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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 25—10— 1867.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th October 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 488. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st May 1867, No. 3,347.

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Madras District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 27th May 1867, No. 131.

With reference to the Board's Official Memorandum, dated the 22nd February last, No. 171, calling for a reply to their Proceedings of the 9th October last, on the subject of furnishing a revised prize list of articles to be exhibited at the Government Farm in Homes' Garden, I have the honor to state that the list should be furnished by the Farm Committee, and not by the Collector of Madras. I would, therefore, suggest the Board's calling upon Mr. Cockerell, who is acting still as Secretary to the Farm Committee, to submit the revised list in question. When the Board's Proceedings of the 9th October was received, the impression in this Office was that they were sent merely for information, and not for reply. I may also add that at the foot of the Board's Proceedings, the Committee, and not the Collector of Madras, is requested to submit a revised list of articles to be exhibited.

Communicated to the Honorary Secretary, Government Farm, with the Board's request that the required list may be submitted with as little delay as possible.

No. 489. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th October 1867, No. 6,429.

Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Farm Committee, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated —— September 1867.

1. I am directed by the Government Farm Committee to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings of May 31st, 1867, No. 3,347.

2. As the subject thereof has been some time in abeyance, I will shortly recapitulate.

3. The Acting Collector of Madras wrote, in the name of the Farm Committee, proposing an Agricultural Exhibition at the Farm early in 1867, and forwarded a prize list.

To Board, 10th September 1866, No. 274.

4. The Board approved, and recommended to Government that an exhibition should take place in January 1867. The Government decided that the exhibition should be postponed till January 1868, and that an exhibition should be held of implements, &c., during the season.

Board's Proceedings, 20th September 1866, No. 6,726.
G. O., 6th October 1866, No. 2,701.

5. The Board desired the Committee to furnish a revised list and Draft Notification without delay; but it does not appear from the records that any copy, or intimation of this order reached the Committee until Board's Proceedings of May 31st, 1867, were received, calling again for the required list with as little delay as possible.

Board's Proceedings, 9th October 1866, No —.

6. I am desired by the present Committee to inform the Board that they beg to deprecate most strongly the proposal to hold an Agricultural Exhibition next January. A certain amount of progress has been made in laying out the Farm, and setting up machinery, implements, &c., but owing to the frequent changes of Superintendents, the inefficient class of men who have hitherto been employed in that capacity, and the adverse character of past seasons, the Farm is

not yet in such a condition, as to be regarded as an example of superior culture, and management. The Committee can only congratulate themselves that the Farm has progressed at all under the very adverse circumstances referred to. At last, however, they have procured from Scotland, a Superintendent who they hope will ere long put matters on an entirely different footing, and who, as far as the Committee are able to judge at present, is as anxious as themselves that no further time should be lost, and that practical experiments in farming, stock-needing, and the application of improved implements and machinery, should be carried out. It is now the middle of September; if an exhibition is held at all, it must be about the middle, or latter end of January, and it would be hardly fair to call upon the Superintendent—fresh from Scotland—to exhibit the results of his management in his very first season, six months after his arrival.

7. The Committee hope, during the course of the next year, to set up the Bone-crushing and Rice-Hulling Machines, and work them by steam-power, and also to set up a very powerful pump at the wind engine well, to be worked by steam-power, in order that it may be clearly ascertained by experiments whether a pump worked by men, cattle, or steam, is the most economical and most suitable to the requirements of cultivators in this part of the world.

8. The experiments and trials of other implements and machinery at the Farm have not as yet been carried out to that full and satisfactory extent, which the Committee consider would warrant them in exhibiting such to the public, as they consider that first impressions in a matter of such importance—if bad—are very difficult to eradicate, and they cannot forget the unfavorable remarks and impression produced at the exhibition held at Sydapet some years ago.

9. For these reasons, the Committee would, therefore, with the greatest deference to the expressed desires of Government, submit that it is not advisable to hold an exhibition until January 1869, by which time they hope that the Government Farm at Sydapet may have fairly entitled itself to be called an Experimental and Model Farm.

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1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, under date 6th October 1866, No. 2,701.

2. Under the circumstances stated, the Board concur with the Farm Committee in considering that it will be advisable to defer the exhibition until 1869.

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No. 490. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1867, No. 2.510.

Miscellaneous.

1. The postponement of the Exhibition till 1869 is approved.

2. The Committee will in due course submit their proposals for approval.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Farm Committee.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 6,429.

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1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order under date 6th October 1866,

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No. 2746

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

*Dated 8th October* 1867.

No. 6,429.

Submitting to Government letter from Honorary Secretary Sydapett Farm Committee, and concurring with that officer in considering that it is not advisable to hold an exhibition in Farm until January 1869.

2. Under the circumstances stated, the Board concur with the Farm Committee in considering that it will be advisable to defer the exhibition until 1869.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 31st May 1867, No. 3,347.

Copy to the Farm Committee.
" to the Acting Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

Rec'd 25 Oct 67.

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