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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th December 1867.*

No. 278. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department :—

Approving estimate for the re-construction of
the Singanoday surplus sluice in the Maya-
veram Talook, Tanjore District, and sanction-
ing the proposed appropriation of funds for
putting the work in hand. } (Here enter 10th December 1867, No. 3,850.)

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1867, No. 2,986.

Irrigation, No. 10.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,850.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Pro. of Govt., No. 340, dated 28th January 1867. } Read again the papers noted in the margin.
„ „ 2601, dated 17th July 1867. }

Read also the following papers:—

From the Remount Agent, Oosoor... ... Here enter 25th July 1867, No. 182.
Report from the Contr. of Mil. Accounts... ... 21st October „ C.

From the Agent for Remounts, Remount Depôt, Oosoor, 25th July 1867, No. 182 ;
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government Order, dated 28th
January 1867, No. 340, regarding the Oosoor Farm accounts for 1865-66.

2. The gross receipts of the Farm in that year were Rupees 6,564-6-4, the
actual cash expenditure in cultivation was Rupees 1,947-5-6. The net proceeds so
far were, therefore, Rupees 4,617-0-10.

3. The Government direct me to deduct.

a.—The value of Depôt assistance.

b.—The assessment on the land.

c.—Interest on the cost of buildings.

d.— Do. on cost of implements.

e.—An adequate allowance for wear and tear of implements.

4. The first two items, as shewn in my account current, aggregate Ru-
pees 1,067-2-4, viz.

Depôt Assistance	...	Rupees	684	14	0
Assessment...	...	„	382	4	4
		Rs.	1,067	2	4

Godown...	...	401	7	0
Shed...	...	861	8	0
Weigh-house...	...	*46	3	0

Asphalte for godown.	...	1,309	2	0
		25	6	4
		1,334	8	4

* Not Rs. 463, as printed in the *Pro. of Govt.*

Implements from England,				
£284-12-3...	Rs.	2,847	0	0
Purchased by me from Hamil-				
ton and Co ..	95	15	7	
Oakes and Co...	48	15	0	
Wuddur cart...	11	0	0	
Two saws ...	12	0	0	
Scythes, &c.....	67	13	0	
		235	11	7

MISCELLANEOUS.

Landing mowing				
machine...	8	12	6	
Rail for machine...	13	11	0	
Do. Mint castings	5	12	0	

28	3	6
3,110	15	1

5. The only buildings attached to
the Farm are the godown and shed
and weigh house, entered in the memo-
randum attached to my letter dated 30th
August last, No. 224. They cost Ru-
pees 1,309-2-0, and interest on them, at
5 per cent, amounts to Rupees 65-7-4.

6. The implements supplied to me
cost Rupees 2,847-0-0, and those pur-
chased by me cost Rupees 235-11-7, and
Railway and landing charges Rs. 28-3-6,
the total cost of the machinery and
implements being Rupees 3,110-15-1;
interest on this capital, at five per cent,
amounts to Rupees 155-8-9.

7. For depreciation I allow another
five per cent, as all repairs are annually
charged to income. This amounts to
Rupees 155-8-9.

8. I have still to add various sun-
dry charges which are shown in the
margin, and are extracted from the
memorandum in my letter above quoted.
These amount to Rupees 405-15-0.

Paint, oil, &c., for carts...	78	5	8
Iron for repairing implements...	13	12	0
Chucker's hire for harness...	12	0	0
Postage...	2	13	0
Paid for bullocks (net)...	13	0	0
Timber...	210	0	0
Sending bullocks to Bangalore and Malloor...	10	0	0
Fattening four bullocks...	42	0	0
Hides and salt...	7	2	8
Sawing timber...	7	13	8
Extra gardener...	9	0	0
	405	15	0
			1,849 10 2

10. Deducting this sum from the sum of Rupees 4,617-0-10 shown in paragraph 2 above, the actual net profits from my farming operations in 1865-66 were Rupees 2,767-6-8, or close upon $8\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees per acre, which, I trust, will be deemed satisfactory, considering how very unfavorable the year was for agricultural operations.

11. I would submit, however, that it is not fair to charge the farm with the whole of the machinery, which cost Rupees 2,847-0-0; several of the expensive implements entered in the list were sent out for experimental purposes, and not for the use of the farm, nor on my requisition. If I were providing plant solely for the latter, the cost would not nearly amount to so large a sum. To prevent all dispute however, I have debited the farm with all the expensive machinery sent to me, except the three implements mentioned in paragraph 6 of my letter, 30th August last, No. 224.

