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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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| Dated 20-9- 1869. | |

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th September* 1860.

No. 355. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 12th September 1860, No. 4,147 :—

SIR,

*From Nellore, dated 22nd, in Cons., 27th August* 1860.
*From Cuddapah, dated 25th, in Cons., 30th July* 1860.
*From North Arcot, dated 4th, in Cons., 10th September* 1860.
*From South Arcot, dated 2nd, in Cons., 6th August* 1860.
*From Salem, dated 29th August, in Cons., 10th September* 1860.

1. With reference to the Order of Government dated 11th July last, No. 1,151, Revenue Department, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit reports (as per margin) from the Collectors of the five Districts in which Indigo is most extensively cultivated, furnishing the information required by the President of the Indigo Commission at Calcutta.

2. In this Presidency Indigo is almost entirely grown by the Raiyats who have no dislike to its culture. The manufacture of the Dye is also very largely conducted by Natives on their own account.

3. Contracts for the supply of the plant are readily and voluntarily entered into, its cultivation being profitable and the contract securing to the producer a certain market as well as the convenience of an advance. Where the demand for the plant is sure, the Raiyats cultivate it extensively without contracts or advances. Many manufacture their own produce, and all are at full liberty to consult their own interests in making or abstaining from engagements for its sale when ready for delivery and in settling the terms of such arrangements. The "Raiyats" of this Presidency are themselves the "Zamíndárs," the Raiyatwari tenure giving them absolute right to their lands in perpetuity, subject only to the condition of paying the fixed Government assessment; they are consequently free to raise what crops they please, and are fully aware of their rights as well as able and ready to assert them. Indigo contracts are not found to be productive of more litigation, disputes or disturbances than contracts of any other description.

4. It is impossible to state what proportion of the cultivation and manufacture is carried on without European superintendence or what advances are made to the producer by Europeans.

5. The Board are not aware of any printed Reports on the growth, &c., of Indigo in this Presidency and their records supply no information of any importance on the points under the consideration of the Bengal Commission. Nothing has occurred to raise discussion; the rights of the people are known, and upheld; their engagements with European manufacturers are voluntary and differences are adjusted, like other ordinary disputes, without recourse to measures unsanctioned by laws. Transactions in Indigo are in fact not distinguished by any peculiar characteristics whatever, nor is there any antagonism of feeling between the European Merchant and the Native producer.

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| 1850- 1... ... ... ... | 21,97,714 |
| 1851- 2 ... ... ... | 17,18,931 |
| 1852- 3... ... ... ... | 29,68,493 |
| 1853- 4 ... ... ... | 23,20,427 |
| 1854- 5... ... ... ... | 14,07,785 |
| 1855- 6 ... ... ... | 28,99,627 |
| 1856- 7... ... ... ... | 28,46,838 |
| 1857- 8 ... ... ... | 20,88,682 |
| 1858- 9... ... ... ... | 19,84,773 |
| 1859-60 ... ... ... | 25,31,726 |

6. The Exports of Indigo during the last ten years are given in the margin.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 356. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to W. S. SETON-KARR, Esq., President of the Indigo Commission, Calcutta, dated 20th September 1860, No. 1,660.

SIR,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th June last, and to forward in reply copy of one from the Board* of Revenue and of its enclosures furnishing information on certain points connected with the cultivation of Indigo in this Presidency.

* *Dated 12th September* 1860.

R. D.

No. 1660

To W. S. Seton Karr Esqre
President of the Indigo
Commission
Calcutta

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I have &c.

Fort St. Geo. 20th September 1860.

Dated 12th September 1860.

To President Indigo Comm.n Calcutta

Cultivation of Indigo

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Pros: of Govt. for Sept.r

No 1660.

To the President of the
Indigo Commission,
Calcutta.

Dated 20th Sept.r 1860.

Statement of expenditure on account of the erection of Village and Boundary Pillars in certain Talugs in the Godavery District, referred to Bd of Revenue

No 355 & 356.