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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th May 1863.*

No. 330. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th May 1863,
No. 3,005:—

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kodaikanel, 1st May 1863,
No. 76.

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24th December 1861, No. 7,186, I have the honor to report the results of the experimental culti-
vation of flax on the hill ranges of the Madura District.

2. The cultivation was tried on the lower Palanies, at Kodaikanel, on the upper Palanies,
and at Vilputy and Poombarai, which are lower than Kodaikanel, but higher than the lower range.

3. In the localities mentioned the seed was sown from June to August, the plants grew well
to a height of 2½ feet and flowered freely, but when the seed ripened, it was found to be very
poor and almost nothing but husk.

4. The stalks were, when dried, quite brittle and destitute of fibre; one of the experimen-
ters was a lay brother of the Jesuit Mission, who understood the growth of the plant and pre-
paration of the fibre; he gladly undertook the experiment and informed me it was a complete
failure, and that in his opinion the plant would not do on the hills.

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

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 331.

ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1863, No. 920.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

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

„ W. H. Crake, Esq., Acting Chairman Chamber of Commerce.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 1193.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 20th May 1863.
Despatched 23rd
Received 26th

No. 3,005.

Submitting for information a letter from the
Collector of Madras reporting the result of the
experimental cultivation of flax on the Hill ranges
of his District.

Re encld.

3863 May 1863
Wm. H. C.

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