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25th September 1863.*

No. 334. Read the following letter from CHARLES A. LAWSON, Esq., Secretary Chamber of Commerce, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 1st September 1863:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward herewith the Proceedings of the Madras Chamber of Commerce in the award of the Government Cotton Prizes for the year 1862-63, with its report upon the Cottons submitted for competition, and upon the general results of the prize in this Presidency, I am also directed to hand you copies of Messrs. Fischer & Co.'s correspondence with the Chamber, of the letter from the Collector of Coimbatore to that firm, and of the enclosures alluded to therein, namely, of a certificate from the Sub-Collector and the Acting Head Assistant Collector of Coimbatore, as well as a copy of the statement submitted to the Chamber by Messrs. Fischer & Co. in accordance with the regulation contained in Rule 4 of the Government Notification of the prizes.

2. It is a source of much regret to the Chamber that the valuable prizes offered by Government have been inoperative in inducing such results as were anticipated by Lord Canning when instituting those prizes. Partly from the very high prices which have for the past year secured large profits to the cultivators of Cotton, and partly perhaps from ignorance, no Native has this year competed for the prizes, and should the Government attach no importance to the informality pointed out by the Collector of Coimbatore in the certificates enclosed in his letter, the Chamber has awarded the first prize for Cotton grown from country seed, and also the first prize for Cotton grown from foreign seed, to Messrs. Fischer & Co. of Salem, to whom was awarded the prize of Rupees 10,000 last year.

3. The Chamber is much disappointed that the division of the prize last year into several prizes of smaller sums has not induced a more extended competition, and it is not prepared to offer any further suggestions for making the prizes more popular.

4. The Chamber respectfully urge that the statement submitted by Messrs. Fischer & Co., regarding the cultivation of their Cotton, may be published in the District Gazettes for general information.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Chamber of Commerce, 24th July 1863.

PRESENT.

W. H. CRAKE, Esq., *Chairman.*

Messrs. H. TOLPUTT, Esq.

A. F. BROWN, Esq.

F. L. BLAND, Esq.

Read the Official Notice published by Government in the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of the 7th October last, of the revised rules to be observed in competition for the Governor General's prize of Rupees 10,000 for the production of Cotton in the Madras Presidency in 1862-63.

Read letter from Messrs. Binny & Co., dated the 2nd July 1862, sending twenty bundles of Cotton directed to the Secretary, which Messrs. Fischer & Co. of Salem intend should compete for the prizes.

Read letter from Messrs. Fischer & Co. to the Secretary Chamber of Commerce, dated Salem, 26th June, submitting two samples of Cotton grown by them, of which the bulk is contained in the abovementioned twenty bundles.

Read letter from Messrs. Binny & Co., dated 2nd July, handing the above letter, the two samples of Cotton, one of Ooppum (country seed) and one of Bourbon (foreign), and a statement explanatory of their growth.

Read Messrs. Fischer & Cos.'s statement and the certificates from the Sub-Collector and the Acting Head Assistant Collector of Coimbatore regarding the cultivation of the Cotton.

1. It will be observed that neither certificate is worded as laid down in accordance with the order of Government, and that this discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that the Cotton had been removed from the fields ere they had been inspected.

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2. There being no other competitor for the prizes the two samples were weighed and found to contain over 10 lbs. of Cotton each. They were then carefully examined by the Chamber, after which the twenty bundles were inspected and the two samples judged to be fair specimens in every particular of the bulk of the Cotton competing for the prizes.

3. The Chamber resolved to report on these samples as follows:—

REPORT.

1. The Chamber cannot speak in too high terms of the very excellent manner in which both samples have been prepared. They are free from leaf, or seed, or any impurity whatsoever.

2. The Bourbon sample is an excellent specimen of this description of Cotton, and has a beautiful silky appearance.

3. The Chamber consider Cotton of similar quality would be valued at about 22d. per lb. in the Liverpool Market in June last. In their statement Messrs. Fischer & Co. give full particulars of the growth of the Cotton, and the Chamber learn therein that the first crop raised from the seed which produced this sample, competed for and gained the Cotton prize of last season. The yield was a little more than 60 lbs. of clean Cotton per Acre. The total cost of the 13½ Bengal Maunds of Cotton forwarded is stated to amount to Rupees 118-2-10.

