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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 206	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th February 1864.

No. 85. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1864, No. 435 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, dated 7th November 1863, No. 261.

1. I have the honor to report, referring to your letter No. 6,296, that I am unable to suggest any scheme of prizes to stimulate the Ryots to improve their Cotton. They look with the greatest suspicion on the project and will not have anything to do with it. I am told plainly the whole is a deep scheme of Government to hereafter lay on a tax. They say gravely, and firmly believe it, that they were once induced to bring articles to the Exhibition to compete for prizes, immediately after which on the Government finding out what they could produce, the Income Tax was laid on, and they believe the present proposition is a device of the same sort.

2. Their profits on Cotton are now so enormous and novel that they are startled, and cannot get over the idea that Government seeing them making so much money will surely be down on them with a new tax.

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4. The District will produce excellent Cotton, if the Ryots could only be persuaded to grow it. The most wealthy Cotton Ryot told me he knows the kind of Cotton which Mr. Fischer cultivated in Coimbatore and which gained him the prize ; he said he had tried it and that it grew well, but that its cultivation cost a little more trouble, so he gave it up ; he got all he wanted from the native sort, and was not going to trouble himself with the Coimbatore variety.

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No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1864, No. 206.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Secretary.

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

Copy to Æ. R. McDonell, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Collector

Submitting with remarks a letter from the Collector of Madura on the impossibility of prevailing on the Ryots to improve the Native Cotton.

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Wm Taylor

Secy to Govt

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