

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	715	Press Mis.
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Dated	1-11-1865.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st April 1865.*

Read the following :—

No. 12. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1865, No. 1,239.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coonoor, 19th January 1865, No. 5.

1. With reference to the Miscellaneous Circular of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1863, No. 98, Board No. 7,309A, I have the honor to report on the result of the cultivation of the several descriptions of Cotton seed forwarded to me on different occasions during the year 1863.

* Number 1.

2. A Memorandum* shewing the quantity of Cotton seed received is enclosed.

3. Immediately on the receipt of each supply, the seed was distributed to parties likely to make good use of it ; a Memorandum† shewing the number of Ryots, the Talooks in which

† Number 2.

they reside, and the quantity of seed distributed to them, is also submitted for the Board's information.

4. The result of the cultivation of the seed supplied to Mr. Sullivan, the Sub-Collector, was duly reported to the Board in my letter of the 11th November 1864, No. 228.

5. Messrs. Stanes and Groves have been requested to furnish me with statements as to the success or otherwise of the cultivation undertaken by them. So soon as they are received, they will be submitted to the Board.

6. The Egyptian Cotton seed was sown by 86 parties residing in the different Talooks mentioned in the Memorandum. In some cases scanty produce only was gathered, in others the crops failed for want of rain, whilst in many instances the seed did not germinate.

7. The cultivation of the American Cotton seed was undertaken by 28 Ryots. The observations made with regard to the Egyptian seed are applicable to this.

8. The Bourbon and Havannah Cotton plants in the Coimbatore Talook withered for want of rain.

9. The New Orleans Cotton seed did not germinate in the Coimbatore Talook, whilst in Pulladum Talook it grew a few inches above the ground and then failed for want of rain.

10. Some of the Ooppum Cotton seed in Coimbatore and Pulladum Talooks germinated, and the plants grew a few inches high, and ultimately withered for want of rain.

11. The Peruvian Cotton seed received with the Board's Proceedings of the 16th March 1863, No. 1,552, was sown in Coimbatore Talook, but did not germinate for want of rain.

12. The Tahsildars of Perindoray and Neilgherry Talooks have not yet submitted their reports ; so soon as they are received, the result will be communicated to the Board.

13. The 522 lbs. of Egyptian Cotton seed referred to in the Board's Official Memorandum of the 27th November 1863, No. 971, were, as directed in their Proceedings, No. 8,124, dated 22nd December following, distributed amongst the Ryots for cultivation in the current Fusly.

Official Memorandum, No. 1,006, dated 10th December 1863.

" 3,618,	" 13th June 1864.
" 4,812,	" 20th July "
" 6,003,	" 13th Sept. "
" 6,095,	" 15th "

14. Steps have been taken with regard to the Cotton seed received with the Board's Memorandum and Proceedings as per margin, and the result will be communicated in due course as directed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum shewing the quantity of Cotton seed received from the Board of Revenue.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum shewing the distribution of the different descriptions of Cotton seed forwarded by the Board of Revenue, for cultivation in Coimbatore District.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st April 1865.*

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Orders, dated 12th October, 15th July and 4th November 1863, Nos. 1,871, 1,291 and 1,931. Copy communicated to the Agri-Horticultural Society, with reference to their Honorary Secretary's letters, dated 16th June, and 27th October 1863, Nos. 240 and 513.

No. 13. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March 1865, No. 1,453.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1865, No. 30.

1. With reference to paragraph 12 of my letter of the 19th ultimo, No. 5, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Board, that the 78 lbs. of Egyptian Cotton seed, mentioned in the Memorandum therewith submitted, was distributed amongst twenty-nine of the most respectable Ryots for cultivation in Perindoray Talook. In most cases the plants either withered for want of rain, or the seed did not germinate. In two cases only, a scanty produce, weighing 16 Tolas, was gathered. Specimens of the Cotton are forwarded herewith for the Board's inspection.

2. The cultivation of American Cotton seed was undertaken by fourteen Ryots in the above named Talooks; but the crops failed for want of rain.

3. The Egyptian Cotton seed sent to Neilgherry Talook was sown in Segoor and Sembattam villages. Very little of the seed germinated, some forty or fifty plants are said to be in existence; if they yield any crop, a report on the same will be submitted.

4. The accompanying extract from a letter from Mr. R. Stanes, dated 11th ultimo, will show the result of the cultivation of the Cotton seed furnished to him.

5. I have learnt personally from Mr. T. Stanes and Mr. Groves that the Cotton seed sent to them failed. The Board will have observed from all that has been written about Cotton in this province, that the want of rain is, as a rule, assigned as a reason for the cause of failure in the cultivation of Cotton. The want of rain is the bane of this poor District; it affects all crops alike, and indirectly tells on man and beast.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Extract of a letter from R. STANES, Esq., dated 11th January 1865.

2. With regard to the result of the cultivation of the several descriptions of Cotton seed forwarded by you to me on different occasions, I am sorry to inform you that the experiments have been altogether a failure. The seeds have generally come up well, and the trees grown to a good size, flowered and podded well, but the Cotton has invariably been destroyed by insects, which seem to infest the Cotton both in poor and rich soils.

3. About 20 acres produced only 600 lbs. of really good Cotton. The quality of the Cotton saved from these rapacious insects was, however, decidedly superior.

(Signed) P. GRANT, Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 4th March 1865, No. 1,239.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1865, No. 715.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be communicated to the Secretary of State, in continuation of Despatch dated 23rd January 1865, No. 2.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Memorandum showing the quantity of Cotton seed received from the Board of Revenue.

Date of Pro: or Memo.	Description of Seed	Quantity	Remarks
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Proceedings of 11th June 1863	Egyptian	120	
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Memorandum dated 15th October 1863 No. 835	"	335	
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Proceedings of 30th Dec	"	681	
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Deduct deficiency found in weight		43	15
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Remainder		1092	25
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Memo No 5798th August 1863	American	50	
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Pro: No 5919 6th Dec	"	50	
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Pro: of 28th October 1863	Bourbon	2	
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	Havannah	2	
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	New Orleans	1	
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Coimbatore

19th January 1865

*P Grant
Collector*

In a letter from the
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719th Lang. 1880-1881

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He also showing the
quantity of Cotton seed
received from the
Board of Revenue.

Letter 281 of 1885-

Q. 10/12/65
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Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st ^{april} March 1865.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Submitting letter from
the Collector of Coimbatore re-
porting on the result of the cul-
tivation of Cotton seed.

(Here enter 4th March 1865
N. 1239)

Submitting for infor-
mation letter from the Col-
lector of Coimbatore reporting
the failure of the cultivation of
Cotton for want of rain.

(Here enter 14th March 1865
N. 1453)

Ordered to be com-
municated to the Secretary
of State in continuation of
Despatch dated 23rd January
1865 N. 2.

W. M.
To the Board of Revenue & Office

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In a letter from the
Collector of Coimbatore
of 19th Decr. 1865 N. 115.

Rev. 642/65.

Revenue showing the
distinction of the
different species
of Cotton seed
preserved by the
Board of Revenue for
cultivation in
Coimbatore District.

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Revenue 1865 Department
Pro: of the Govt for April

Reported to England

7th April 1865 No. 22. Mis.

No. 15

Pro. No. 287

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt
of 1st April 1865

Pro. B of Rev. of 21 July 65 No. 2037

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Communicating to the
Govt of State the result of
the cultivation of various
kinds of Cotton seeds in
Coimbatore.

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