4. Ooppum Cotton is of superior quality, and is valued by the Chamber at 18d. in Liverpool at the date of last advices. The seed was sown in September last, and the yield of clean Cotton has been equal to nearly 41½ lbs. per Acre. The cost of the 17 Bengal Maunds submitted, is stated to amount to Rupees 227-8-2.

5. If the Government attach no importance to the informality in the certificates accompanying the Cotton exhibited by Messrs. Fischer & Co., they being the only contributors are awarded:—

AWARDS.

6. The first prize of Rupees 2,000 for the best quality and largest quantity of Cotton from country seed, grown on any one estate during 1862-63, and brought for shipment to a port in the Madras Presidency before the 1st July 1863. Also—

7. The first prize of Rupees 1,500 for the best quality and largest quantity of Cotton from foreign seed, grown on any one estate, during 1862-63, and brought for shipment to a port in the Madras Presidency before the 1st July 1863.

8. The Chamber resolved in communicating to the Government the above awards to express their great regret that there has been no actual competition for the prizes. The Chamber cannot conceal from themselves the fact that the offers of Government have not in any way given an incentive to the cultivation of good Cotton in the Presidency.

9. The division of the prize of Rupees 10,000 into nine prizes of smaller sums has evidently not had the effect anticipated by the Chamber in inducing competition.

10. The Chamber will recommend to Government that Messrs. Fischer & Co.'s remarks on the cultivation of foreign and country Cotton may be published in the District Gazette for general information.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. LAWSON,
Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

From Messrs. FISCHER & Co., to the Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, dated Salem, 26th June 1863.

SIR,

1. With reference to the notice of Government of date 7th October last, in regard to the revised rules to be observed in competition for the Governor General's prize of Rupees 10,000 for the production of Cotton in the Madras Presidency in the current season 1862-63, we beg to submit two samples of Cotton grown by us to compete for the said prizes. The bulk of the Cotton is being forwarded to Messrs. Binny & Co. for shipment.

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2. We beg also to submit a statement of cultivation in accordance with the requirements of Rule 4 of the Government Notice. The certificates therein alluded to we shall also send you as soon as they have been furnished to us by the District Revenue Officers of Coimbatore.

From Messrs. FISCHER & Co., to the Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, dated Salem, 27th June 1863.

SIR,

With reference to our letter of yesterday, we now beg to enclose two certificates from the Sub-Collector and Acting Head Assistant Collector of Coimbatore, relating to the Cotton we have grown for competition for the Governor General's Prizes, and the letter from the Collector of Coimbatore which gave cover to these certificates.

"You will observe that neither certificate is worded as laid down in the order of Government, but the fact of the Cotton having been removed from the fields ere it had been inspected accounts for the discrepancy."

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Messrs. FISCHER & Co., Salem, dated Coimbatore, 25th June 1863, No. 349.

GENTLEMEN,

With reference to my letter of the 26th ultimo, I beg to forward two certificates from the Sub-Collector Mr. Roberts, and the Acting Head Assistant Collector Mr. Walker respectively. You will observe that neither certificate is worded as laid down in the order of Government, but the fact of the Cotton having been removed from the fields ere they had been inspected accounts for the discrepancy.

1. This is to certify that Krishnama Naicken, Moonsiff Monigar Gudimangalam, in the Oodurnaleipettah Talook, has cultivated Acres 28-2-0 of land with country Cotton, and that he corroborates the statement of Messrs. Fischer & Co. that the abovementioned Cotton has been cultivated by him on their account.

2. This is also to certify that I have examined and weighed, in their Store rooms at Errode in the Perindoray Talook, a quantity of Cotton, stated by Messrs. Fischer & Co. to be the produce of the above land, and which I found to exceed the average quantity of 40 lbs. of clean Cotton per Acre.

Sub-Collector's Office,
Coimbatore,
23rd June 1863.

(Signed) C. A. ROBERTS, Sub-Collector.

