay, to the Honorary Secretary Agri-Horticultural Society of Madras, dated Town Hall, Bombay, 12th February 1869, No. 20.

In reply to your letter, dated the 6th instant, I have the honor to inform you, that the Government of Bombay has been paying to this Society a sum of Rupees 250 a month ever since it was

founded in 1832, Government also granted a portion of the ground which formed the late Sewree Garden, the proceeds of which, when sold, they permitted the Society to lay out in the establishment of the Victoria Gardens, for which, in 1861, they granted land on the Mount estate of the value of about Rupees 2,00,000. Our Society in 1866 applied to Government to have their monthly grant of Rupees 250 doubled, but the recommendation of the Local Government was not acceded to by H. E. the Governor General, who was of opinion that the obligation to provide sufficient funds for an institution like the Victoria Gardens was quite a Municipal one. The Municipality of Bombay sanctioned, on application, a sum of Rupees 3,000 for the year 1867, which they doubled for 1868, and their contribution has now been increased to Rupees 10,000 for the current year. Besides the above, the Municipality contributed a special sum of Rupees 35,000, which was supplemented by one from Government for Rupees 25,150, for the purpose of completing certain public works which private munificence had set on foot at the Victoria Gardens.

No. 459. From the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal, (General,) to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 27th February 1869, No. 872.

With reference to your letter, No. 251, dated the 28th ultimo, requesting to be informed whether this Government grants any pecuniary assistance to the Agri-Horticultural Society in Bengal, or to any similar Society in the Presidency, I am directed to forward to you the accompanying copy of papers noted in the margin* on the subject, from which you will see that the Society receives an annual donation of Rupees 5,000.

* No. 1,372, dated 12th September 1856, with enclosure from Government of India, Home Department.
Nos. 1,344-6, dated 20th September 1856, addressed to the Secretary, Agricultural and Horticultural Society, A. G. Bengal and Civil Auditor.

From the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department,) to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated the 12th September 1856, No. 1,372.

1. The Governor General in Council recently submitted, for the consideration of the Honorable the Court of Directors, an application from the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India for additional pecuniary aid in carrying out more efficiently the general operations of the Society, but more especially to meet the cost of importing agricultural seeds on an extended scale, with the view of meeting the frequent demands on the Society from Public Officers for large supplies of such seeds for dissemination throughout the country. A copy of the Society's application is herein enclosed, and I am also directed to transmit a copy of the Honorable Court's reply, No. 65, of 1856, dated the 16th July, authorizing the augmentation of the Government subscription to the Society from Rupees 2,620 to Rupees 5,000 per annum.

2. The Honorable the Lieutenant Governor will perceive that this augmentation of the Government subscription has been sanctioned by the Honorable Court "for the special purpose of enabling the Society to import larger supplies of seeds of a purely agricultural character for public distribution," a report being periodically submitted by the Society of the quantity of the seed imported and of the result of distribution. The Honorable Court also desire that a Statement may be transmitted to them annually, showing the number of Gardeners from the Society's School, and of agricultural seeds and plants from the stores consigned to the interior of the country.

3. I am accordingly directed to request that under the orders of the Honorable the Lieutenant Governor, the Society may be informed of the augmentation of the Government contribution and of the terms on which that augmentation has been sanctioned; and I am to request that the Honorable Court's wishes in respect to the submission of the annual statement, above mentioned, may be carefully attended to.

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From the Secretary, Agricultural and Horticultural Society, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Calcutta, 14th September 1855.

1. I am directed by the Council of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India to enclose, for transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors, a communication to the Secretary of the Court, preferring an application for additional pecuniary aid to assist in carrying out more efficiently the general operations of the Society, but more especially to meet the cost of importing *agricultural* seeds on an extended scale, with the view of meeting the frequent demands on the Society from public Officers for large supplies of such seeds for dissemination throughout the country.

2. The letter to the Honorable Court enters so fully into the subject, that the Council do not deem it necessary to occupy your time by a reiteration of it; but they respectfully trust that the application in question will meet with the favorable consideration and support of the Honorable the President and Council of India in Council.

From the Secretary, Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India, to the Secretary to the Honorable the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated the 12th September 1855.

