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Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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No. 7,781

From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,  
To J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

SIR,

With reference to the Orders of Government, dated 8th September 1864, No. 1,638, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, for the information of Government, a file of the printed replies of the Collectors of the Districts marginally noted, to the Board's Proceedings, dated 14th September 1864, calling upon them to furnish the report required by the Supreme Government as to the extent of Cotton cultivation, and the probable out-turn of the crop for the season 1864-65, as compared with 1863-64.

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| Kistna District. | North Arcot. |
| Bellary.         | Tinnevely.   |
| Kurnool.         | Coimbatore.  |
| Madras.          |              |

2. It will be seen from the accompanying Statement, prepared from the Collectors' letters, that the extent of land taken up for Cotton cultivation in six of the Districts in 1864-65 exceeds that of 1863-64 by Acres 35,776½, and that the probable out-turn of the crop for the current season may be calculated at Indian Maunds 19,57,222½ above that of last year.

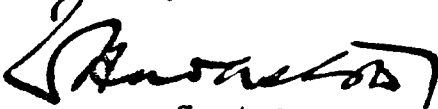
|         |     | Acres.     |
|---------|-----|------------|
| 1864-65 | ... | 14,15,843  |
| 1863-64 | ... | 13,79,072½ |
|         |     | 35,776½    |

3. The Collectors consulted on the subject report that the native cloth manufacture in their Districts has greatly decreased, owing to the enhanced price of cotton twist, and that in consequence the weavers have almost entirely abandoned their profession, and sought means of livelihood in other pursuits, or by emigration. In the Madras District however, where the effects of the high price of cotton thread were severely felt, a considerable number of weavers have been induced to return to their looms, and are now in full work.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

  
Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,

Madras,

5th December 1864.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,  
with a File of Replies, and Statement.

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

- „ to A. Hathaway, Esq., Collector of Bellary.
- „ to H. G. Smith, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah.
- „ to J. I. Minchin, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.
- „ to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.
- „ to G. Bunbury, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot.
- „ to J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.
- „ to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 8<sup>th</sup> Sept/64 No. 115-116

W<sup>m</sup> 1864. Department  
S<sup>g</sup> of Genl Secy/65

No. 3164-

from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,  
to the Secretary to Government, R. D.

Southon C. No. 3344/65

Dated 5th December 1864.

Per J. D. -  
S<sup>g</sup> of Genl Secy/65  
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S. Secy. 4 Jan/65  
No. 7,781.

Reporting on the extent of Cotton cultivation  
and the probable out-turn of the crop for the  
season 1864-65 as compared with 1863-64.

C. 115 Secy/64 R. D.

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• STATEMENT of the extent of Cotton cultivation and the probable return of the crop for 1864-65, as compared with 1863-64.

| DISTRICTS.      | ACTUAL 1863-64.  |            | ESTIMATE 1864-65.    |           | COMPARISON WITH 1863-64. |           |              |           |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
|                 | Land cultivated. |            | Quantity of produce. |           | IN CULTIVATION.          |           | IN OUT-TURN. |           |
|                 |                  |            |                      |           | Increase.                | Decrease. | Increase.    | Decrease. |
|                 | Acres.           | In. Mds.   | Acres.               | In. Mds.  | Acres                    | Acres.    | In. Mds.     | In. Mds.  |
| Kistna District | 1,88,560         | 12,44,025  | 2,30,292             | 19,55,327 | 41,732                   | ...       | 7,11,302     | ...       |
| Bellary.        | 4,66,013         | 16,39,653  | 4,54,409             | 22,50,453 | ...                      | 11,604    | 6,10,800     | ...       |
| Kurnool         | 2,60,167         | 10,40,668  | 2,62,447             | 13,12,235 | 2,280                    | ...       | 2,71,567     | ...       |
| North Arcot     | 1,315½           | 3,046½     | 2,500                | 7,500     | 1,184½                   | ...       | 3,553½       | ...       |
| Tinnevely...    | 2,63,692         | 17,40,000  | 2,66,200             | 15,00,000 | 2,508                    | ...       | ...          | 2,40,000  |
| Coimbatore...   | 1,99,325         | ...        | 2,00,000             | 6,00,000  | 675                      | ...       | ...          | ...       |
| Total...        | 13,79,072½       | 56,68,292½ | 14,15,848            | 76,72,515 | 43,815½                  | 11,604    | ...          | ...       |

NOTE.—The Collector of Cuddapah states that he cannot furnish the information required till later in the season.

