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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th January 1867.

Read the following papers :—

No. 309. From the Officiating Secretary to Chief Commissioner Central Provinces, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Nagpore, the 2nd February 1866, No. 278-20.

1. In a recent correspondence with the President of the Nagpore Central Exhibition Committee, relative to the best means of turning the results of the exhibition to the practical education of the Natives of the Central Provinces, I was directed to obtain suggestions from the Committee on several points which had occurred to Mr. Temple to that end, one of which was—

" *3rd.*—Will it be desirable to obtain sets of practical and agricultural " machinery for each Tehseel station, for the use or instruction of the land- " holders ; and if so, what machinery."

2. In reply, the President of the Committee wrote as follows :—

" With reference to the proposal to keep a collection of improved agricultural implements at each Tehseel, I would beg to remark—

" *First.*—That much care is required to ensure the selection of good implements of the class required, as an ill-constructed or clumsy machine may, if exhibited, throw discredit upon the use of machinery generally.

" *Second.*—That those machines only should be selected at first for exhibition, which perform agricultural operations which are now performed very imperfectly, or with much toil by the people, with the implements in common use in the country. I may instance—

1. Winnowing,
2. Husking Rice,
3. Ginning Cotton,
4. Crushing Sugar-cane,

as operations for which the agriculturist and dealers in produce more especially require improved machines ; and

" *Third.*—The machines should be, I think, worked by hand or by bullock power.

" The people are not yet prepared to use steam engines, and perhaps steam power could not at present be used economically, except in special cases by large proprietors.

" The people are accustomed to use bullocks, and it will be a great advantage to them if machines can be introduced, adapted to be worked by bullock power, and I have no doubt that such machines and gearing would be readily adopted.

" *Fourthly.*—It will be necessary to provide the services of one or more competent mechanics in each district, where the use of machines is introduced, in order to keep the machines in proper working order. One of the great obstacles to the introduction of agricultural machinery at present is the want of persons to repair them."

3. The Chief Commissioner believes that the above list could advantageously be enlarged, and that some practical steps might be taken for introducing the machinery best adapted to these Provinces in their present state ; and as it is believed that the Government of Madras have successfully moved in this matter, I am desired by Mr. Temple to solicit information as to the particular machines

which have been found, by experiment, to be most useful in Madras, and the plan by which their introduction was effected.

No. 310. From the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner Central Provinces, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Nagpore, the 8th September 1866.

I am directed to enquire whether you can, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, afford the Chief Commissioner any information on the subject* of my letter No. 278-20 of the 2nd February last.

* Agricultural machinery best adapted for introduction into India.

No. 311. From the Officiating Assistant Secretary to the Chief Commissioner Central Provinces, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 1st December 1866.

I am desired by the Chief Commissioner to enquire whether the information asked for in this Office No. 278-20 of the 2nd February 1866, regarding agricultural machinery best adapted for introduction into India, can be afforded.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 312. From the Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, dated 15th January 1867, No. 148.

Miscellaneous.

2nd February 1866, No. 278-20.
8th September ,,
1st December ,,

SIR,

In reply to your letters marginally noted, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to state that a full report on the different agricultural implements introduced and tried at the Government Farms in this Presidency will shortly be forwarded to you.

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To The Secy to the Chief
Commissioner central
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Rom. Rs. dated 6th July 67
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Commissioner of Lucknow
Province informed that
a report on the introduction
of Agricultural Implements
in the Nuwabs Dominions
will be forwarded.

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