1. I have the honor, by direction of the Council of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India, to submit in behalf of the Society for the favorable consideration of the Honorable the Court of Directors, this, its respectful application for further Government support and assistance, with the view of enabling it to extend its means of usefulness, and to render its efforts in a greater measure, productive of public benefit.

2. The Society, I am directed to observe, duly appreciates the liberality of the Honorable Court in the present annual donation of one thousand Rupees, and the monthly allowance of Rupees 135, which amount it has expended in furtherance of the important objects for which it was instituted. In corroboration of the general usefulness of the Institution, and the amount of benefit it has already been the means of conferring, the Council would beg to refer to the published proceedings of the last twenty years, as also to the recorded opinions of several Governors General, more especially of Lord William Bentinck, and the Earl of Auckland, in their capacity of Patrons of the Society.

3. But though the Society has endeavoured thus to carry out its operations to the best of its ability, the Council would confess that much remains unfulfilled, since the efforts of the Society towards developing the agricultural resources of the country have not been undertaken on so extended a scale as could be desired. Impressed with this important fact, and most anxious to perform more than it has hitherto been able to accomplish, the Society now prefers the request above alluded to.

4. With the comparatively limited means at the command of the Society, not exceeding an average annual income of Rupees 23,000, mainly derived from the subscriptions of Members, and the Government donation, the Council have to carry out the following important objects:—

1st.—To import considerable supplies of horticultural seeds from various parts of the world for distribution among the Members, thereby scattering annually a large quantity of fresh seed throughout the country.

2nd.—To maintain an experimental garden, from which large collections of useful plants are in course of constant distribution, (as the distribution of plants from the Botanic garden will soon cease, this branch of the Society's oporations must be very much extended,) and has also a school attached thereto, which has been recently established, with the view of raising up a body of intelligent Gardeners (a class of men very much needed) whose services may hereafter be available in various parts of India.

3rd.—To distribute prizes for the improvement of horticultural produce, which measure has been confessedly productive of much local benefit.

4th.—To publish a* journal in English and a Miscellany in Bengalli, both containing many useful practical papers respecting cotton, tobacco, sugar-cane, tea fibres and various other tropical productions.†

5th.—To maintain the requisite Secretariat Establishment for carrying out the various operations of the Society, which are annually increasing.

6th.—To offer premia‡ for encouraging the production of new articles which are likely to prove useful at a future day, and for collecting valuable information in an useful and practical form on important Indian agricultural staples.

7th.—To import *agricultural* seeds, viz., Cotton, Tobacco, Flax, Carolina paddy, and other cereals for public distribution, to other than Members for the benefit of the country generally.

5. For many years past it has been a source of regret to the Society that the various other pressing demands on its means, as detailed above, have prevented its expending a larger annual amount in what it conceives to be a most important branch of its operations, viz., the importation on an extended scale, of *agricultural* seeds for *public* distribution independent of Membership. This circumstance has been recently brought to the notice of the Council in a most prominent manner, from the frequent calls for seeds of this description within a very short period; they would more particularly refer to the fact that at one monthly meeting, that of June last, three applications for such seeds in addition to horticultural seeds, were submitted from three public Officers, Colonel Jenkins, Commissioner of Assam, Sir A. Bogle, Commissioner of the Tenasserim Provinces, and Major Cooper of the Artillery, with the view of distributing them among the Cossya tribes, the Chinese agriculturists in the vicinity of Moulmein and the Natives of the new station of Thyet Mhow in Burmah. These applications have been met by the Society partially to the extent of its means, but the Council are fully aware that, to prove of much public benefit, the contributions should have been on a considerably extended scale.

6. The Council would beg to bring to the notice of the Honorable Court, that an application, somewhat similar to the present, was preferred by the Society so long ago as 1841, as also for permission to receive its annual supply of seeds by the Mediterranean and Red Sea free of transit cost. To that application the Honorable Court was pleased to reply that they "would be disposed to meet the wishes of the Society to a certain extent when the direct communication between Suez and Calcutta by steam is effected, and shall take early opportunities of sending occasional supplies of such seeds as are deemed of importance by the most speedy conveyance." In accordance with that promise the Court presented the Society, in 1845, with a large supply of *agricultural*, seeds, which was forwarded by a sailing vessel *viâ* the Cape, and it also received from the Court, for four or five successive years, small parcels by the Overland Mail, but these contributions have not been continued, nor has the Society received further supplies of any description from the Honorable Court for the last eight or nine years.

