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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th December* 1862.

Read the following papers :—

No. 78. From E. B. FOORD, Esq , Acting Collector of Kistna District, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 13th October 1862, No. 18.

SIR,

| Fasli. | Land. Acres. | Assessment. Rs. |
|---|---|---|
| 1271 | 47,733 | 68,779 |
| 1272 | 74,229 | 1,11,062 |
| Increase | 26,496 | 42,283 |

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government dated 4th instant, No. 2,136, and to note in the margin the extent of Cotton cultivation up to the end of September compared with the cultivation up to the same period in last year.

2. The Cotton cultivation is generally commenced in the month of September, and will be almost completed by the end of November. The crops already grown are in a promising state, but as heavy rains are prejudicial to this crop, the true results and the total area cultivated can only be precisely stated in December.

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No. 79. From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 14th October 1862, No. 46.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government dated 4th instant, No. 2,136. I have the honor to transmit a Comparative Statement of the Cotton cultivation in each Táluq of this District for the previous and present years. The account shows that up to the end of last month, there is a net increase in favor of the present year of Acres 40,247 thus sown.

2. Had the season been more favorable at the commencement, the expectancy of realizing such remunerative returns would doubtless have caused a much larger breadth to be sown with this crop. Cotton sowing begins about the middle of August. This year the rains which usually fall in July and August were sadly deficient; and apprehensions of scarcity became rife. In the beginning of September however the rains commenced and continued steadily throughout.

3. Cotton sowing is still being carried on, and there is just at present a cessation of rain highly favorable to the young plants now requiring sun and dry weather.

4. We may reasonably expect that the returns for the present month will prove very satisfactory as regards Cotton cultivation; so that during the current season a large increase over that of last Fasli may be fairly anticipated. The average price of Cotton ruling throughout the District for the last three months is 154 Rupees per Candy.

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No. 80. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 15th October 1862, No. 67.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government of 4th instant, No. 2,136, I beg to report that the state and prospects of Cotton cultivation in this District for the current season are very unfavorable.

2. The statistical information regarding the state of the Cotton markets at Home received from time to time from the Board of Revenue has been duly published in the District Gazette for the information of the Ryots engaged in the cultivation of Cotton, but the state of the season from want of rain has been so unfavorable that the cultivation of Cotton from July to September is 36,471 Acres less than it was in the corresponding period of last year.

3. The accompanying Statement exhibits the present state of Cotton cultivation so far as the actual breadth of land under that crop is concerned, but as to the state of the crop it is silent,

and I fear it is useless to look for more than half the usual crop, if even so much. The province of Coimbatore has always been known in the market as a Cotton producing country. A very considerable change has however come over the spirit of the people in regard to Cotton, laying aside the consideration of the present state of the market with its unnatural prices, for some years the price of Indian Cotton has not been high or certain; whilst the prices of all kinds of cereals have been steadily rising every year, until they have attained a value some 50, 60 and 100 per cent. higher than they were a very few years ago. The consequence is that much land which was formerly ploughed for Cotton is put under cereals, for which there is this high demand in the local markets.

4. The pulsation of a local market the Ryots can understand and grasp, but the sympathy between a foreign and local market requires more knowledge than they possess, the result is that the local market and its requirements receive a readier and more attentive consideration: a Ryot ploughs his land intending to sow Cholum or Raggi, whilst his plough is going he dwells on the pleasing fact, ever present to his mind, that he used to get 8 Annas for so much grain, whereas merchants will now come to his threshing floor at harvest time and be glad to take the same quantity of grain at 1 Rupee; if he ploughs to raise a Cotton crop, he feels that he has entered on an uncertain speculation, the prices he knows not, with the circumstances which influence them he is unacquainted, and the purchaser who comes in contact with him, he finds, it is to be feared in very many cases, a too sharp practitioner; all the above are circumstances which bear adversely on the prospect of Cotton cultivation.

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No. 81. From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Bellary, 16th October 1862, No. 47.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,136, of the 4th instant, I have the honor to state, that the extent of land under Cotton cultivation in this District, during the current year up to the end of last month, was 1,60,253 Acres, being an excess of 259 Acres, as compared with the same period of last year.

2. It is likely that the cultivation will increase during the next two months.

3. The present crops are in a good state; and it is believed that they will yield well.

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No. 82. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddapah, 24th October 1862, No. 27.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Order of Government, dated 4th October 1862, No. 2,136, I have the honor to report that the cultivation of Cotton this season is 34,868 Acres, against 25,920 in last season, increase 8,948. The anticipation of a rise induced a larger cultivation of last season of 34 per cent. above the previous one. Last year was an unfavorable season for Cotton. After it is sown, rain is required to bring up the plant. Now the rain failed entirely last October, with such drawbacks the increase of cultivation was great, but the crop not a good one.

