

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1384	<u>Press</u> <u>Mis.</u>
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th June 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 191. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th October 1865,
No. 6,463.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to
the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 22nd September 1865, No. 302.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings noted in the margin, I have
the honor to report that the various de-
Official Memorandum, 15th October 1863, descriptions of Cotton seed forwarded by
No. 835. the Board were distributed to some of
Board's Proceedings, dated 29th July 1864, the chief Ryots of this District, and
No. 4,812. some also was sown by me at Home's
Do. dated 13th September 1864, No. 6,003. gardens, but I regret to state that the result in every case was most unsatisfactory.

2. The Board will have learnt from Mr. Banbury's letter, reviewed in their
Proceedings, No. 8,003, of the 18th December 1863, that he expected to get a good
return from the seed sown at Home's gardens. The plants certainly promised well
at first, and even yielded well the first year; but as a party of convicts were
employed by Mr. Banbury in manuring, watering, and looking after this planta-
tion, the extent of which was only some one hundred and sixty-one square-yards,
it afforded no criterion of the suitability of the soil for cotton, and was no example
to the Ryots, as they of course could not bestow the same amount of labor on any
cotton grown by them; this cotton even when the convict labor was withdrawn,
and it was left to itself, with only an occasional watering, ceased to give any thing
like a proper return.

3. I have also received reports from the Ryots who had some of the seed to
try, and to whom instructions were given as to how to cultivate it, but regret to
find from these reports that their efforts also proved unsuccessful.

4. I am, therefore, of opinion that any further attempts to introduce the culti-
vation of exotic cotton in this District would only lead to the same result; as it is
evident the soil of this part of the country is not suited for its cultivation.

Government Order, 2nd May 1864, No. 759.
Do. 13th June " " 1,005.

Submitted for the information of
Government, with reference to their
Orders noted in the margin.

No. 192. Official Memorandum from the Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 24th October 1865, No. 1,024.

The undersigned has the honor to inform the Acting Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, in reply to his Official Memorandum of the 21st October 1865,
No. 145, that the cotton seed reported on in the letter from the Collector of Madras,
dated 22nd September 1865, appears to be the New Orleans and Peruvian Cotton
seed, as those descriptions only were sent to him with the correspondence quoted in
paragraph 1 of his letter. The Collector will, however, now be requested to mention
the descriptions of cotton seed to which he alludes.

3. From inquiries now made in the Deputy Collector's office, as also from the Tahsildars of Tanjore and Puttukotta, and the Superintendent of Chuttrums, to whom the seeds were sent for distribution by Muttusawmi Aiyar, it appears that on the whole 1,616 lbs. of Foreign Cotton seeds, including American, Egyptian, &c., were received by T. Muttusami Aiyar. Of this quantity 880 lbs. were distributed among the Mirassidars of the Tanjore Talook, 144 among the Poligars of Puttukotta, and 148 lbs. given to the Superintendent of Chuttrums for being sown in the lands belonging to the several Chuttrums, thus leaving a balance of 444 lbs., of which 319 lbs. still remain in the Tanjore Talook Cutcherry undistributed, and 125 lbs. are reported to have been lost in some unaccountable way. The Cotton seeds in question having passed through several hands before they were distributed among the Mirassidars, without having been weighed by any of these, it is impossible now to ascertain through whose carelessness this difference has arisen.

4. Of the quantity of seeds thus distributed, viz., 1,172 lbs., only 910 lbs. seem to have been actually sown in about A. 7, M. 12, G. 53½ of land, the balance of 262 still remaining in the hands of the parties to whom it was distributed.

5. Judging from the seed sown, and the actual out-turn, I have no hesitation in stating that the experiment has proved a total failure. From the reports of the Tahsildar of Tanjore and Puttukotta and the Superintendent of Chuttrums, it appears that the seed has been tried in various descriptions of soil; that in many instances no plants sprung up at all, and that in others where they did appear, they died a few days afterwards, partly owing to want of rain, and partly to the unsuitable character of the soil. Cases in which there was any out-turn are very rare. In the Chuttrum villages, where V. 1, M. 6, G. 70½ of land was cultivated with 84 lbs. of seed, 147 lbs. were reaped; in the Tanjore Talook, where V. 2, M. 19, G. 29½ of land were cultivated with 690 lbs. of seed, 554 lbs. was the out-turn; and in Puttukotta V. 3, M. 6, G. 55 of land were sown with 136 lbs. of seed, but nothing reaped.

6. Of the 554 lbs. of cotton reaped in Tanjore Talook, 250 lbs. appear to have been what Mr. Kohlhoff, a respectable European Merchant, obtained, by cultivating eight Maws of land with 45 lbs. of seed. This gentleman, who is a good practical farmer, took much trouble in the matter, and in communicating the result of his experiment, states that the soil of this District is, in his opinion, totally unfit for the growth of foreign cotton.