7. While, therefore, the Council would in conclusion solicit the favorable consideration of the Honorable Court to this application for an increased annual donation to aid in carrying on the operations of the Society generally, they ask for it more especially to assist in enabling them to import larger supplies of seeds of a purely agricultural character for public distribution, on the understanding, if the application be granted, that such portion of the donation as the Court may

* In the schedule of prizes now before the public there is one for Rupees 1,000 for "Rhea" fibre and two premia of Rupees 500 each for the best Essays on the relative cost and production of the various Oil seeds of India suitable for export, and on the culture of the Date-tree in Bengal, its present condition and capabilities of improvement.

† In compliance with the instructions of the Honorable Court, 40 copies of each impression of the Journal have been regularly sent free of cost to the India House for the last fourteen years.

‡ The following is an extract from the preface of Dr. Royle's recently published work on the fibrous plants of India:—

"This copiousness of information is due partly to the Court of Directors of the East India Company having directed the culture of fibres in India at the beginning of this century, and partly to the subject having attracted the attention of many writers in the valuable transactions and Journal of the Agri-Horticultural Society of India."

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desire shall be applied for that express purpose, the Society undertaking to submit a report annually or biennially of the quantity of seed imported and of the result of distribution.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 65 of 1856.

Our Governor General of India in Council.

Letter, dated 12th October (No. 87) 1855.
Application from the Agri-Horticultural Society of India for additional pecuniary aid more especially for the purpose of importing agricultural seeds for distribution to public Officers and others throughout India.

1. We appreciate very highly the efforts of this Society for developing the agricultural resources of India, both by the introduction of new seeds and plants and by the extended production and improvement of those indigenous to the country.

2. It appears that the operations of the Society are greatly limited by the want of sufficient pecuniary means, the annual income amounting on an average to no more than Rupees 23,000. Of this sum the contribution of Government (Rupees 2,620 per annum) may now be deemed incommensurate with the important objects of the Society. We accordingly authorize you to enlarge the grant to the Society to Rupees 5,000 per annum for the special purpose "of enabling "it to import larger supplies of seeds of a purely agricultural character for public distribution." A report being periodically submitted by the Society "of the quantity of the seed imported, and of "the result of distribution." We wish you to transmit to us annually, in a tabular form, a Statement showing the number of gardeners from the School, and of agricultural seeds and plants from the stores consigned to the interior of the country.

We are, &c.,

LONDON,
16th *January* 1856.

(Signed) W. H. SYKES,
(,,) ROSS D. MANGLES,
and other Directors.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, (General,) to the Secretary to the Agricultural and Horticultural Society, dated Fort William, the 20th September 1856, No. 1,344.

1. Referring to your letter dated the 14th of September 1855, to the address of the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, preferring an application to the Honorable the Court of Directors for additional pecuniary aid from Government in carrying out more efficiently the operations of the Society, I am directed by the Lieutenant-Governor to forward herewith a copy of the reply received from the Honorable Court, which it will be perceived conveys sanction to the augmentation of the Government subscription to the Society from Rupees 2,620 to Rupees (5,000) five thousand per annum, "for the special purpose of enabling the Society to import larger supplies "of seeds of a purely agricultural character for public distribution, a report being periodically sub-"mitted by the Society of the quantity of the seed imported and of the result of distribution."

Dispatch No. 65 of 1856, dated the 16th July.

2. The Society's careful attention is requested to the Honorable Court's wishes in respect to the submission regularly of the Annual Statement mentioned in the concluding paragraph of their dispatch.

No. 1,345 and 1,346.

Extract paragraph 1 of the foregoing letter forwarded for information to the Accountant to the Government of Bengal and to the Civil Auditor.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

(Signed) W. GREY,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

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No. 460. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1869, No. 736.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has given the application of the Agri-Horticultural Society for an increased monthly allowance from Government his best consideration, but regrets that he is unable to accede to it.

2. Under the circumstances represented by the Society, however, His Lordship in Council resolves to make a special grant of Rupees 3,000 in aid of the funds of the Society. The charge will be met from the Budget Provision for "Agricultural Exhibitions, &c."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

THIRD SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE,

PUNJAB AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

LAHORE, 16TH JANUARY, 1869.

