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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th September 1863.*

No. 332. Read the following Proceedings of Board of Revenue, dated 8th September 1863,
No. 5,620 :—

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th August 1863, No. 181.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circulars noted
14th June 1861, No. 3,115. in the margin, I have the honor to report the result of the cultivation of
4th July " " 3,514. the Egyptian Cotton seed, which was received from the Secretary to the
16th Aug. " " 4,477. Agri-Horticultural Society.

2. The seed was distributed for cultivation in the Taluks of Tirumungalum, Dingul, Peria-
kolam, and on the lower Pulney Hills, with instructions to make the experiment in localities
best suited for Cotton cultivation.

3. In Tirumungalum Taluk, the experiment was made by 24 individuals, who in Septem-
ber last sowed the seed in different patches of land, amounting in extent to Acres 8, G. 12, Sq. ft.
283, but in only six cases it proved partially successful, and in others, the seed germinated, but
either soon died or grew to some height, and then died. Up to July last the above six cultivators
picked 22 $\frac{3}{8}$ lbs. of Cotton, and expect no more produce as the plants have all died.

4. In Dindigul the people have taken no interest in the cultivation of the Cotton, notwith-
standing the importance and usefulness of this staple was fully explained to them. In certain
villages the seed, it is alleged, vegetated and soon withered, and in some, none germinated, but
in four cases in which the experiment succeeded, the seed was sown in October and December in
small pieces of garden and dry land in extent Acre 1, G. 17, Sq. ft. 127. They blossomed in
January and March, and the several pickings up to June last yielded 55 lbs. of Cotton. Owing
to the heavy rains, it is reported that the plants which first thrived partially rotted, and the above
Cotton was picked from the sprouts which shot out again.

5. In Periakolam it has succeeded well in only one locality, and in two others the seed has
not vegetated from excessive rain. In the successful case the plants cultivated on an extent of
3 Grounds have grown three feet in height, and commenced to crop from March last. The
several pickings on alternate days yielded 7 lbs. of Cotton. In consequence of the severity of
the monsoon, the plants did not thrive well, and are now out of bearing.

6. On the lower Pulneys 45 shrubs have grown to a height of two feet, and have yielded a
small quantity of Cotton.

7. Samples of Cotton received from Tirumungalum, Dindigul, and Periakolam are herewith
forwarded.

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

No. 333. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1863, No. 1,766.

Ordered to be forwarded, together with the samples, to the Secretary of State.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
Editor's Table.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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4. In Dindigul the people have taken no interest in the cultivation of the Cotton, notwithstanding the importance and usefulness of this staple was fully explained to them. In certain villages the seed, it is alleged, vegetated and soon withered, and in some, none germinated, but in four cases in which the experiment succeeded, the seed was sown in October and December in small pieces of garden and dry land in extent Acre 1, G. 17, Sq. ft. 127. They blossomed in January and March, and the several pickings up to June last yielded 55 lbs. of Cotton. Owing to the heavy rains, it is reported that the plants which first thrived partially rotted, and the above Cotton was picked from the sprouts which shot out again.

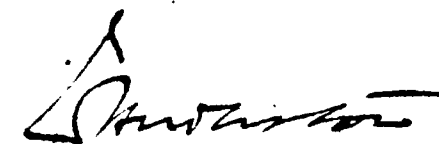
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(A true Copy and Extract.)



Secretary.

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

Copy to A. Hunter, Esq., M. D., Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society.

V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

Jan 1861 p 213-214

Copy in letter to England
of 26th September 1863 p 101

For of the Board of Revenue
of 28th January 1864 C 1017

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No 2177
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 6th September 1863
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No. 5,620.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Madras reporting on the result of the cultivation of the Egyptian Cotton Seed which was received from the Secretary to the Agricultural Society.

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Secretary of the

From W. H. & Co. Secy
28th Jan 1863

Board of Revenue
Cotton seed

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