12. I proceed now to note the expenditure incurred by me on other accounts.

For combined mowing and reaping machine...	679	5	7
Do. 2 winnowing do. ...	360	7	7
	Rs. 1,039	13	2

First—I remitted Rs. 1,039-13-2 to England, in payment of implements which are included in the capital account in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this letter.

Second.—I incurred an expense of Rupees 261-7-4 in connection with the trial of the steam plough. This was sent

Coals...	54	14	6
Carriage for do.	12	8	0
Firewood and iron.....	194	0	10
Rupees...	261	7	4

here for general experimental purposes, and not at my request. It did the farm no good, and the farm is not chargeable with the item. In fact, on the principle which is being applied to the farm, I ought to charge Government for the assistance afforded by my establishment.

Garret...	4	6	0
Cheques...	7	0	6
Crib-biters...	46	14	5
Repairing stables...	25	0	4
Do. Sepoys' huts...	16	4	0
Gram chimney...	79	4	0
65,000 bricks...	97	8	0
Pluviometer stand...	8	8	0
Repairing godown...	41	4	0
Old well...	37	7	8
Mud wall...	48	5	0
Trumpets...	1	12	0
Advance for hay rick stands...	150	0	0
Do. sheds...	420	0	0
Rupees...	983	9	11

Third.—I expended Rupees 983-9-11 on various improvements, and necessary repairs, &c., connected with the stud. These are given in the margin, extracted from the memorandum already referred to.

13. These three items aggregate Rupees 2,284-14-5.

14. Lastly, I advanced Rupees 200 for farm purposes for next year.

15. Deducting all these items, Rupees 2,484-14-5, from the net profit of Rupees 2,767-6-8, I ought to have a balance in hand of Rupees 282-8-3, whereas I have only Rupees 127-11-9. The difference is caused by the transfer of the cost of certain implements, &c., to capitals in paragraph 6.

16. I trust I have now placed the Government in a position to judge how far the farm has been successful, taking into consideration that all the buildings and plant now paid for, will not require to be renewed for years, and that the several items charged against the farm, viz. "Depôt assistance," "assessment," &c., never actually cost Government one farthing, but are merely nominal charges. I am not a professional farmer. I am voluntarily incurring much responsibility, and giving a portion of my time and labor to duties extraneous to those for which I am remunerated, and the result is, that I have realized for Government, in an unusually bad year, a clear sum of Rupees 2,767-6-8, deducting the nominal charges above referred to, but in reality of 4,617-0-10. The present year is altogether more promising, and I doubt not that I shall realize a still larger profit; but I trust it will not be forgotten that these are purely voluntary labors on my part, none of my predecessors undertook them, and the Government have not imposed them on me.

17. The stud comprises 650 horses, and such an establishment must have, and always has had, a large extent of land attached to it. It struck me a few years ago, that it was more for the interests of the State that this land should be cultivated, than left waste and profit-less. I commenced on a very small scale, at my own risk, and gradually collected a few English ploughs and other implements. Matters were thus going on, when His Excellency Sir William Denison visited Oosoor, and, pleased with what he saw, conceived the plan of converting the farm into a sort of model farm, and procured a number of machines and implements from England. No such ambitious views were entertained by me, but I cheerfully did my best to carry out His Excellency's views, and I believe I was successful in a very great degree. But it was an unfortunate arrangement for me, for no sooner was my farm raised to the dignity of a model farm, than I was called upon for statistics, calculations and returns, far beyond my power, or that of my very limited establishment to furnish. From this position, I have (happily) been relieved by the decision conveyed in Government Order, Revenue Department, 15th January 1867, No. 172, and the farm is now in its original position, of merely an appendage to the stud; now however requirements* are addressed to me which, if insisted on, would cause me great embarrassment.