ADDITIONAL GRANT TO LAHORE AGRI-HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

As considerable misapprehension appears to exist, in regard to the grant of Rs. 200 per mensem, lately made by the Supreme Government to the Agri-Horticultural Society of Lahore, in lieu of providing a permanent Secretary and Superintendent of the Society's garden, as desired by the Society, the Lieutenant-Governor deems it advisable to publish for the information of its members and of the public the letters noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that the entire object of the grant is to enable the Society, if possible, to retain permanently the services of a Secretary, possessing the qualifications required for effectively conducting an institution of the kind.

1.—No. 267, dated 20th July, 1867, from Secretary to Government, Punjab, to Foreign Department.
2.—No. 1510, dated 9th September, 1867, from Foreign Department in reply.

Doctor E. B. Brown, who for some time gratuitously conducted the duties of Secretary, but felt himself constrained, in justice to himself and to the other calls on his time and attention, to resign it some months ago, has consented to resume the post, thus rendered remunerative; it is not to be expected that he can devote to the work of the Society the same amount of personal labour and attention which might have been looked for from a person holding the post as a substantive one, without having other duties to attend to. But the Lieutenant-Governor has no doubt that he will exert himself to the utmost to fulfil all the most necessary requirements of the Society, and as no other arrangement that would promise even tolerable success appears to be available, he considers it to be a matter for congratulation that at a time when there appeared to be ground for fearing that the operations of this most important and valuable institution would be brought to a close or rendered of little value, the post of Secretary has been resumed by one who possesses such undoubted and special qualifications and who is a permanent resident of Lahore.

By order,
C. U. AITCHISON,
Offg. Secy. to Govt., Punjab.

Copy of a letter from T. H. THORNTON, ESQUIRE, *Secretary to Government, Punjab, to* SIR W. MUIR, K. C. S. I., *Secretary to Government of India; Foreign Department, No.* 267—1864, *dated* 20*th July*, 1867.

I HAVE the honor, by direction of the Hon'ble the Lieutenant-Governor to submit for the consideration of the Supreme Government, the documents noted in the margin, having reference to an application by the Agri-Horticultural Society of this Province, for further assistance from the Supreme Government to enable it carry out more effectually the important public objects it has in view.

Printed copy of a memorandum of the operations of the Agri-Horticultural Society from its institution in 1851, to the year 1863, by Mr. H. Cope, and
Memorandum on do., from 1863, to the present time.
Memorandum by Dr. Henderson, late Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society, on the necessity for a well arranged Botanical Garden [illegible] Punjab.
Special Report of a Committee of the Agri-Horticultural Society on the provision required for the proper maintenance of the Agri-Horticultural's Society Garden.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE HONORARY SECRETARY,

AGRI-HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 18th.

Recd. Read.

G. O., 18th March 1869, No. 736.

MARCH.

Nos. 456-460.

Madras Agri-Horticultural Society.—Application from the Committee for an increased monthly allowance, declined. Special grant of Rupees 3,000 in aid of the funds of the Society, sanctioned.

2. It will be apparent from the perusal of these documents, that the Supreme Government has, from the first establishment of the Society and its garden, taken an important part in the undertaking by the grant of a monthly allowance, by concessions of land, by establishing a system of periodical reports, and generally by evincing an interest in its proceedings. The progress and efficiency of the institution have nevertheless been most seriously impaired, from various causes,—by far the most important being *the want of a permanent Superintendent.*

3. At first a small salary was allowed to the gentleman (Mr. Cope,) who virtually managed the Society's affairs, under the designation of Secretary. But after a time it was found that the Society could not afford this expenditure, and it became necessary for it to avail itself of the gratuitous services of any gentleman present at Lahore, who might be willing to undertake the duty of superintending the Garden, carrying on correspondence, and publishing proceedings, an arrangement so obviously unsatisfactory, that it can be regarded only as a matter of surprise and congratulation, that the Society has been able to effect hitherto so much as it has done.

4. In so limited a society as that of Lahore, the probabilities are very much against securing at all times from amongst its members, a person qualified for the efficient performance of the duties in question. The consequence has been that at times the operations of the Society have remained for years together almost entirely in abeyance ; changes of incumbency have been so frequent, as to preclude any thing like the establishment of a uniform and recognized line of action, and even the most zealous and competent of those who have from time to time undertaken the honorary duty, have had official duties to perform of a more or less arduous character ; which have occupied so much of their time as to render it impossible for them to do full justice to the business of the Society.