1. I certify that on the 4th June 1863, I examined certain Cotton at the Stores of Messrs. Fischer & Co. at Errode, Talook, Perindoray, I found the amount of clean Cotton to be 2 Candies, 2 Maunds and 3 lbs. or 1,053 lbs.

2. I examined on the following day at Palamungalum Talook, Perindoray, land on which Cotton plants were growing and found its extent to be Acres 17-22-4. I was informed that the Cotton seen by me at Errode was Bourbon Cotton, and that it had been grown on the land seen by me at Palamungalum and on that land exclusively.

3. The above quantity of clean Cotton exceeds 60 lbs. per Acre the amount required for the competition.

(Signed) C. WALKER,
Actg. Head Assistant Collector.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) C. A. LAWSON,
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

Statement showing the following particulars in regard to the cultivation of Bourbon and Ooppum Cotton intended for competition for the Governor General's Prizes.

1. Extent of land sown; seed of what species; and whence procured; the quantity of seed used per Acre.—The extent of land sown was, in the instance of the Bourbon Cotton, Acres

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17-22-4, in the village of Palamungalum in the Perindoray Talook; and in the instance of the Ooppum Cotton, Acres 32-14-2, in the village of Goodimungalum, in the Oodimulcotta Talook, both in the Coimbatore District. The Bourbon seed was from our own sowings of the previous year, but the Ooppum seed was purchased from certain Ryots of Goodimungalum at the rate of 6 Annas per Madras Maund. The quantity of Bourbon seed used was 8 lbs. and of Ooppum nine lbs. per Acre.

2. *Peculiarities of the situation, climate, and soil of the land sown.*—The land we cultivated with the Bourbon Cotton is generally undulating as is the case with all lands in the Perindoray Talook, but the land we cultivated with the Ooppum Cotton is even and flat. The climate at Perindoray is generally dry, but that at Oodumulcotta more or less moist from its contiguity to the Annamalai and Dhully hills. The soil of the Bourbon Cotton fields is light, loamy and calcareous, but that of the Ooppum is black clay, like the generality of soils in which this description of Cotton best flourishes.

3. *The date of sowing, and that of picking.*—The Bourbon seed was sown in October 1861, and the Cotton now sent for competition is the second crop we have obtained from it; the first has already competed for and obtained the Governor General's Prize of Rupees 10,000. The picking of the present crop commenced in December last, and the yield up to the present time is 8½ Candies of seed Cotton, which after having been ginned has yielded two Candies two Maunds and 3 lbs. clean Cotton, or a little more than 60 lbs. of clean Cotton per Acre.

The Ooppum seed was sown in September last, and picking commenced in April; the yield has been 12 Candies of seed Cotton, or after having been ginned, 2 Candies, 13 Maunds and 9 lbs. of clean Cotton, which is equal to nearly 41½ lbs. of clean Cotton per Acre.

4. *The mode of culture whether irrigated or unirrigated, and the state of the weather from the sowing to the harvest.*—The mode of culture that we adopted as respects the Bourbon Cotton is the same as that detailed in our statement submitted on the 24th May 1862.

With regard, however, to the Ooppum Cotton, the land was first well ploughed and manured, and after rain had fallen in September, the seed was sown broad cast, and then turned in by another light ploughing; when the plants were a span high, the plough was again gone through the ground to destroy the weeds. Irrigation of course was not resorted to, but the plants derived much benefit from occasional showers which fell between the period of sowing and the commencement of the picking in the month of April following.

5. *The quantity of Cotton collected per Acre, the net produce of cleaned Cotton and the weight of seed left after cleaning.*—This information we give in the subjoined table:—

Description of Cotton.	Total quantity of seed Cotton picked.			Total of clean Cotton.			Weight of seed after cleaning.			Seed Cotton per Acre.			Clean Cotton per Acre.			Seed per Acre.		
	C.	M.	lbs.	C.	M.	lbs.	C.	M.	lbs.	C.	M.	lbs.	C.	M.	lbs.	C.	M.	lbs.
Bourbon...	8	10	...	2	2	3	6	7	22	...	9	12	...	2	10	...	7	6
Ooppum...	12	...	...	2	13	9	9	6	16	...	7	18	...	1	16	...	5	18

6. *The description and cost of Cotton gin used for cleaning the Cotton.*—All our Cotton during this year has been cleaned exclusively by the common country or hand churkas, the cost of one of which varies from 10 Annas to one Rupee according to workmanship.

