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No. 11. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1862, No. 7,516:—

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The seed now sent was raised on a very poor soil at Wontimitta, but with frequent weedings and a dressing of equal quantities of fresh sheeps' dung, and old cow dung, a good watering twice a week for the first month, and three waterings a fortnight during the remaining months, they sprung up to the height of from 7 to 9 feet, resembling our Jonnah in almost every way.

The plant admits of transplanting and thrives well.

A little more than three months elapse from the sowing to the perfection of the seed on the stem, and Saccharine secretions appear to be fully developed, when the seed in the ear is about to attain a soft and milky stage.

The Saccharine secretion of the plant is not to be compared to that of our country Sugar-cane, either in quality or quantity; and I have frequently tasted Jonnah stalks that were as sweet as those of the Imphee the pith of the latter is softer and more of an orange color than that of the former; the secretion is thicker and more agreeable to the palate, while that of the Jonnah is generally soft or watery, if I may so describe it.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed.) A. WEDDERBURN, *Collector.*

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No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1862, No. 2,516.

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Secretary.

To A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah.
„ the Secretary Agri-Horticultural Society.
„ Surgeon-Major E. Balfour.
„ J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

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Observing that the Board are much obliged to Mr Taylor for his report on the cultivation of Imphee seed, and communicating the same to Government and certain Departments.

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