5. Since Dr. Henderson has been in charge, a period of two years and three months, he has infused fresh vigour into the proceedings of the Society ; not only has much greater attention been paid than heretofore to the raising of seeds and plants for distribution, but many new varieties of plants and trees have been introduced. Communications have been opened with corresponding institutions elsewhere, discussion within the province, on subjects connected with the aims of the Society, have been greatly promoted. An interest on the part of the native gentry in its objects, has been partially created, the number of subscribers has been increased, and the finances of the Society have been carefully husbanded. Though greatly hampered by want of funds, and want of leisure, he has devoted an amount of enthusiasm, and energy to the work, which with the special qualifications he possesses, have enabled him to accomplish more, within a brief period than had been previously effected during all the time that the Society has been in existence, excepting perhaps, the first few years after its formation, and could a continuance of his services have been secured, and further assistance afforded to him, the Society would doubtless ere long have attained to greatly increased usefulness and importance. The return, however, from Europe of Dr. Scriven, Principal of the Medical College, has obliged Dr. Henderson, to vacate the officiating post of Professor, which alone kept him at Lahore, and he has in consequence now left the station. Dr. Brown, who formerly held charge of the garden for a time, has very kindly consented temporarily to resume it, but altogether objects to retain it for a permanency, stating it to be quite impossible that he can do justice to the post, without prejudice to the very arduous and important official duties he has to perform.

6. All endeavours to find at Lahore, some other person willing and able to undertake the duty, have on the present occasion failed. The Society has in consequence been constrained to look to Government for help, and the accompanying report of a special Committee, appointed to consider the matter, explains the nature and extent of assistance they hope for, though without the proceedings of the Society which preceded the appointment of the Committee, the statement is not so clear as it might have been rendered. The Lieutenant-Governor considers the work of this Society to be so important, and its continued existence in a really efficient state so

essential to the well being of this Province, that he desires most warmly to support their application, and he trusts it will be admitted, that a Province possessing such great varieties of soil and climate, as are to be found in the Punjab, and differing so greatly in many respects from other parts of India, as this Province does, has a fair claim at least to be placed in this respect on a par with other portions of the Presidency.

7. The Society, however, does not ask for the Punjab that its garden be placed on the same footing with those of the North-Western Provinces and Bengal, or that it be similarly endowed, as the Society deems it advantageous in many ways, that the garden at Head-Quarters retain its connection with the Agri-Horticultural Society of the Province, combining the with the character of a Government Grant-in-aid Institution, rather than that it should be changed into a purely Government garden, like that of Saharanpur. For this reason, the principal, and practically the only request it makes of Government, is the appointment of a qualified and permanent Superintendent. As the salary of such a functionary ; which it is proposed to fix at Rupees 700 per mensem, with an establishment costing Rs. 100 per mensem; is far beyond what the finances of the Society could possibly meet, while this concession on the part of Government would at once afford to the Institution the stability required. In these sentiments the Lieutenant-Governor entirely concurs, and he accordingly earnestly solicits the sanction of Government to the proposed measure. Not only would the arrangement be an economical one for Government, as compared with that adopted in the North-Western Provinces and Bengal ; but the interest and co-operation of the public will be secured, to an extent which the Superintendent could not command, were he unconnected with a Society engaged as this Society is in constant discussion of subjects relating to Agriculture and Horticulture, and the publication of periodical proceedings.

8. With a view to aid the funds of the Society, the Lieutenant-Governor has determined to contribute from the amalgmated Provincial fund, an allowance of Rs. 300 per mensem, and with this addition, the yearly income of the Society will be about Rs. 14,400 as per margin, being at the rate of Rs. 1,200 per mensem, exclusive of an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem, at present made by the Punjab and Dehli Railway Company, for the supply of trees for avenues and plantations, the permanent continuance of which last, however, is uncertain. With this income, it is hoped, that if a Superintendent be granted, the operations of the Society can in future be carried on with complete efficiency, and with greatly increased benefit to the Province, as well as to the interests of Government. Some details will have to be settled for the transaction of business, the harmonious action of the Committee with the Superintendent, and the regular submission of reports to Government, but the general arrangement suggested in the Committee's report, which accompanies appears to the Lieutenant-Governor to be suitable.