7. *The quantity of Cotton cleaned by one such gin per day.*—The country churka cleans 16 lbs. of Bourbon Cotton per day for 1 Anna, and 20 lbs. of Ooppum Cotton per day for 2 Annas.

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8. *The cost of the Cotton at the port of shipment, including all incidental charges.*—Subjoined we give full particulars of the cost of the Cotton in detail.

BOURBON COTTON.

	RS.	A.	P.
Hire to 80 ploughs for 10 days, at 8 ploughs per day, at 6 ploughs per Rupee ...	13	5	4
Repairing fences ...	5	0	0
Pay of a watchman for 7 months from October 1862 to April 1863, at Rupees 2-8-0 per month ...	17	8	0
Hire to 340 coolies for picking seed Cotton at one Anna each or 40 coolies to each Candy ...	21	4	0
Hire of carts with the Cotton from Palamungalum to Errode at 1 Rupee per Candy ...	8	8	0
Hire for ginning 4,250 lbs. of seed Cotton, at 1 Anna per 16 lbs. ...	16	9	6
Picking charges for 8½ bags of Cotton, at 4 Annas per bag ...	2	2	0
Price of 8½ dungaries, at 1½ Rupee each ...	10	10	0
Cartage of the Cotton from our stores at Errode to the Errode Railway Station at 6 Pice per bag ...	0	4	0
Railway fare thence to Madras for 13½ Bengal Maunds, at 9 Annas 8 Pice per Maund ...	8	2	6
Government Kist for the land ...	14	13	6
Total...	118	2	10

OOPPUM COTTON.

Hire to 240 ploughs for 15 days, at 16 ploughs per day, at 4 Annas each ...	60	0	0
320 Coolies for weeding when the plants were a span high, at 1 Anna each ...	20	0	0
Price of 12 Maunds of seed, at 6 Annas per Maund ...	4	8	0
Pay of a watchman to keep out cattle from November 1862 to May 1863, being seven months, at 2½ Rupees per month ...	17	8	0
480 Coolies for picking 240 Maunds of seed Cotton, at 1 Anna each ...	30	0	0
Hire to 6 carts with the seed Cotton from the field to the village of Goodimungalum, at 1 Anna each ...	0	6	0
Hire to 6 carts with the Cotton from Goodimungalum to the Avanashy Railway Station at 3½ Rupees each ...	21	0	0
Railway charges thence to the Errode Station ...	5	10	0
Hire for picking 12 Candies of seed Cotton, at 8 Annas per Candy ...	6	0	0
Price of 11 dungaries for packing the Cotton, at 1½ Rupee per bag ...	13	12	0
Packing charges ...	0	10	0
Hire to carts with the Cotton from our stores to the Errode Station ...	0	5	0
Railway charges on 17 Bengal Maunds of Cotton despatched to Madras at Annas 9 and Pice 8 per Maund ...	10	4	0
Government Kist for the land ...	37	9	2
Total...	227	8	2

NOTE.—The seed Cotton was conveyed from the Errode station to our stores on our own carts. The sale proceeds of the seed Rupees 37-8-0 has paid for all ginning charges. No additional expense has therefore been incurred for ginning, or for carriage of the seed Cotton to our stores.

(Signed) FISCHER & Co.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. A. LAWSON,
Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

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No. 335.

ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1863, No. 1,767.

