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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th January 1864.

No. 24. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1863, No. 7,659 :—

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November 1863, No. 256.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 9th July 1862, No. 4,415, I have the honor to report the result of the cultivation of the Brazil Cotton seed, which was received from the Collector of Salem with his letter dated the 31st idem.

2. The seed was distributed to all the Tahsildars excepting the Tahsildar of Melur, with instructions to have it sown by the Ryots in localities suited for its cultivation.

3. In Madura Talook, the experiment totally failed.

4. In Teroomungalum Talook, two individuals undertook its cultivation. They sowed the seed in November last in two different lots amounting in all to 1 Acre, 31 Goontahs, and 171 Square feet. The trees began to blossom in April 1863. The seed produced two varieties of Cotton shrubs, one sort with small short leaves, yielded 40¼ lbs. of Cotton in one lot, and six Tolas in another. The second description of Cotton shrub had broad leaves, and produced only 2¼ lbs. of crop. These Cotton shrubs grew to an average height of six feet, but having become affected with disease at the time of bearing, the crop picked was not good.

5. In Pereacolum, the experiment was made by six individuals in five villages, in two of which they entirely perished by excessive rain, and in the others, they have partially succeeded. The different lots were sown in September and October 1862, and cover an extent of 1 Acre, 22 Goontahs, and 312 Square feet. The cultivation in two localities only yielded a trifling crop, amounting to ¼ lb. in the one, and 2⅛ Tolas in the other, and in the third, the plants have not yet blossomed. In consequence of heavy rain, the plants are now out of bearing, and a few of the shrubs are affected by disease. A second crop is expected after the monsoon is over.

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8. Samples of Cotton received from Teroomungalum, Pereacolum and Dindigul are herewith forwarded.

Ordered that the above letter together with samples of the Cotton received, be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, No. 1,204, dated 30th May 1862, and the Board's Proceedings No. 4,415, dated 9th July 1862, in which the 500 lbs. of seed purchased from Doctor Shortt under the sanction of Government were distributed, to a portion of which seed the present report refers.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1864, No. 13.

The Government will await the receipt of the reports of the other Collectors to whom similar seed was sent. The Madura experiments are clearly inconclusive.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Rxd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 4,415.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th July 1862.

Read the following letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Saidapet, 16th June 1862, No. 205 :—

With reference to the Board's order of the 3rd instant, No. 3,545, communicating the Order of Government of the 30th ultimo, No. 1,204, I have the honor to forward herewith, as per original Memorandum received from Mr. Mathews, Apothecary doing duty for the Zillah Surgeon at Chingleput, 500 lbs. of Cotton seeds, and request the sanction of Government for the payment to the Zillah Surgeon of Rupees 64-15-0, being the value of the cotton seeds inclusive of bandy hire, &c.

ENCLOSURE No 1.

ABSTRACT.—Particulars of Cotton seeds and its cost.

Districts.	Bourbon lbs.	New Orleans, lbs.	Brazil lbs.	Total lbs.
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Kurnool.. ..	....	25	58	83
Bellary.. ..	....	..	84	84
Tinnevelly ..	..	..	83	83
Madura.. ..	....	....	83	83
	35	25	440	500

1. Resolved that the 500 lbs. of Cotton seed received from Dr. Shortt through the Collector of Madras, be distributed, as shown in the margin, with the request that the several Collectors will arrange for its re-distribution, in their respective Districts, to such parties as they may think proper.

2. The Accountant General will be requested to state, with reference to the Order of Government, Revenue Department, No. 1,204, dated 30th May 1862, how he proposes that the charge of Rupees 64-15-0, incurred on account of the Cotton seeds, should be met.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah.
„ J. I. Minchin, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.
„ E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary.
„ P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.
„ J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly.
„ V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Copy to H. A. Mangles, Esq., Officiating Accountant General.

Erd. J. Wright.

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Dated 9th July 1862.

No. 4,415.

Rev. 31/3/63

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 9th July 1862, No. 4,415.

Copy to A. Hunter, Esq., M. D., Acting Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society.
" to V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Rd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated 5th December 1863.
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No. 7,659.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Madura reporting upon the cultivation of the Brazil Cotton seed, and forwarding certain samples of the same.

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Fort St George
5th January 1864.

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