No. 6,079.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th September 1864.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 8th September 1864, No. 1,638,  
Revenue Department :—

Read the following letter from E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 19th August 1864, Circular No. 1,950 :—

1. I am directed to request that a brief report may be furnished of the extent of Cotton cultivation and the probable out-turn of the crop for the season 1864-65 as compared with 1863-64, preliminary to a more detailed Statement to be prepared hereafter when the prospects of the crop shall be more fully ascertained.

2. It is also requested that this preliminary report may be accompanied by observations upon the present state of the Native cloth manufacture, and upon the present and probable future demand for English cloth.

3. It is suggested that a limited number of officers should be selected to report who have peculiar facilities for obtaining the desired information.

ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1864, No. 1,638.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue who will be requested to furnish the required report, &c. as early as practicable.

(True Extract.)

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

Forwarded to the Collectors of the Kurnool, Bellary, Cuddapah, Kistna, Coimbatore, Tinnevely, Madras, and North Arcot Districts, for speedy report.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,  
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. M. C. KELLY,  
Acting First Assistant.

To J. I. Minchin, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.  
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„ H. G. Smith, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah.  
„ G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.  
„ P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.  
„ J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.  
„ E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.  
„ G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright,

Decr 31/64.

Enclosed in a letter from  
the Secy to the Bd of Rev  
to the Secy to Govt of India  
dated 19th August 1864.  
28/9/64.

Statement of the  
extent of Cotton Cultivation  
and the probable  
out-turn of the crop  
for 1864/65 as compared  
with 1863/64.

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From E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 19th September 1864, No. 430.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 14th instant, and to forward in reply a copy of Dr. Shortt's letter to the Chamber of Commerce which appeared in the papers, and which gives a true picture of the effects of the American war upon the native cloth manufacture in this District. Dr. Shortt speaks of only Chingleput and Conjeveram; but the remarks are equally applicable to the other Taluks of this District. There are no facilities for obtaining information regarding the future probable demand for English cloth in this District; and as little or no Cotton is grown there, as already shown in Mr. Banbury's letter, No. 207 of 13th March 1864, the letter of the Government of India requires no further reply.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. SHORTT, Esq., M. D., Zillah Surgeon at Chingleput; to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, dated 1st September 1864.

1. I have the pleasure to submit a report of the progress of the weavers of the Taluks of Chingleput and Conjeveram since my last communication.
2. I am happy to state that the weavers have improved in their circumstances, and a number who had forsaken the loom at the commencement of the American war, in consequence of the dearth of twist, have returned to their loom works again, as they have been taught by experience that notwithstanding the enhanced price of twist they are able to sell the native cloths, &c., they manufacture to greater advantage now, and thereby derive a much larger profit at present than they have been able to do prior to the late crisis, and the value of cloth although greatly increased is readily purchased by the native community. Cloths that sold for a couple of Rupees formerly now fetch treble and quadruple that sum, and on the plea of the scarcity and dearth of twist they add greatly to their own profit in fixing their prices, notwithstanding which the demand continues as heretofore, and as much as they can do at present is to meet the call made for home-spun native cloths.
3. During the last three months, upwards of 1,000 looms have been set up a fresh, and are at full play in both these Taluks, even the few men I had in employ as gardeners have with the exception of two returned to their looms again.
4. The cause of the failure of the weaver trade, and the apprehension under which the weavers as a body laboured, did not arise from the dearth of twist occasioned by the American war, but from the continued fluctuation or rise and fall of the price of twist, by which the trade was at first unsettled, and subsequently to some extent ruined, which caused the pauper portion of the population to flee their homes in search of a livelihood in other lands, and these belonged solely to one particular caste termed *sanears*, or gentoo weavers; not a single individual of the other caste weavers have left their home-steads, nor does it appear likely that they will ever do so.
5. For instance a man purchasing a bale of twist at (to give imaginary figures) say 100 Rupees the bale, could not compete with a person who perhaps a few days later purchases the same bale at 70 or even 50 Rupees. It was owing to this a few were ruined, and great apprehensions were created in the minds of the whole body of weavers.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE,  
Collector.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

1864.

Department.

No.

Dated 14th September 1864.

Despatched

Received

No. 6,079.

Forwarding Proceedings of the Madras Government calling for a report on the extent of Cotton cultivation, and the probable output of the crop for the season 1864-65 as compared with 1863-64.

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From H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1864, No. 125.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 14th September  
1864, transmitting the Government Order,\* I

\* No. 1,633, dated 8th September 1864.

have the honor to state that I cannot submit the  
report called for on the Cotton cultivation, &c.,

at present, but I shall do so after October next, at which period the Cotton cultivation can be  
easily ascertained.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the  
Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 27th September 1864, No. 205.

