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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th August 1867.

No. 551. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th August 1867, No. 5,370.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1867, No. 129 :—

1. It being desirable to introduce improvements in the manufacture of sugar, as much cane is grown under the Toongabadra channels in this district, and the ryots are far removed from facilities of supplying themselves with improved machinery, I have the honor to request the sanction of the Board of Revenue for the charges (say Rupees 500) of purchasing and importing from Gopalpore an improved Sugar Mill, as per copy of a letter subjoined, from Messrs. Binny & Co.

2. I entertain no doubt of the article being purchased by the sugar growers, and serving hereafter as a model for the wood-work which might be made here, even if the iron parts have been supplied from Gopalpore.

3. The only Sugar Mill used in this district is the primitive vertical post, which is turned round another stationary post by a lever beam. There is, I think, much waste of animal power, with inefficient results, in this manner of expressing the cane juice.

4. If the Board of Revenue would also be so good as to order to be forwarded to me from the Sydapet Farm an improved light Plough and Harrow, I think that more advantage to the district will accrue, than by holding an Agricultural Exhibition, and I would, therefore, respectfully suggest that the charge of importing these improved implements be debited to Agricultural Exhibition Budget of Rupees 3,000.

5. This district is so remote from the Presidency, and the people are so backward in agricultural improvements, that I venture to solicit the aid of the Board in the matter. I have no doubt that, when the advantages of the agricultural implements I have named are known to the people, they will take steps to supply themselves in future ; and that the cost of the articles and their carriage, though first borne by Government, will, as in the case of Cotton Gins supplied from the Dharwar Factory, be afterwards recovered from the people.

1 Iron Sugar Mill, complete	Say about Rupees 500.
1 Iron Sugar Mill, without the wood-work ...	
1 Light Plough	Cost unknown.
1 Chaff Cutter	
1 Harrow	

From Messrs. BINNY & Co., to the Collector of Bellary, dated Madras, 3rd July 1867.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, requesting us to inform you of the cost of a Cane Mill, and to send you a sketch of the same.

In reply, we beg to say that we can supply you with some, at a cost of about Rupees 200 each, on board the steamer at Gopalpore, and should you require more than one, we would suggest your authorizing us to send you a Mill with iron and wood-work complete, and merely the iron work for the remainder ; this would lessen the charge for freight, &c., somewhat.

We are sorry we have no sketch of the Mill by us, which is very simple in its construction, but are writing to Aska for one, where it has been used extensively for many years, and found to be very effective in its working, and has given excellent results. We may further mention that almost all the ryots in the Ganjam District now use these Mills.

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1. The Board resolve to recommend to Government the purchase of the Sugar Mill, at a cost of Rupees 500. The Board have reason to believe that the Machine is constructed on very good principles.

2. The Sydapet Farm Committee will be requested to forward to the Collector of Bellary the impeoved light Plough, Chaff Cutter, and Harrow, applied for in the foregoing letter, if available.

No. 552. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1867, No. 2,023.

Miscellaneous.

The estimated charge of Rupees 500 for supplying patterns of the improved Sugar Mill for the Bellary District is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, the Sydapet Farm Committee.

Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 2023.

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Secretary.

29th August 1867.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Sydapet Farm Committee.
" the Accountant General.