

31<sup>st</sup> October a.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, reporting the decision of the Chiefs, with regard to the usual annual ploughing match; and in reply, I beg to inform you that it seems a pity not to have the match this year; and the Department sees no objection to place the amount for prizes in your hands, instead of in those of the Chiefs or representatives of either party belonging to the Agricultural Society; and you could appoint the judges, who might decide to whom the prizes should be awarded.

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I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 [Signature]  
 for the Deputy of the Insp.  
 Genl. of Indn. Affairs.