With reference to the order of Government, dated 8th instant, No. 1,638, communicated by the Board, under date the 14th idem, I have the honor to inform you that of late years Cotton cultivation about 36,706 acres are still standing with view to a further picking being obtained. The Cotton cultivation for 1864-65 commences this month, and will be actively proceeded with until the end of October. If the rains, the want of which has of late been much felt, prove seasonable, it is probable that about 2,00,000 acres of land will be placed under Cotton, and that they will yield an average crop of 30,000 candies of 500 lbs. each. The native cloth manufacture is steadily diminishing, and numbers of weavers have been obliged to take to manual labor on the roads, fields, and coffee estates. Their condition I fear, in many instances, is as much to be felt for as that of the manufacturing population at Home. English manufactured cloth has for years been coming into use, and it is likely that if the present high price of Cotton continues, its use will become general. Many of the Cotton growers sent Cotton, the produce of their farms, to the weavers to be woven into cloth for the use of their families, especially for the female members of the same, thereby avoiding the original cost of the raw material. For years past the use of English spun yarn has obtained; but with the enhanced price of the article, and the ruined condition of the native weavers, this branch of trade must dwindle away, and English manufactured cloth fill its place.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 1st October 1864, No. 244.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 14th ultimo, No. 6,079, I have the honor to enclose a Statement showing the probable out-turn of the Cotton crop for the year 1864-65 compared with 1863-64.

2. It has already been made known to the Board that this is no Cotton growing District, the soil is not suited for this product; and although from the return now submitted this cultivation would appear to be carried on to a fair extent it is not so in reality. Cotton is sown in the same field with Raggy, Gingelly-oil, Cumboo and Castor-oil seeds; they grow up simultaneously, and according to orders lately issued by the Collector the breadth sown with this mixed crop is all entered in the returns as "Cotton." This accounts for the apparent increase over last year's cotton cultivation, when fields wholly under this culture alone appeared in the returns. The small amount of Cotton produced in this District is used chiefly for thread and other domestic purposes, there is little or no trade in this article.

3. In Gooriatum Taluk, at Tirvettur in the Arcot Taluk, and in the Provinces of Carvet-nugger and Arni, cloth manufacture is still carried on to some extent, but nothing approaching that of former days. This falling off is owing to the high price of thread both of Native and English manufacture, and to the large influx of English piece goods. For example, formerly "Pavaday," or petticoats, as well as "Ravekay," or bodlices worn by females, were I am told of Native manufacture; now I understand they are invariably of English cloth or chintz. Again the native cloths formerly worn by Musselmans, termed "Lungi," have on account of their high price been generally abandoned, and tight fitting trousers made of English goods, plain or colored, have taken their place. As far as picturesque appearance is concerned the change is decidedly for the worse. So great has the demand for English manufactured goods lately increased that the Hawkers find it a profitable undertaking to vend their chintzes, muslins, jaconets, &c., throughout villages in the interior, where formerly the presence of these itinerant traders was entirely unknown.

4. It seems to be very doubtful whether even in the event of Cotton falling in price the native weavers will ever retrieve even their former position; their textures cannot compete with the English piece goods, and it appears to me that the demand for these imports must go on increasing unless there are a sufficient number of capitalists enterprising enough to establish Cotton mills in this country, when the cheapness of labor might enable the owners to successfully compete with the large manufacturers at Manchester and other towns in the north of England.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the extent and the probable out-turn of Cotton cultivation during 1864-65 compared with 1863-64.

| Description.             | 1863-64. |                    | 1864-65. |                    | Increase. |                    | Decrease. |                    |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
|                          | Acres.   | Probable out-turn. | Acres.   | Probable out-turn. | Acres.    | Probable out-turn. | Acres.    | Probable out-turn. |
| Government land ... ..   | 798      | 2,394              | 1,500    | 4,500              | 702       | 2,106              | ...       | ...                |
| Zemindary and Inam land. | 517½     | 1,552½             | 1,000    | 3,000              | 482½      | 1,404              | ...       | ...                |
| Total...                 | 1,315½   | 3,946½             | 2,500    | 7,500              | 1,184½    | 2,369              | ...       | ...                |

NOTE.—The increase in 1864-65 is traceable to the fact of mixed crops in which Cotton forms a part, being reckoned as pure Cotton cultivation as noticed in the led ter. This method of computing the extent of Cotton cultivation was introduced from April last.

