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No. 208. Read the following letter from Mr. H. BROWNE, Pleader, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 11th November 1867 :—

1. The "Madras Times" of the 7th instant announced in an article that the Committee of the Government Model Farm requested the Government to procure for them a ton of Indian corn seed from America, together with a list of agricultural implements. I have the honor, in reference to that announcement, to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that feeling the importance and future value of Indian corn in this country, I obtained overland, *via* Liverpool, a tolerable quantity and variety of the Indian corn or Maize in cobs, and varieties of grass seed, from Messrs. J. and M. Thorburn & Co., 15, John Street, New York, in the month of August last, and distributed it to the following gentlemen :— Major J. Puckle, Mysore Commission ; Honorary Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society, Bangalore; Colonel J. Carpendale, Honorary Secretary, People's Park ; J. D. Sim, Esq., President, Model Farm Committee, through Colonel Carpendale ; and reserved a small quantity for His Highness the Nizam's Government.

2. The varieties procured by me are the best suited for this climate, and I believe the experiments at the Model Farm promise very fair results.

3. Feeling also the importance of circulating practical information on the cultivation of corn in detail, I procured a work by "Enfield," published at New York, the best in repute, and circulated it among those gentlemen who have undertaken to give the seed a trial.

4. In introducing the corn, I was most laudably encouraged by friends in New York, who evinced great solicitude for its propagation in India, in the hope that the poorer classes may find a substantial article for bread, its suitableness for that purpose having been clearly proved from the fact of hundreds of thousands having adopted it as an article of food in the United States since the termination of the civil war.

5. My object in addressing you, therefore, is to place before the Government the name of Messrs. Thorburn & Co., the great Seedsmen of New York, who will be prepared to execute all orders for seed and agricultural implements at the shortest possible notice.

Messrs. J. and D. Malcolmson & Co. are Agents at Liverpool for Messrs. Thorburn & Co.

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1867, No. 2,675.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, the Agri-Horticultural Society, and the Government Farm Committee.

2. The Government thank Mr. Browne for his action in the matter, and for the information now furnished.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Agri-Horticultural Society.
,, the Farm Committee.
,, Mr. H. Browne.

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