

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2413	<u>Press</u> <u>Mis.</u>
<i>33-24</i> Dated	5. 10. 1865.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th October 1865.*

No. 93. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated, 24th July 1865, No. 4,303.

Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tenkasi, 20th June 1865, No. 247 :—

SIR,

1. In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular No. XCVIII, dated 17th November 1863, I have the honor to report as follows on the results of sowing the Foreign Cotton seed sent to this District from time to time from the Board's Office for distribution in this District.

- * 1. American Cotton Seed.
- 2. Egyptian do.
- 3. Peruvian do.
- 4. Bourbon do.
- 5. New Orleans do.
- 6. Brazilian do.

2. The six description* of Cotton seeds named in the margin, were, I find, distributed through Tahsildars to the different Ryots desirous of trying them, both in the principal and sub-divisions, and the results of the experiments are as follows:—

American Cotton Seed.

Fifty-one persons were entrusted with seed, of these
26 persons did not plant, want of rain is the alleged cause.
13 planted, but seeds did not germinate.
8 planted, but the young shoots withered.
3 had tolerable but scanty crop. Specimens of Cotton are forwarded.
1 crop still on the ground; not come to maturity, and not very promising.

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Total 51

Egyptian Cotton Seed.

Forty-three persons were entrusted with seed, of these
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11 planted, but seeds never came up.
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Peruvian Cotton Seed.

Thirteen persons were entrusted with seed, of these
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1 still growing.

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Total 13

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New Orleans Cotton Seed.

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Total 4

Bourbon Cotton Seed.

Sixteen persons were entrusted with seed, of these
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Total 16

Brazilian Cotton Seed.

It is not reported by the Tahsildars whether this seed was tried or not.
3. The experiments seem to have been decidedly unsatisfactory. I cannot say anything from personal experience, as the seeds were distributed and sown long before I joined the District; but I imagine that the Ryots finding such high profits realizable from their own old-fashioned culture did not care very much about the introduction of the Foreign Cotton, which would cost them a little more pains, and which they doubtless regarded with the natural hostility entertained by the generality of natives to the introduction of anything novel.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Parcel containing Specimens of Cotton.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 94.

ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1865, No. 2,413.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be forwarded, together with the parcel, to the Secretary of State.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 4,303.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Quantico
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with sample of Cotton.

Copy to A. Hunter, Esq. M. D., Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society,
.. to A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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Ordered to be forwarded
together with the Parcel, to the Secretary of
State.

Received by Comptroller
of Revenue
18th October 1865
4th November 1865

Board of Revenue
5th Oct 1865

Submitting for information letter from Collector of Tinnevely reporting result of cultivation of the different kinds of Cotton Seed sent by Board from time to time.

W. H. Lee
24th July 1865
2nd 24th July 1865
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
No. 2079.

Recd 1865
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