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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th July 1860.

No. 134. Read the following letter from W. S. SETON KARR, Esq., President of the Indigo Commission, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary at Madras, dated Fort William, 27th June 1860, No. 62 :—

1. The Indigo Commission are extremely desirous of obtaining information regarding the system under which Indigo is sown and grown in different parts of India; and whether the cultivation of this plant, under Europeans, is the cause of any discontent amongst the Raiyats in the Madras Presidency, or is productive of disputes between Natives and Europeans there.

2. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request that you will move His Excellency to furnish the Commission with any published Reports that there may be inexistence, relative to Indigo. I have already ascertained that there is nothing bearing on the subject in the Library of the Home Office of the Government of India.

3. The points on which the Commission are particularly desirous of obtaining information, are;—

(1.) Whether Indigo is chiefly grown by Europeans on lands held by them in direct connection with their factories, such lands being cultivated by establishments of ploughs bullocks, and servants, kept up at the expense of the factory, or hired for the purpose ; or, whether the Indigo plant is grown by Zamíndárs, Polygars, Raiyats, or others, who *contract* with the European to deliver the Indigo plant at the factory at so much per weight, or bundle of plant.

(2.) In the latter case, whether contracts, are willingly and readily entered into, or whether the Cultivation is disliked by the cultivators as interfering with their other occupations, or whether the system is productive of disputes, affrays, disturbances, or litigation, or complaints to the Executive Authorities of any kind.

(3.) If, as the Commission are given to understand, the cultivation and manufacture are much in the hands of Natives, what proportion is carried on without European superintendence, and whether any, and if any, what advances are made to the producers, by Europeans.

(4.) Should there be no printed Reports on the subject, the Commission would be thankful for any report from any authority in charge of a District, where much Indigo is grown, bearing on the subject of their inquiries, and made to Government within the last ten years.

(5.) A Statement of the exports of Indigo from Madras for the last ten years, would also be interesting, if easily available.

(6.) The Commission would be glad to receive your reply by the end of July or beginning of August.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1860, No. 1,151.

1. Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

2. The Board will avail themselves of all the information on their records, and will further obtain information on the points noticed in the first three heads of paragraph 3, from the Collector of those Districts where Indigo cultivation is most common. The Collectors should be instructed to give prompt attention to the subject, and to furnish their replies without any unavoidable delay.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 62.

From,

W. S. Seton-Karr Esquire

President of the Indigo Commission

To,

The Chief Secretary at

Madras.-

Fort William, the 27th June 1860.

Sir;

The Indigo Commission are extremely desirous of obtaining information regarding the system under which Indigo is sown and grown in different parts of India; and whether the cultivation of this plant, under Europeans, is the cause of any discontent amongst the ryots in the Madras Presidency, or is productive of disputes between Natives and Europeans there.-

2.- Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request that You will move His Excellency to furnish the Commission with any published reports that there may be in existence, relative to Indigo:- I have already ascertained that there is nothing bearing on the subject in the Library of the Home Office of the Government of India.-

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of obtaining information are;

1st Whether Indigo is chiefly grown by Europeans on lands held by them in direct connection with their factories, such lands being cultivated by establishments of Ploughs, bullocks, and servants, kept up at the expense of the Factory, or hired for the purpose; or whether the Indigo plant is grown by Zemindars, Polygars, Ryots, or others, who contract with the European to deliver the Indigo plant at the factory at so much per weight, or bundle of plant.

2ndly. In the latter case, whether Contracts are willingly and readily entered into, or whether the cultivation is disliked by the Cultivators as interfering with their other occupations, or whether the system is productive of disputes, affrays, disturbances, or litigations, or complaints to the Executive authorities of any kind.

3rdly. If, as the Commission are given to understand, the cultivation and manufacture are much in the hands of Natives, what proportion is carried on without

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4th. Should there be no printed reports on the subject, the Commission would be thankful for any report from any authority in charge of a district, where much Indigo is grown, bearing on the subject of their Enquiries, and made to Government within the last ten Years.—

5th. A Statement of the Exports of Indigo from Madras for the last ten Years, would also be interesting, if easily available.—

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obdt. Servant
W. L. Seton-Karr
President.

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From the President of the
Indigo Commission at
Calcutta.—

Dated 27th June 1860
Recd 11th July —

Requesting to be
furnished with in-
formation on certain
points connected with
Indigo Cultivation
together with any pub-
lished reports on the
subject—

No 1151— 11th July.

Ass. Pro. 4 Sept 1860.
No. 6.—

Write an order

From the Secy to the Bd
of Rev— 5th Sept 1860
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25 Sept No. 1860.

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Fort W. George
11th July 1860

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