I have not the means of keeping such accounts as seem to be required, as I have no establishment for farm purposes. To produce receipts and vouchers for all the miscellaneous items of my farm operations is simply impossible, and, if I am obliged to go to the Department Public Works for my works and repairs, and in short to Government establishments for all my wants, failure will be the inevitable result. I speak from experience of the delays and disappointments which this system entails, and of the expense it involves. A farmer, to be successful, must practice economy in every petty as well as great matter, and must be at liberty to act promptly, and get what he requires without delay, wherever it can be had most cheaply, efficiently and speedily. If things, when wanted, must be got by indents requiring sanction, and budget estimates must not be exceeded, and other similar formalities must be followed, the result will be a failure, and what has hitherto been a labor of love to me, will be a pleasure-less task. I do not ask the Government for a penny, or the value of a penny. I am willing to pay any rate of interest on the buildings and tools attached to the farm, and I will duly account for all its receipts and charges, in a simple debtor and creditor form, as ordered by the Secretary of State, and all I beg respectfully, in order to ensure satisfactory results, is to be left untrammelled, as I have hitherto been, that I may use my best energies

Form No. 1.

The Remount Agent in account current with the Military Accountant.....Cr.

(Signed) E. T. F.

A.

MEMORANDUM of expenditure on account of cultivation.

		Amount.	
		RS.	A. P.
<i>General.</i>			
1865-66.	Amount entered in the Account Current.....	1,947	5 6
N. B.—This should be exhibited in detail, with vouchers.			
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>			
By amount paid to Messrs. Hamilton and Co., for tools purchased, voucher No.....		95	15 7
Do. paid to Messrs. Oakes and Co., for tools purchased.....		48	15 0
Do. paid for landing mowing and hay making machines, voucher No.....		8	12 6
Do. paid to the Locomotive Superintendent, for 1½ tons, coals.....		54	14 6
Do. for carriage for do.		12	8 0
Do. paid to Messrs. Oakes and Co., for 2 casks of asphalt.....		25	6 4
Do. remitted to England, mowing and hay making machine, &c., and harness.....		679	5 7
By Railway fare and carriage hire do. do.		13	11 0
By amount paid for paints, oil, &c.....		78	5 8
Do. remitted to England for 2 winnowing machines, purchased.....		260	7 7
Firewood and iron purchased.....		194	0 10
For re-building the implement godown.....		401	7 0
For building a new implement shed.....		861	8 0
For chuckler's hire for Farm harness.....		12	0 0
3 Bullocks purchased for..... Rupees 113 0 0			
Deduct the amount received from the sale of 4 old bullocks.....		100	0 0
Balance paid..		13	0 0
By amount paid for the expenses of Farm bullocks.....		10	0 0
Do. paid for feeding old bullocks.....		42	0 0
Do. for 2 bullocks hides, &c..... Rupees 6 0 0			
Salt, &c. for softening the do.		1	2 8
By amount paid for sawing timber.....		7	13 8
Do. for 1 extra gardener employed.....		9	0 0
By cost of 12 scythes and 8 Dozen sharpening stones.....		67	13 3
By amount advanced for workmen, for chunam, &c, for building stands for hay racks, &c.....		150	0 0
Do. advanced to coolies, &c., for cultivation.....		200	0 0
Iron purchased for repairing the implements.....		13	12 0
For repairing the Sepoys' huts.....		16	4 0
For a wudder cart for carting heavy stores, &c.....		11	0 0
For burning bricks.....		97	8 0
For building a stand for the Pluviometer.....		8	8 0
For repairing godowns, &c.....		41	4 0
Railway fares for articles from Madras.....		5	12 0
2 long saws purchased.....		12	0 0
Timber, &c. purchased at Dunkane Cottah for sundry work, &c.....		210	0 0
For building and setting the weigh bridge and fitting up the forge with English bellows, &c.....		463	0 0
Total Rupees...		4,233	3 2
Remount.....		672	14 11
		4,906	2 1
Exhibited in the Proceedings of Government.....		4,489	5 1
Difference Rupees...		416	13 0

(Signed) E. T. F.

Vouchers for all these charges should be attached to this memorandum.

B.

ABSTRACT of the cost of cultivation, cash and nominal, detailed in Addendum A.

