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No. 210. Read the following letter from Mr. W. R. WATSON, to T. PYCROFT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to the Madras Government, dated Calcutta, 8th June 1861 :—

SIR,

1. As I with my partner Mr. E. Firth are thinking of establishing a Firm near the Godavery river, either at Coringa or Rajahmundry, for the purpose, principally at first, of working an Oil Factory by machinery, we should feel deeply obliged by your informing us upon what terms His Excellency the Governor of Madras will be willing to grant us a tract of land by the river for the culture of oil seeds. If Government land is not available, we should feel indebted to you for any information regarding the District you can give us, whether the landholders are willing to lease their lands to Europeans, and on what terms. If the Government can grant us lands on favorable conditions, we assure you that neither energy nor moderate capital will be wanting to a further development of the trade of that District, which we cannot but think is favorable to commercial pursuits.

2. Hoping you will have the goodness to favor us with a reply at your earliest convenience.

No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1861, No. 1,246.

1. The Board of Revenue will request the Collector of the Godavery to furnish Mr. Watson with such information as he thinks likely to be useful to that gentleman.

2. The Government do not grant land on specially favorable terms for the growth of ordinary produce.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