CHITTOOR,  
1st October 1864.

(Signed) G. BANBURY,  
Acting Collector.

Exd. J. Wright.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 18th October 1864, No. 232.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 14th ultimo, No. 6,079, I have the honor to refer the Board to the subjoined Statement, which will show an increase in the extent of Cotton cultivation, and in the probable out-turn of the crop for the year 1864-65 as compared with 1863-64:—

|         | Actual.<br>1863-64. |                         | Estimate.<br>1864-65. |                         | COMPARISON WITH FUSLY<br>1263-64. |           |              |           |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
|         |                     |                         |                       |                         | In cultivation.                   |           | In out-turn. |           |
|         | Land<br>Cultivated. | Quantity of<br>produce. | Land<br>cultivated.   | Quantity of<br>produce. | Increase.                         | Decrease. | Increase.    | Decrease. |
|         | Acs.                | In. Mds.                | Acs.                  | In. Mds.                | Acs.                              | Acs       | In. Mds.     | In. Mds.  |
| Cotton. | 188,560             | 12,44,025               | 230,292               | 19,55,327               | 41,732                            | ...       | 7,11,302     | ...       |

2. The great rise in the price of Cotton counts from about three years, and in that time the native weavers have almost entirely abandoned their calling. English cloths, although greatly enhanced in price, have, to a considerable extent, superseded native cloths in the market.

3. Now however there has been a considerable fall in the price of Cotton: should that continue it is likely the native weavers will resume their work, and the demand for English cloths will decrease.

4. The native weavers have engaged in other pursuits to enable them to procure a livelihood, but they have not in any numbers left the country, and they will gladly return to their old calling on any prospect of success in the pursuit of it appearing.

Exd. J. Wright.

25/11/64  
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From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd November 1864, No. 198.

1. In reply to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 6,079, dated 14th September last, calling for a speedy report of the extent, &c., of Cotton cultivation for the season 1864-65, as compared with 1863-64, &c., I have the honor to state, that in the current year, about 4,54,409 acres, including Circar and Inam, were sown with Cotton; the probable out-turn of which may amount to about 22,50,453 maunds of "patty," or uncleaned Cotton of 25 lbs. each, or approximately 5 maunds per acre; while the extent cultivated with this crop during the previous year was 4,66,013 acres, or 11,604 acres in excess of that of the current year. The rains in the early part of this year having been favorable to the growth of yellow Jonnalu, a large extent of land was sown with this dry crop in preference to Cotton.

2. From the following abstract statement showing the extent of Cotton cultivation, and its probable out-turn for the season 1864-65, as compared with that for 1863-64, it will be observed, that although the extent of Cotton cultivation in the current year has fallen short of that of the previous year, yet the out-turn is expected to be greater by about 6,10,800 maunds of uncleaned Cotton. The present state however of the season, and failure of rains, render it doubtful whether this result will be fully realized:—

|         | Extent of cultivation in Acres. | Produce of uncleaned Cotton in Maunds of 25 lbs. each. | Its equivalent quantity of cleaned Cotton in Maunds. | VALUE.      |               | CHARGES.      |           | Amount of net profit. |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|         |                                 |                                                        |                                                      | Per Maund.  | Amount.       | Amount.       | Per Acre. |                       |
| 1863-64 | 4,66,013                        | 16,39,653                                              | 4,12,279                                             | RS. 16 A. 1 | RS. 66,34,661 | RS. 15,81,379 | 3 6       | 50,53,282             |
| 1864-65 | 4,54,409                        | 22,50,453                                              | 5,65,475                                             | 14 15       | 84,58,707     | 18,32,241     | 4 1       | 66,26,466             |

3. In consequence of the sudden fluctuations in the quoted prices of Cotton, the Native cloth manufacture in this District has not been carried on to its usual extent, it being confined mainly to those owners of looms who are able to purchase Cotton at high prices, and pay weavers high wages.

4. The Bellary cloth market commands the whole District; the probable demand for English fabrics for the next six months of the current official year is estimated at about Rupees 3,00,000; and that for the next official year at about six lacs. This information is of course not fully to be depended upon, but it is the best that can be obtained.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th November 1864, No. 181.

1. As called for in the Proceedings of the Board, dated 14th September, I have the honor to forward a Statement showing the extent of Cotton cultivation, and the probable out-turn of the crop for the season 1864-65 as compared with 1863-64.

2. I fear that the only reliable portion of this Statement is the extent of cultivation for last year. As the season for sowing is not quite closed, the extent of cultivation in the current year has been arrived at partly by conjecture.