2. I hope for better prospects this year. In April last, I considered that there were sufficient indications of a permanent rise as to assure the Ryots that it would be a profitable crop, they were consequently prepared to sow largely, but unfortunately June, July and August of this year were unfavorable for ploughing, and without rain sowing is a mere waste of seed. In the latter end of August, and during September, the season was better. The increased price of Cotton is well known to the Ryots.

3. I think it as well to mention that the high price of Cotton is not altogether an unmixed advantage. The District being drained for a foreign market, the local price has raised the price of the people's clothing, and has induced great distress amongst those Native weavers, who have

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not land to fall back upon for their subsistence. Those who cannot afford the enhanced price of cloths will go without, and the weaver's loom follows the same course as the factory. The Railway works in progress fortunately afford a means of employment and subsistence to this distressed class.

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No. 83. From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Nellore, 31st October 1862, No. 36.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of the Madras Government* under date 4th instant, No. 2,136, and report an increase in Cotton cultivation in the lands held on Puttah up to September of 235 Acres. In the Zamíndári villages a decrease is shown of 3,707 Acres. But neither of these results can, I think, be looked on as giving much indication of the year's out-turn. And if present prices continue, unquestionably there will be a large increase in the area under Cotton.

* Revenue Department.

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No. 84. From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Madura, 14th November 1862, No. 643.

SIR,

In reply to your Official Memorandum, No. 189, dated 6th November, I have the honor to report that the delay which has arisen in answering the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,136, dated the 6th October, is owing to the whole of the different Zamíndárs not having as yet sent in to me as directed, the information required to enable me to make the necessary report, however, from personal observation and from enquiries I can confidently report that Cotton has been more extensively cultivated this year than last, that the crops are very forward and looking splendid, as soon as I get the returns from the Zamíndárs who have been again called upon I will furnish the statistics required.

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No. 85. From the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Salem, 24th November 1862, No. 64.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 4th October last, No. 2,136, I have the honor to enclose a Statement showing the cultivation of Cotton in the Salem District during the current Fasli as compared with the past one. It will be seen from this Statement that the land under Cotton cultivation up to the end of the last month was Acres 14,811-5-14 assessed at Rupees 24,332-13-0, or Acres 1,100 assessed at Rupees 2,684 above the past year.

2. The Cotton trade in this District is not large, and the Cotton produced in the District is grown partly for local consumption and partly for Messrs. Fischer & Co., who make advances to Ryots.

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No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1862, No. 2,550.

Ordered that these papers be laid on the Editor's table, and communicated to the Chamber of Commerce.

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

## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th December* 1862.

*Statement showing the state of Cotton cultivation in the Madras Presidency in Fasli* 1272.

| District. | Extent of cultivation. | | | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | In Fasli 1271. | In Fasli 1272. | Increase. | Decrease. | |
| | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | |
| Kistna District..... | 47,733 | 74,229 | 26,456 | ..... | The crops are in a promising state, but as heavy rains are prejudicial to this crop, the true results and the total area cultivated can only be precisely stated in December. |
| Nellore..... | ..... | ..... | 235 | ..... | The Collector does not specify the actual extent of cultivation. The increase cannot be looked on as giving much indication of the years' out-turn. If present prices continue unquestionably there will be a large increase in the area under Cotton. |
| Cuddapah... ... .. | 25,920 | 34,868 | 8,948 | ..... | The rise in the price is the cause of the increase. June, July and August were unfavorable for ploughing. In the latter end of August and during September the season was better. There has been an increase in the price of the people's clothing and great distress prevails amongst the Native weavers generally. The Railway works however afford a means of employment and subsistence to this distressed class. |
| Bellary... ..... ... | 1,59,994 | 1,60,253 | 259 | ..... | It is likely that the cultivation will increase during the next two months. The crops are in a good state and it is believed that they will yield well. |
| Kurnool... ..... | 14,099 | 54,346 | 40,247 | ..... | Had the season been more favorable than it is a larger extent of land would have been cultivated. The rains which usually fall in July and August were sadly deficient. Cotton sowing continues and a large increase may fairly be anticipated. The average price for the last three months was 154 Rupees per Candy. |
| Madura... ... ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Promises to furnish figures hereafter. States however that Cotton has been more extensively cultivated this year than last and that the crops are very forward and look splendid. |
| Coimbatore... ... | 43,640 | 7,169 | ..... | 36,471 | The decrease is owing to want of rain. The yield is not likely to be more than half the usual crop. The Cotton prices being uncertain and the prices of all kinds of cereals having steadily risen to a high figure much land used for Cotton cultivation was transferred to that of the cereals. |
| Salem..... ... ... | 13,711 | 14,811 | 1,100 | ..... | The Cotton trade in this District is not large, and the Cotton produced is grown partly for local consumption and partly for Messrs. Fischer & Co., who make advances to Ryots. |

1862 Despatches

Cane Cotton &c

One letter from the Collector of Kurnool to the Chief Secretary to Govern-ment, Fort St. George, Dated 4th October 1862 No. 46

Rec'd 29th/62

Statement of Cotton cultivation in the Kurnool District.