1. The Governor in Council regrets to find that the valuable prizes offered, for the best Cotton grown in this Presidency have again failed to excite competition.
2. On the first occasion (1861-62) a single prize of 10,000 Rupees was offered, but there were only two competitors for it, and it was adjudged to Messrs. Fischer & Co., the Cotton of the other exhibitor, Balee Reddy, being so inferior, that in fact the competition was nominal.
3. Last year, in the hope of securing more extended competition, nine prizes, ranging from Rupees 2,000 to Rupees 500, were offered, and the minimum extent of land under cultivation was reduced from 30 to 10 Acres. These measures have unfortunately been wholly unsuccessful, and on the last occasion Messrs. Fischer & Co. were the only exhibitors. The Chamber of Commerce report highly of Messrs. Fischer's samples of Bourbon and Oopum, valuing the former at 22d. and the latter at 18d. per lb. in Liverpool at the ruling prices of June last. The yield of clean Cotton per Acre was a little more than 60 lbs. in the case of the Bourbon and nearly 41½ lbs. in the case of Oopum, Cotton. The cost of production and conveyance to Madras appears to have been a trifle above 2½d. per lb. for the Bourbon, and nearly 3½d. per lb. for the Oopum; the former being, as already stated, worth 22d. in Liverpool, while the latter is only worth 18d. per lb. The assessment of the land on which the Bourbon Cotton was grown was 14 Annas per Acre, and that of the land selected for the Oopum was 1 Rupee 2 Annas per Acre.
4. The Governor in Council sanctions the payment to Messrs. Fischer & Co. of the two prizes adjudged to them by the Chamber, and directs the publication of the papers in the Fort Saint George and District Gazettes.
5. As the Resolution of the Supreme Government, dated 9th August 1861, sanctioned the offer of these prizes only for the two years 1861-62 and 1862-63, a reference will be made to that authority to ascertain whether they are to be continued or not.
6. The Government are much indebted to the Chamber of Commerce for the assistance they have so obligingly rendered in this matter.
7. The Chamber are requested to forward a small sample of the Prize Cotton for transmission to the Home Government.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Collector of

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No. 1767.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date 25th September 1863.

Read the following letter
from Charles A. Lawson Esquire
Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

Forwarding the Proceedings
of the Chamber of Commerce in
the award of the Government Cotton
Prizes for the year 1862/63. (Here enter 1st September 1863)

Note.

The informality of the Government in Council is in regard to Rule IV which required the "Chief European Resident" of the District or Division to certify that not less than 10 acres had been cultivated & had produced not less than 40 & 60 lbs. of cleaned Cotton & Foreign Cotton per acre respectively - The latter stipulation was clearly impracticable - so I conclude the prizes cannot be withheld for this year.

The Governor in Council regrets to find that the valuable prizes offered for the best Cotton grown in this Presidency have again failed to excite competition.

On the first occasion 1861/2 a single prize of 10,000 Rs. was offered but there were only two competitors for it, and it was adjudged to Messrs. Fischer & Co. the cotton of the other exhibitor, Balee Reddy, being so inferior, that in fact the competition was nominal.

Last year, in the hope of securing more extended competition, nine prizes, ranging from Rupees 2,000 to Rupees 500, were offered, and the minimum extent of land under cultivation was reduced from 30 to 10 Acres. These measures have unfortunately been wholly unsuccessful, and on the last occasion Messrs. Fischer & Co. were the only exhibitors. The Chamber of Commerce report highly of Messrs. Fischer's samples of Bourbon and Oopum, valuing the former at 22d. and the latter at 18d. per lb. in Liverpool at the ruling prices of June last. The yield of clean Cotton per Acre was a little more than 60 lbs. in the case of the Bourbon and nearly 41½ lbs. in the case of Oopum, Cotton. The cost of production and conveyance to Madras appears to have been a trifle above 2½d. per lb. for the Bourbon, and nearly 3½d. per lb. for the Oopum; the former being, as already stated, worth 22d. in Liverpool, while the latter is only worth 18d. per lb. The assessment of the land on which the Bourbon Cotton was grown was 14 Annas per Acre, and that of the land selected for the Oopum was 1 Rupee 2 Annas per Acre.

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papers

First prize for best Cotton
from Country Seed Rs. 2000

Prizes Rs. 500 for 2nd for

Foreign seed 1500
3500

papers in the Fort St George
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[Signature]

The Chamber are re-
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small sample of
the Prize Cotton for
transmission to the
Ministry.

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Proceedings of the
Chamber of Commerce on
the award of Cotton charges
for the year 1862/63, with
order thereon.

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