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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st August 1863.*

No. 313. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1863, No. 5,029:—

Read the following letter from E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 31st July 1863, No. 168.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit the following report on the result of the cultivation of the Peruvian Cotton seed, forwarded to me on the 24th September 1862.

2. A small handful of the seed was planted in my own vegetable garden early in October, during the north-east monsoon, in sandy soil, manured with stable manure. The seeds were planted singly about six inches apart; the greater part came up. No water was used at first, as the rain in October and the heavy dews during November, December, January, and February seemed to afford sufficient moisture to the plants; but during the succeeding three hot months and until the setting in of the south-west monsoon, they were watered by hand once a week. No flowers have yet appeared, though the plants (58 in number) continue healthy and have now attained an average height of 6 feet. I think the seeds were planted much too closely.

3. A small quantity of the seed was sown in November by a Ryot of Narsarowpet, in his back-yard in gravelly soil. The Tahsildar reports that although the plants (38 in number) are healthy, and have attained an average height of 4 feet, they have not yet flowered. Water was used until the seeds came up, seven days after they were sown, but not after; the plants are about one yard apart.

4. A few plants are reported to have been raised from seeds sown in the Talooks of Guntoor, Nandigam, Krosur, and Palnaud, but although healthy, they have not flowered yet.

5. The only Talook in which any of the Cotton has as yet been produced, is in Rajapett, where some seeds were sown in the Cutcherry compound of the late Martoor Talook. The seeds were sown singly about one yard apart in sandy soil, and occasionally watered. Fourteen plants, which grew to a height of three-quarters of a yard, flowered, and produced about a quarter of a Seer of uncleaned Cotton. I have had a small quantity cleaned, and have forwarded the same to the Board for inspection.

6. I should like to make another experiment with the Cotton, in my own garden, as I think by planting the seeds wider apart, a more satisfactory result would be attained.

7. If the Board have any fresh seeds, I request that a small quantity may be sent to me.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, and that copy be furnished to the Agri-Horticultural Society.

2. The Board request Mr. Foord to report in due course the further progress of the experiment.

3. They regret that they have no more of the Peruvian seed at their disposal.

No. 314. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1863, No. 1,589.

Ordered to be communicated to the Home Government and laid on the Editors' table.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Editors' Table.

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(A true Copy and Extract)



Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with sample of Cotton.

Copy to Reverend. J. R. Macfarlane, M. A., Secretary Agri-Horticultural Society.

" E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

Original Letter Signed
1st August 1863

Rev. 1863, Department
of Government

No. 1038,
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 12th August 1863.
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6th 1877

No. 5,020.
Board of Revenue
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Submitting letter from the Collector of the
Krishna District reporting on the result of the
cultivation of the Peruvian Cotton Seed.

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