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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd June 1863.*

No. 46. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1863, No. 3,053:—

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kodaikanal, 1st May 1863. No. 77.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report the result of the cultivation of the Imphee and Sargo seeds in this District, as directed in your letters, dated 23rd July 1861, No. 3,935, and 30th July 1861, No. 4,086.

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3. In Ramnad the seed failed; they grew well in Madura both in my garden in good ground and in another garden near the town; but the crop was not in any way as good as a crop of ordinary Cholum: the stalks were not so thick, and were destitute of sap to any extent. I fear the climate is not suitable, and that the experiment is not worth repeating.

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6. I have planted some of the fresh seed in the beginning of April, and it is looking well. It would be highly advantageous, if this plant could be got to grow on the hills; the stalks would be so valuable for fodder for cattle.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 47.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1863, No. 952.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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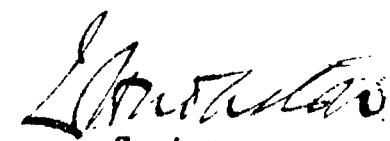
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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

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

" W. H. Crane, Esq., Acting Chairman Chamber of Commerce.

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

Ed. J. Wright.

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For report for June.

No 1241.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 22nd May 1863.

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No. 3,053.

Submitting for information a letter from the
Collector of Madras reporting the result of the
cultivation of the Imphee and Sorgo seeds in his
District.

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