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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th November 1863.

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No. ~~285~~ Read the following letter from J. B. RICHEY, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Revenue Department, Bombay Castle, 22nd October 1863, No. 3,675:—

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter No. 1,511, dated the 17th August last, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying copy of a letter, dated 7th instant, with enclosure, from Dr. Forbes, Superintendent Dharwar Cotton Gin

On the subject of a further supply of acclimatized American Cotton seed required by the Madras Government. Factory, reporting that no pure American Cotton seed is now to be had in the Dharwar District.

2. I am at the same time desired to state, for the information of the Government of Madras, that under similar circumstances when pure seed cannot be got, Dr. Forbes recommends that the mixed seed be sown, and the native plants, which are easily distinguishable when a few inches high, weeded out.

From G. F. FORBES, Esq., Superintendent Dharwar Cotton Gin Factory, to A. D. ROBERTSON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Bombay, dated Carwar, 7th October 1863.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Memorandum, No. 2,890, accompanying No. 1,511, from the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, I have the honor to state that my Assistant Captain Hassard, in charge of the Dharwar Factory, reports that no pure American Cotton seed is now to be had in the Dharwar Districts.

2. Hitherto pure seed has always been obtainable at Bunkapore, and early in this season I procured and forwarded large quantities of it to various parts of India, but now it appears that the practice of admixture, in the Saw Gin has extended to that quarter also. Captain Hassard states:—"Had we been applied to earlier in the season, pure seed might have been obtained, but the high price of Cotton has induced the Native dealers to mix all their inferior Cotton with good, and in that way dispose of it at high prices, which mixture I am afraid, has now become the rule, not the exception. I can get no intelligence of any pure American seed being obtainable any where about here," and he forwards me copy of a Native report from the Mamlutdar of Bunkapore, which I beg to enclose with translation.

3. The above information has been communicated by Telegraph to the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras, and he has been requested to state whether seed one-fourth mixed will answer, as the native plants might be afterwards weeded out and pure American seed obtained for future sowing.

Translation of report made by APAJEE VENKTESHAYA, Mamlutdar of the Bunkapore Talook, to Captain HASSARD, in charge of Cotton Gin Factory, Dharwar, dated 18th September 1863.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your order directing me to purchase 200 Maunds of American Cotton seed for the Madras Government, and, in reply, to inform you that as the Cotton trade is now slack, and the cleaning season nearly over, the machines (Gins) are not used, pure seed cannot be procured in the villages of Bunkapore, Hoolgoor, Ingaly and Kailkond. Some Ryots of Bunkapore have American seed mixed with Native, viz., about one-fourth Native and three-fourths American seed, I therefore request that I may be favoured with your instructions if such seed is required. Pure seed cannot now be procured.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. B. RICHEY,
Offg. Under Secretary to Government.

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No. ~~286~~ ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1863, No. 2,054.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Order of Government, 17th August 1863, No. 1,510.

2. The Board will remark the suggestion referred to in paragraph 2 of this letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 1510.

The Board will be
reunited the suggestion referred to in
No. 2 of this letter.

John H. George
11. 1863.
N. H.

Board of Revenue. Oct. 16 1863.