3. I have no means of obtaining trustworthy information as to the out-turn of the crop even for the last season, that supplied by the Tahsildars and Deputy Collectors being clearly not only conjectural, but obviously impossible. Setting down the average out-turn of seed cotton at 150 lbs. per acre, and allowing that two-thirds of an average crop was produced last year throughout the District, I arrive at an out-turn of 2,60,16,700 lbs.

4. It is too early to pronounce on the prospects of this year's crop with any confidence, and as I have stated above even the extent of cultivation is conjectural. Multiplying the extent conjectured by 125, which may be supposed to be the out-turn all round per acre, we obtain 3,23,05,875 lbs. as the probable out-turn for the current season.

5. I find from the reports of the officers whom I have consulted on the subject, that the demand for English cloth has largely increased, owing partly to the fact of the weavers as a body having abandoned their profession, and taken up contract work under the Irrigation Company.

6. Much cotton is, however, spun in the Ryots' families for domestic use, and woven into cloth by the weavers on hire.

7. It is supposed that English cloth amounts to twenty per cent. of the general consumption of the District.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement of Cotton Cultivation and probable out turn in 1864-65.

| Item.         | 1863-64. |                           | 1864-65. |                           |
|---------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
|               | Extent.  | Probable out-turn in lbs. | Extent.  | Probable out-turn in lbs. |
| Cotton ... .. | 2,60,167 | 2,60,16,700               | 2,62,447 | 3,28,05,875               |

KURNOOL,  
14th November 1864.

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,  
Collector.

Exd. J. Wright.

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KURNOOL,  
14th November 1864.

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,  
Collector.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1864, No. 437.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated the 8th September 1864, No. 1,638, communicated to me by the Board on the 11th idem, calling for a brief report of the extent of Cotton cultivation, and the probable out-turn of the crop for the season 1864-65 as compared with 1863-64, I have the honor to state, that the extent of land which has already been and is now being cultivated with Cotton, is reported at Acres 266,200 against Acres 263,692 in 1863-64, and the probable out-turn of the crop is estimated, with reference to the present state of the season, at Candies 75,000 against Candies 87,000 in 1863-64, in which the yield was good, as reported in my Settlement Report for Fasli 1273.

2. The manufacture of native cloth is now carried on to a very limited extent, owing to the enhanced price of Cotton, and there is a great demand for English cloth at present; if there be any great decrease in the price of Cotton, the demand for English cloth will be proportionately less.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosed in a letter from  
the Secy to the Board of Rev.  
to the Secy to Govt. of I.  
dated 8 December 1864  
No. 7781-

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File of replies  
from Collectors on the  
subject of Cotton  
Cultivation.

Revenue Department

No. 14-

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Proceedings of the Madras Government  
under date the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1865

Read the follow-  
ing letter from the Secy to  
the Board of Revenue

Reporting on the  
extent of cotton cultivation  
and the probable out-turn of  
the crop for the season  
1864/5 as compared with 1863/4

(These enter 5<sup>th</sup> Decr 1865  
No. 7781)-

The Govt observe  
that the out-turn of the  
cotton crop in the Madras  
District is given by the  
Collector as Indian &  
Maunder 19,55,327 for 2,30,29  
acres or nearly 700 lbs  
per acre. Mr. Thornhill  
also omits to state  
whether his return shows  
cleaned or uncleaned  
cotton.

The Acting Collector  
of North Arcot, Mr. Bau-  
bury, makes the like  
omission

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omission and does not even state the description of weight in which the produce is entered. The Collectors of Simeonville and Coimbatore also do not mention whether the out-turn entered in their letter represents cleaned or seed cotton.

The Acting Collector of Cuddapah promised a report "after October", but none appears to have been received up to the 5<sup>th</sup> December the date of the Board's proceedings.

The Govt regret that so important a subject should have been treated in such an unsatisfactory manner by the Board and the Collectors of the districts above named, and they desire that

that amended returns of area and produce be submitted without delay.

The Board will instruct the Collectors of all districts that in all future returns of cotton the area under cultivation is invariably to be given in acres and the produce in Cwt, and that it is always to be noted whether the latter represents cleaned or seed cotton.

To the Board of Revenue, 27 Jan'y

J D V

Received 1865 Dec 1st  
\$100 for Jan'y

1864.

of the old address  
24th January 1865

of new Bond of Rev  
1710 April 1865 the 9th

Before orders  
on the 1st of Jan'y  
1865 1865 on the 1st  
1st of the 1st collection

2135 1865