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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th June 1864.*

No. 43. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th May 1864,
No. 3,109.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 4th
May 1864, No. 69 :—

1. With reference to the late Acting Collector's letter* dated 31st July 1863, No. 163, and
the Board's Proceedings dated 12th August 1863, No. 5,029,
* Regarding Peruvian Cotton. I have the honor to report that on re-joining the District I

In January 1864. found that the Peruvian Cotton plants, which Mr. Foord
mentions having sown in the vegetable garden of his house
in September 1862, had attained a height of ten or twelve feet and were covered with pods so
thickly that the branches were bending under this weight ; some of the pods were then begin-
ning to burst, picking has continued from that time to this, and there are still many green pods
and even some flowers on the plants.

2. Mr. Foord mentioned, I see, that the plants were occasionally watered during the last
hot season, since then they have had no care whatever bestowed upon them.

3. A considerable number of the pods have a blighted appearance, and the cotton from
them is neither so soft, nor so white as from the others ; the proportion of blighted to full pods
appears to be about one of the former to two of the latter.

4. One plant only of the lot has produced a reddish brown cotton, from what cause I am
unable to say, as the plant does not differ in leaf, flower, or general appearance from the rest.

5. I forward specimens of the best cotton, the blighted and the brown, by banghy. I also
send a specimen of some of the same kind grown by the Vulloor Zemindar, it does not appear to
differ from that of my own garden.

6. It is evident that these plants were sown much too close together, they stand at a dis-
tance of eight or ten inches from each other, whereas from the height they have attained, I
should say two or three yards interval would not have been too much.

7. The plant appears to be thoroughly hardy, and so far as I can judge the cotton appears
good and the pods very full.

8. I have enclosed the produce of two single pods in distinct envelopes, to show the size
they attain ; these are not exceptional in point of size.

9. I propose thinning out the plants, and cutting the remainder down to the first branches,
so soon as they shall have done bearing, to see if they will produce good cotton, a second year,
I shall also sow the seed obtained from this crop early in the monsoon, and will report the result
to the Board.

10. The ripe pods appear to be much infested with a species of bugs, but I do not see that
the cotton is damaged by them.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government with sample of the
produce.

2. Copy of the papers with the bulk of the specimen will be sent to the Government
Museum, and a small sample with copy of the papers will be furnished to the Chamber of
Commerce.

3. The Collector will please to report the further results in due course.

4. The seed of the brown variety should be carefully separated and sown by itself.

5. The seed of the damaged pods should also be kept apart.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th June 1864.*

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1864, No. 954.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Home Government, and laid on the Editors' table.

2. The Zemindar of Vulloor should be encouraged to proceed with his experiment, and some of the seed lately received from the Home Government should be offered to him, and a supply sent to the Collector for distribution to other persons.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
,, the Editors' table.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3,109.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th May 1864.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 4th May 1864, No. 69:—

1. With reference to the late Acting Collector's letter *dated 31st July 1863, No. 16S, and the Board's Proceedings dated 12th August 1863, No. 5,029, I have the honor to report that on re-joining the District I found that the Peruvian Cotton plants, which Mr. Foord mentions

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6. It is evident that these plants were sown much too close together, they stand at a distance of eight or ten inches from each other, whereas from the height they have attained, I should say two or three yards interval would not have been too much.

7. The plant appears to be thoroughly hardy, and so far as I can judge the cotton appears good and the pods very full.

8. I have enclosed the produce of two single pods in distinct envelopes, to show the size they attain; these are not exceptional in point of size.

9. I propose thinning out the plants, and cutting the remainder down to the first branches, so soon as they shall have done bearing, to see if they will produce good cotton, a second year, I shall also sow the seed obtained from this crop early in the monsoon, and will report the result to the Board.

10. The ripe pods appear to be much infested with a species of bugs, but I do not see that the cotton is damaged by them.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government with sample of the produce.

2. Copy of the papers with the bulk of the specimen will be sent to the Government Museum, and a small sample with copy of the papers will be furnished to the Chamber of Commerce.

3. The Collector will please to report the further results in due course.

4. The seed of the brown variety should be carefully separated and sown by itself.

5. The seed of the damaged pods should also be kept apart.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary,

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with sample of Cotton.

Copy to Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, do.

,, to Captain J. Mitchell, Officer in charge of the Government Central Museum, with the bulk of the specimen sent.

,, to G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 517. August 23. 1864

Copy in a letter to Burd
of June 14 of 1864

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No. 1377.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 20th May 1864.

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20th 64.
C. I. Cotton Samples.

No. 3,109.

Submitting for information letter from the O
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progress of the Peruvian Cotton plants sown in
the vegetable garden at Mr. Poord's house.

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From H. E. G. 1864
14 June 1864

Board of Revenue District
Collector's letter.