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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th May 1862.

No. 302. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1862, No. 2,448 :—

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SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings Board of Revenue, dated 5th February last, No. 788, requesting me to submit a matured scheme of awarding prizes for the successful cultivation of Cotton in this District, I have the honor to propose the following arrangement :—

First.—The sum of Rupees five hundred to be assigned as prices in Cuddapah District.

Second.—The first prize of Rupees two hundred and fifty to be awarded to the exhibitor of the best bale of Cotton either foreign or indigenous of the usual weight of 250 lbs., the above to be the production of a field, or fields, under the same proprietor.

Third.—The second prize of Rupees one hundred and fifty to be awarded to the next best bale under the same conditions.

Fourth.—The third prize of Rupees one hundred for the third best bale.

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Seventh.—A Sub-Committee to be appointed in the Cotton Táluqs, and to assemble at Jummalamadgu after the Cotton harvest, in the month of June 1863, to select the best specimens, mark the bales, and forward them to Cuddapah, and to consist of the Deputy Collector Royappa, Tahsíldár of Jummalamadgu ; and Mr. Spencer, resident of Jummalamadgu, with powers to select three native Cotton merchants as coadjutors.

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Ninth.—The Cotton bales marked and sealed shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Tahsíldár of the Táluq, that the produce is *bonâ fide* the growth of a certain extent of land, under a single proprietor, and that it has been gathered and packed under supervision.

2. As it would be inconvenient to require the Chief Committee to assemble in the Cotton Táluq, and as Jummalamadgu Cusba is the head-quarters of the Cotton cultivation, and as the requirement of the Cotton cultivators to bring all their specimens to Cuddapah to be adjudicated upon, would end in failure, I have proposed the Sub-Committee as aforesaid. The primary selection of the best samples close to the place where they are grown, would embolden the Ryots to come forward, and the character of the Sub-Committee is such as to implant the highest confidence. My experience of the result of agricultural exhibitions in Cuddapah, is not such as lead to the expectation that the Ryots will carry their produce any distance for the mere chance of getting a prize.

3. The following proposed rules regarding the selection of the Cotton of prizes are herewith submitted :—

Requisites.

1. Colour and *cleanness*.
2. Strength of staple.
3. Length of do.

4. I do not assume to be acquainted with the Cotton trade, but I have suggested what appears to me to be the first requisites for the home market; where dirty Cotton is not brought up except, I understand, in the direst necessity ; cleanness and colour, I therefore place first ; next is the strength of staple ; the length depends (I believe) on the nature of soil and cultivation,

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The Board approve of the Collector's scheme for awarding prizes for the successful cultivation of Cotton, and he is perfectly correct in supposing that the only hope of bringing the experiment to a successful result is by fixing the locality of the exhibition in close vicinity to land cultivated. The Board, however, in deciding on the prizes would be diposed to consider length and *fineness* of staple before strength of staple. The Collector's attention is drawn to paragraph 9 of His Excellency the Governor's Minute on the subject, as he has not informed the Board what extent of land he proposes to devote to the experiment.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 303. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1862, No. 1,081.

The Proceedings of the Board of Revenue are approved. Their attention will be drawn to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, 29th October 1861, No. 2,069, with a request to make suitable provision for the Cotton prizes in the Budget for 1863-64.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

Requisition for reference a copy of G.O. dated 16th May 1862 No. 1081 regarding cotton prizes awarded by the Collector of Cuddapah-

C. P.W.D.
29th January
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Chief Asst.
to the Civil Engineer

To The Manager Govt. Press.
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Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Written Order