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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th October 1861.*

No. 86. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1861,
No. 4,599 :—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON,
Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Calicut, 16th August 1861,
No. 183.

SIR,

1. I beg to transmit a small packet of Wainád grown Cotton and a Memorandum regarding the same by the grower Mr. Bassano. He has, I am aware, interested himself in the culture of Cotton, and it is satisfactory to find that years of experiments have at last been crowned with success. The question of cooly labour alluded to is one which will be solved in a great measure by the completion of the roads now under construction in Wainád, and the thorough repair of those in Mysore which lead to Wainád. I believe the attention of the Commissioner of Mysore has already been called to the state of these lines of traffic.

2. It is useless to expect that legislation will do much to assist the Planters in Wainád until the thoroughfares are put in order. The greatest part of the labour in Wainád comes from Mysore. The coolies come for the season, and afterwards return home with their little savings. Many of them on their first arrival in Wainád after having travelled some 50 or 60 miles are half famished, and ready to enter into any contracts to obtain the funds requisite for their immediate wants. Money thus easily obtained is soon dissipated, the coolies run away, engage their services on other Estates, and as to tracing them it is almost useless to attempt it, for Wainád is a great jungle, with Estates scattered over it in various directions, and where one or two hundred people are working amongst Coffee bushes, it is no easy work to trace a run-away.

3. The repairs of the high road from Mysore to Bawally, a distance of about 61 miles, will enable people to bring all sorts of produce to supply the Wainád market, and this market it is to be remembered is looked to by a considerable body of planters who annually expend a very large amount of capital. The difficulties connected with the labour market impede the rapid construction of the roads.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Chamber of Commerce for their information.

2. The Board do not doubt that Cotton, suitable for the home market, can be grown very generally throughout this Presidency, but they question whether Wainád will be found so favorable in soil and climate as many other parts of the country for this cultivation.

3. The whole question, however, turns upon the price that the article can command, and this is not a point with which Government can in any way interfere.

4. The improvement of the roads is a subject which engages the constant attention of Government and is not likely to be disregarded. The Collector's letter will be submitted to Government with a request that the attention of the Commissioner of Mysore may be drawn to the subject of the approaches from that side to Wainád.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1861, No. 1,935.

The Board's Proceedings and the letter from the Collector of Malabar will be communicated to the Commissioner of Mysore, and his attention requested to the subject of the roads leading from Mysore into Wainád.

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

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7th October 1861.*

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 88. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Mahārāja of Mysore, dated 7th October 1861, No. 1,936.

SIR,

1. Referring to General Sir Mark Cubbon's letter of the 19th July 1860, No. 20, I am desired by His Excellency the Governor in Council to communicate to you the accompanying letter from the Collector of Malabar and the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue thereon, and to request your attention to the subject of the approaches from the Mysore country to the Wainád.

From Collector, Malabar, 16th August 1861, No. 183.
Proceedings Board of Revenue, 22nd August 1861, No. 4,599.

2. You will observe that the present reference has arisen in connection with the important question of growing Cotton for the home market in that District.

No. 183

From
S. Grant Esq.
Collector of Malabar

To W. Huddleston Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg to transmit a small packet of Wlynad grown Cotton and a memo regarding the same by the grower Mr. Ragsan. He has I am aware interested himself in the culture of Cotton, and it is satisfactory to find that years of experiments have at last been crowned with success. The question of Cooly labour alluded to is one which will be solved in a great measure by the completion of the roads now under construction in Wlynad, and the thorough repair of those in Mysore which lead to Wlynad. I believe the attention of the Commissioner of Mysore has already been called to the state of these lines of traffic.

2. It is useless to expect that Legislation will do much to assist the Planters in Wlynad until the thoroughfares are put in order. The greatest part of the labour in Wlynad comes from Mysore. The Coolies come for the season and afterwards return home with their little savings. Many of them on their first arrival in Wlynad after having travelled some 50 or 60 miles, are half famished and ready to enter into any Contracts to obtain

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The Commissioner for the
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Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

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Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

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Cubbin's letter of the 19th July/60,
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the Gov: in Council to communi-
cate by the accompanying
letter from the Cbr of Malabar
and the Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue thereon, and to request
your attention to the subject
of the approaches from the My-
sore country to the Wynad.

2. You will observe that the
present reference has arisen in
connection with the important
question of growing Cotton for the
home market in that tract of
land.

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For 1st George

Rev: 1801
No: 2045
of Govt for October.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Oct 23rd
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August 1861
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Communicating letter
from Collector of Malabar,
with enclosure, relative to
Cotton Culture in Wynad,
with the Board's views
thereon.

No 1935. 7th October
With an order

From Cbr, Malabar, 16 Aug/61, No 183.
Pro: Bd of Rev: 22 Aug/61, No 4599.

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and the letter from the Collector of
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Approaches to Nynad
in connection with Cotton
Cultivation.

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To the Commission
of My sire.
of 7th October 1861.

From the Cotton Com
missioners of My sire
of 20th Oct 1861, (Ct)
No 2443.

Transmitting to the
Commissioners of My sire
Board's proceedings re
garding the approaches
from My sire to Nynad.

Despatch
and give the
order of the
Commission