Statement shewing the extent and assessment of Coimbatore from July to September 1862/1272 as compared with a corresponding period in July 1271-

lands cultivated with Cotton in the District of

| Taluqs | July 1272 | | | | July 1271 | | | | Increase | | | | Decrease | | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Govt. land | | Inam land | | Govt. land | | Inam land | | Govt. land | | Inam land | | Govt. land | | Inam land | | |
| | Acres | Assessment | Acres | Assessment | Acres | Assessment | Acres | Assessment | Acres | Assessment | Acres | Assessment | Acres | Assessment | Acres | Assessment | |
| 1 Coimbatore | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| 2 Sattimungalum | 1169 | 1590 | 12 | 14 | 377 | 356 | 3 | 4 | 1092 | 1234 | 9 | 10 | " | " | " | " | |
| 3 Collegal | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| 4 Pullachy | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| 5 Periudray | 4761 | 4982 | 96 | 77 | 24541 | 26462 | 1890 | 1917 | " | " | " | " | 19780 | 21480 | 1794 | 1840 | |
| 6 Bowany | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| 7 Pulladum | 113 | 61 | " | " | 3177 | 3355 | 92 | 103 | " | " | " | " | 3064 | 3294 | 92 | 103 | |
| 8 Neilgherry | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| 9 Dharapooram | 718 | 421 | " | " | 7669 | 4706 | 1971 | 1313 | " | " | " | " | 6951 | 4285 | 1971 | 1313 | |
| 10 Caroor | " | " | " | " | 3538 | 2507 | 382 | 291 | " | " | " | " | 3538 | 2507 | 382 | 291 | |
| 11 Oddoomalapettah | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| Total | 7061 | 7054 | 108 | 91 | 39302 | 37386 | 4338 | 3628 | 1092 | 1234 | 9 | 10 | 33333 | 31566 | 4237 | 3547 | |
| | | | | | | | | | Nett decrease | | | | 32241 | 30332 | 4230 | 3537 | |

Coimbatore
the 15 October 1862

E. S. P.
Asst. Collr.

A. Greene
Collector

In a letter from the
Collr. of Coimbatore Dd
15th Octr. 1862 Rd. 67
Rev: 2915/62.

Statement showing
the extent and assess-
ment of lands culti-
vated with cotton in
the District of Coimbatore
from July to Septr. 1862
1272
as compared with a
corresponding period
in July 1271

1862 Collection
Letter from
Collector of Madura
Cotton Cultivation &
Prices
dated 24 November
1862 &
Rec'd 6th Ditto.

Rev. 3242/62.

4th October 1862 No. 32.

Received
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Entered
Examined

Rev
1862 (Dept 4th)
Dis. of Cotton No. 3212.

From
The Collector of
Madura

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ft St George
Madras

Dated 14th November 1862
Rec'd 21st
No 643

Reporting on the state of Cotton Cultivation, and promising to furnish the statistics called for by Government in their Proceedings dated 6th October 1862 No. 2136.

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# Statement showing the Cultivation of Cotton up to 31st October 1862 in the District of Salem.

| Name of Taluqs | Fusly 1271 | | Fusly 1272 | | Increase | | Decrease | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Extent | Assessment | Extent | Assessment | Extent | Assessment | Extent | Assessment | |
| Salem | 113 8 14 | 461 " 8 | 65 15 14 | 111 6 10 | " " " | " " " | 47 9 " | 349 9 10 | |
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| Namakkul | 8423 3 5 | 12374 14 1 | 6943 3 11 | 10312 10 5 | " " " | " " " | 1479 15 10 | 2062 3 8 | |
| Trichingode | 4582 " " | 7870 " " | 6603 8 3 | 10967 11 3 | 2021 8 3 | 3097 11 3 | " " " | " " " | |
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| Total | 13710 13 8 | 21649 " 4 | 14811 5 14 | 24332 13 " | 2628 1 " | 5095 10 2 | 1527 8 10 | 2411 13 6 | |

Net Increase - 1100 acres assessed at Rs 2684.

Salem Collector's
Office 24th November 1862

D Rottenwell
Collector

Revenue Department.

No. 2550.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 8th December 1862

Read the following papers from the Collrs of Kistna, Kurnool, Coimbatore, Bellary, Cuddapah, Nellore, Madura, and Salem Districts:-

Reporting on the cotton cultivation in their respective districts:-

Viz. each 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 24th, and 31st October, and 14th and 24th November 1862 Nos 18, 46, 67, 47, 27, 36, 643, and 644.

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14 Clerks
2 Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce

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Council

Attend the said and the Elders Table & communicate to the Church

Communion

Calculate the contributions on Each Sabbath

Cotton cultivations
in the Districts—

Pro: No. 32
4-10-62

Revenue 1862 Deptt
Pro: of Govt for December

No: 2550.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dy 5th December 1862.

Paper and Precis re-
garding the state and ex-
tent of Cotton Cultivation
in certain Districts of the
Presidency during Fasli
1272 ordered to be laid on
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