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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd April 1864.

No. 370. Read the following letter from J. DETERMER, Esq., Director of the Usine, Godavery, to J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, dated Ingeram, 9th April 1864:—

SIR,

1. Having perused in the newspapers the official correspondence elicited by Sir William Denison's suggestion of the improvements that might be made in Indian agricultural operations, and having observed the consequent sanction of Sir Charles Wood for the purchase in America of certain implements for transmission to India, I have the honor to request you may be pleased to submit to his Excellency the advisability of ordering at the same time a small supply, say 10 tons, of best Carolina Rice seed.

2. Being the Manager of a Steam Rice Factory, which His Excellency did me the honor to visit in 1862, and thus taking a direct interest in the growth of good rice, I am willing to act on behalf of Government and to look seriously after the sowing and rearing of the 10 Tons Carolina seed. Some of the Rajahs and Zemindars of the Godavery District have already promised to second my efforts.

3. Half of the paddy gathered from the above seed might be distributed by Government to all the Ryots of this District, and the other half might be sold with profit to cover all the expenses incurred by Government to procure the seed from America. I would undertake to do all this on behalf of Government without any remuneration.

4. Some ten or fifteen years ago a trial was made, I am told, to introduce the Carolina seed into this country, but it failed entirely owing to the seed having been artfully tampered with in America to prevent its growing.

5. To avoid such disappointment and to prevent the seed from being in the least deteriorated by a long close confinement in the hold of a sailing ship, I have the honor to suggest that Government enter into a contract with a respectable Firm in America for the transmission to India *on Steamers* viâ Southampton and Suez of perfectly fresh Carolina Paddy, of the best description, well packed in double cloth gunnies of one cwt. each. These bags ought to be recommended by the Home Government to the Captains of the P. & O. Steamers, with a special request that the bags be kept in a dry cool place in the between-decks and not in the hold.

6. However great may be the trouble or expense attending the ordering of this seed, His Excellency will, I have no doubt, see the importance of thus improving this and other kinds of produce in India.

7. I may mention, for His Excellency's guidance, that the Dutch Government of Java have successfully introduced the seed into their island. It fetches a very high price in the Rotterdam market, say 50 per cent. more than the common *Java Rice*, which latter sort is already of a higher value than the best Indian Rice.

8. Carolina Paddy requires a wet cultivation, like all the best Indian paddy. It succeeded very well in Java. Why should it not succeed as well in India, and, particularly in this District, where the nature of the soil is such that the grain of rice is hard, transparent and pearly, like the Carolina seed?

9. In respectfully submitting this suggestion for His Excellency's consideration.

Transferred to Chief Secretary.

(By Order,)

Guindy Park,
15th April 1864.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Private Secretary.

No. 371. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1864, No. 699.

1. The Government are much obliged to Mr. Determer for his useful suggestion, and will gladly avail themselves of his promised assistance.

2. The Home Government will be requested to procure a supply of seed; and meanwhile application will be made to the Government of Java for a small quantity wherewith to commence the experiment at once.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Director of the Usine, Godavery.
„ the Board of Revenue.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd April 1864.

No. 700.

No. 372.
To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE
NETHERLANDS INDIA, BATAVIA.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Having recently learnt that Carolina Rice seed has been successfully introduced into your Island, I shall feel thankful if your Excellency will be good enough to favor me by an early opportunity with a small quantity of the best description of this seed for experimental cultivation in this Presidency.

I have, &c.,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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… attention of the Govt. we might
… at once to Java asking the
… to lend us up a couple of Govt.
… to bear Rice - namely that pro-
…ed from Carolina Seeds and
…commence the Experiment
…ance !!

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[signature]

Tracy Jenckes Chief Sec.y

By order,

[illegible]

15 April 1864

Lieutenant Governor

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In respectfully submitting these suggestions for His Excellency's consideration,

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

E. Peterson

Director of the Botanic Gardens

Acknowledged

No 699

Rec'd 1864 Sept 11
Pro: of Govt for April
No 977

From
Wm Le Hetermer
Director of the
Horse-Godavery
From Do 17 May 64 No 125.
Dated 9th April
Received 15th " 1864

Copy in a Letter to Govt
of 22nd April No 31 of 64

Nos 370 & 371

Requesting to be supplied with a small quantity of the best Carolina or Rice seed for experimental cultivation in this country.

No 699 22d Apl
With answer

699.

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Fort St George
22d April 1864

1 Copy Letter Dr of the Cypher Godavery Despt 26th Apl.
14 Copies Letter Dr of Recpt

Copy ma. Letter to Engd
Dt 22nd April No. 31 of 1864

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No. 705.

To His Ex: the Govr
Genl of the Netherlands
India, Batavia.

Dt 22d April 1864
From Dr 8/26 July 64
C. No. 2219.

Applying for a
small quantity of the
best description of
Carolina Rice seed for
experimental Cultivation
in this Presidency.

No. 372.