1.	Grant from Imperial Revenues, at Rs. 250 ...	Rs. 3,000
2.	Subscriptions from Local Funds of 33 Districts, at 10 Rs. each per mensem	„ 3,840
3.	Private Subscriptions	„ 3,000
4.	Sale of produce (say,)	„ 960
	Future Contribution from Provincial Fund	„ 3,600
	Total Rs. ...	14,400

9. As shown above, the sum granted to the Society from Imperial Funds is Rupees 3,000 per annum, or Rupees 250 per mensem, of which that of Rupees 200 was granted by letter, No. 544, dated 6th August, 1863, in the Foreign Department, for the general purposes of the Society, while Rupees 50 was afterwards added by letter, No. 3164, dated 16th July, 1863, in the Financial Department, for the maintenance of a Botanical Garden, for the use of the Students of the Medical College. This grant the Society propose and the Lieutenant-Governor supports the recommendation, shall hereafter be yearly readjusted on the principle laid down for "grants-in-aid" in the Education Department. So that it shall always equal the annual contributions of subscribers. It so happens that the latter, at the present time, exactly equal the amount of Government grant —so that no present charge is involved—but by adopting the principle of a grant-

in-aid for the future ; it is hoped that an additional stimulus will be afforded to the members of Society, European and Native, to support the society by their contributions.

10. As regards the Superintendent, the salary proposed for him by the Society, as stated above, is Rs. 700 per mensem, with an establishment costing Rs. 100, this being the salary drawn by the Superintendent of the Saharanpur garden. But seeing that a qualified Superintendent will doubtless be most readily obtained from amongst the Medical officers of the establishment, and a scale of salaries has recently been laid down for these, when holding Civil charges, which admits of progressive increase, with the rise of the incumbent in departmental rank, it would, in His Honor's opinion, be preferible, when the incumbent is a member of the Medical establishment, that the salary be fixed on the same scale as that of a first class Civil charge.

11. The Lieutenant-Governor does not concur in the suggestion made in Dr. Henderson's memorandum accompanying, that the Superintendent take charge of the Railway Fuel Plantations. These he is of opinion had better remain, as at present, under the control of the Forest Department, and he considers that the Superintendent will have quite enough to occupy him, in the management of the garden and its branch at Dharmsala, in raising vegetable seeds for the supply of the Army in the Punjab, in rearing trees, and plants, and raising tree, vegetable and flower seeds, for general distribution, in carrying on the correspondence of the Society, and preparing and publishing its proceedings ; as well as submitting periodical reports to Government, and he would accordingly regret to see him burdened with an extraneous duty, which for its due performance, would require him at times to leave his substantive occupations.

From SIR W. MUIR, K. C. S. I., *Secretary to Government of India, Foreign Department, to* T. H. THORNTON, ESQUIRE, *Secretary to Government of the Punjab.—No.* 1516, *dated Simla, the 9th September*, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 267, dated 20th July last, submitting an application from the Agri-Horticultural Society of the Punjab, for further assistance from Government, by the appointment of a Medical Officer as permanent Superintendent of the Society, and by the conversion of the present allowance of Rs. 250 a month, into a grant-in-aid equivalent to the amount of private subscriptions.

2. In reply I am directed to state that, however much the Governor-General in Council appreciates the useful character of this institution, His Excellency in Council does not think that any sufficient reason has been adduced for the alteration proposed in its constitution.

3. The Government of India could not afford to grant the services of a Medical Officer to act as Superintendent of the Society, but His Excellency in Council as at present advised is willing to increase the present grant by an additional sum of Rs. 200 per mensem, and the Financial Department will be consulted on the subject.

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18 March 69.

Read agn 4 D. Wm 1864 No 255
Read also Pol Cons 9 Sept 1867 No 553, 600, 804. Pr 827.

The Rt Hble the Secy
of State has given
the application of the
Agri Horticultural Society
for an increased monthly
allowance from Govt his
best consideration, and
regrets that he is unable
to accede to it

Under the circumstances
represented by the Society's
Secretary, His Lordship in
Council resolves to make
a debited grant of Rs 200
in aid of the funds of
the Society. The charge will

be met from the Budget

Governor for Agricultural

Societies &c"

1 Copy to the Honorary Secy Agri Horticultural Society &c
6 Copies to Accountant General