7. With this opinion of Mr. Kohlhoff's, I too a great extent concur, and considering the miserable failure which has attended the experiments above recorded, I would deprecate any more seed being sent to this District for distribution.

Received...	1,616
Distributed in the Tanjore Talook	880
Do. Puttukotta	144
Given to the Superintendent of Chuttrums	148
	1,172
Balance	444
Now remaining in hand	319
	125 lost.

Government Order, 15th July 1863, No. 1,294.	
Do. 12th October " " 1,871.	
Do. 14th " " 1,878.	
Do. 4th November " " 1,981.	
Do. 2nd May 1864, " 759.	
Do. 3rd June " " 946.	
Do. 13th " " 1,005.	

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Orders noted in the margin.

2. The experiments with foreign Cotton seeds, reported on by the Collector, appear to have been made with Egyptian, New Orleans, Peruvian, and Dharwar acclimatized American seed.

No. 197. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1866, No. 374.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st December 1865, No. 323.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 4,812, dated 29th July 1864, forwarding New Orleans Cotton seed, I have the honor to state that the seed was duly distributed to the Tahsildars with instructions to carry out the Board's orders.

2. The result, I regret to observe, has been unfavorable. In some villages, the seed did not germinate at all; in some the crop grew up to the height of a quarter, half or one yard, and then perished. Whilst in some cases, though the crop grew up well at first, failed eventually.

3. The experiment of the Peruvian Cotton seed forwarded with the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th September 1864, No. 6,003, also failed in the same manner.

4. The failure of both these crops is generally ascribed to the bad season.

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to their Orders, dated 2nd May, and 3rd and 13th June 1864, Nos. 759, 946, and 1005.

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1866, No. 1,384.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the foregoing papers be forwarded to the Secretary of State for his information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Pro 152 January/64 at 172-2
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Reported to England
of 8th June No 238 of 1866
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No. 2929.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 12th October 1865.

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S. Oct 1864. 8th June

No. 6,463.

Submitting for information letter from the Col-
lector of Madras reporting result of the cultiva-
tion of the several descriptions of foreign Cotton
seed sent to the District.

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Pro 15th July 1830 at 287
 52nd Oct 1830 at 25724
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 52nd May 1840 at 19420
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No. 3074.
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 27th October 1865.

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No. 6,901.

Submitting for the information of Government
 and communicating to the Agri-Horticultural
 Society letter from the Acting Collector of Gan-
 jam reporting on the cultivation of the Foreign
 cotton seed sent from time to time.

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Reported to England
of 8th June No 23 of 1866
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No. 210.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18th January 1866.

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S. Act 1862 & June

No 374.

Submitting for the information of Govern-
ment letter from the Collector of Nellore report-
ing on the cultivation of New Orleans and
Peruvian Cotton seed.

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No. 15 July 13 No. 287
 12 Oct " " 154-155
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Reported to England
 of 8th June No. 28 of 1866
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No. 3505.
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 30th November 1865.

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Sl. No. 13848 Lms.

No. 7,680.

Submitting report of the Collector of Tanjore
 on the results of the sowing of Foreign Cotton
 Seed since 1863.

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Rev^t Department
1864
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 27th Dec^r 1865

Read the following papers

Pro: of the Board of Rev^t
Submitting letter from the Col^l
of Madras reporting result of the culti-
vation of foreign Cotton seed. (Here enter 12th October 1865 h^o 6463)

From the St^l Sec^y to the B^d of Rev^t
Intimating that the Cotton
seed reported on in the letter from the
Col^l of Madras of 22nd Sept^r 65 appears
to be the New Orleans & Peruvian species. (Here enter 24th Dec^r 1865 h^o 1024)

Pro: of the Board of Rev^t
Forwarding official Memo^r
from the Col^l of Madras mentioning the
descriptions of Cotton seed reported on in
his letter of 22nd Sept^r 65. (Here enter 7th November 1865)

Pro: of the Board of Revenue.
Submitting letter from the
Col^l of Ganjam reporting on the
cultivation of Foreign cotton seed. (Here enter 27th Oct^r 1865 h^o 6901)

Pro: of the Board of Revenue.
Submitting letter from the St^l
Col^l of Ganjam mentioning the des-
criptions of Cotton seed referred to by him. (Here enter 16th Dec^r 1865 h^o 8060)

Pro: of the Board of Revenue.
Submitting report of the Col^l
-lector of Tanjore on the results of the
sowing of Foreign Cotton seed since 1863. (Here enter 30th Nov^r 1865 h^o 7689)

Pro of the B^d of Revenue
Sub^g letter from Mr of the line
reporting on the cultivation of New Orleans
& Peruvian Cotton seed (Here enter 16th Jan^y 1866 h^o 374)
Ordered that the
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