ABSTRACT of the cost of cultivation, cash and nominal, detailed in <i>Annexure</i>									
Extent of the land cultivated.		Expenditure.				Amount actually paid.		Nominal or value of the Depôt assistance.	
						RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
148	34	<i>Raggy, buller and sama.</i>				722	7 2	460	5 1
		By amount of cost for cultivation... ..							
46	73	<i>Gram.</i>				62	6 0	163	10 9
		By amount of cost for cultivation... ..							
9	13	<i>Cholum.</i>				8	0 0	48	6 0
		By amount of cost for cultivation... ..							
18	86	<i>Oats and barley.</i>				29	5 4	74	3 9
		By amount of cost for cultivation... ..							
5	92	<i>Paddy.</i>				96	2 8	34	14 10
		By amount of cost for cultivation... ..							
1	71	<i>Coffee.</i>				15	4 0	6	13 5
		By amount of cost for cultivation... ..							
45	...	<i>Hay.</i>				562	11 4	143	5 0
		By amount of cost for cultivation... ..							
50	...	<i>Green grass.</i>				451	1 0	135	7 6
		By amount of cost for cultivation and cropping... ..							
Rupees...						1,947	5 6	1,067	2 4

N. B.—A memorandum of particulars of how these items of charge are arrived at should accompany this statement.

(Signed) E. T. F.

[Statement]

ILLUSTRATION of process by which the proportion of cost of implements, with interest to be written off annually, is to be arrived at—

Debtor side.				Creditor side.			
No.	Date of receipt.	Description of implements.	Cost including freight, &c.	Interest from date of receipt to close of official year.	Total.	Number of years it is calculated that the implements will last.	Proportion to be debited against the Farm as a nominal charge in Farm account.
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		Amount remaining at 1st April 1867, against each implement.
1	January.	One English plough...	500 0 0	0 6 9	500 6 9	5 years.	Deduct from the value ... 100
		One improved corn drill.	300 0 0	0 4 10	300 4 10	4 "	Do. ... 75
		One winnowing and dressing machine ...	200 0 0	0 3 0	200 3 0	3 "	Do. ... 66
							133 5 4

In the second year, the amount remaining unpaid will represent the cost, upon which interest will be worked. The number of years calculated to last, if five in the first year, will, of course, be four in the second, three in the third, and so on.

(Signed) E. T. F.

MEMORANDUM.

Remount Depôt.	Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.
By amount paid for printing cheques ...	7	0	6
By do. for crib-biting preventer from England...	46	14	5
For repairing the stables...	25	0	4
For building a new brick and chunam chimney for boiling gram...	79	4	0
For building a new mud wall round the Naggard in the line ...	48	5	0
By amount paid for two trumpets...	1	12	0
For fire-wood for burning bricks ...	70	0	0
For tiles for building sheds...	100	0	0
For chunam for do. ...	50	0	0
For timbers, couples, &c. ...	150	0	0
For bamboos ...	50	0	0
By amount paid for articles purchased from Mr. Garrett...	4	6	0
For converting an old well near the long stable into a bowrie ...	37	7	8
Bearing postages... ..	2	13	0
Total Rupees...	672	14	11
For amount error in addition in the memorandum of amount expended...	416	13	0

(Signed) E. T. F.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 21st October 1867, C.

ORDER, No. 4756, 10th December 1867.

Ordered that the statement of the cost of horses at the Remount Depôt, and the reports on the Depôt Farm for the year ending 30th April 1863, be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State and the Government of India.

2. The Government having resolved, in their Proceedings in the Revenue Department, No. 172, dated 15th January last, that the Depôt Farm shall, in future, be regarded as merely an adjunct to the Stud, instead of as a model or experimental farm, the Governor in Council accordingly directs that its operations be

hereafter restricted to the cultivation of grass as much as possible—the ploughing being restricted to the purpose of maintaining the ground in such a condition as to bear grasses of a good clean quality.

3. As regards the accounts in connection with the Farm to be henceforward furnished, the Government consider that, for all practical purposes, a simple debtor and creditor account current, comprising, besides all ordinary receipts and disbursements, the items specially required by the Secretary of State, viz. the assessment of the land, interest on value of agricultural implements, &c., and estimated value of assistance rendered by the Depôt establishment, will be sufficient, and will be conformable to the spirit of the instructions of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

4. There has been great delay in the submission of these reports—occasioned partly by the difficulty of obtaining information respecting the cost of the agricultural implements in use. The Government hope that Colonel Thompson will be able to submit future reports and accounts within three months of the close of each official year.

5. Colonel Thompson will report whether the instructions contained in the concluding clause of paragraph 2 of Revenue Proceedings, No. 172, dated 15th January 1867, have been carried out.

D.H.
Docket to the Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 10th December 1867, No. 4757.

(True Extract.)

M. Marshall Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Remount Agent, Oosoor.

„ Controller of Military Accounts.

„ Revenue Department, for information. *With 20 spare copies*

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