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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1830 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 20-7- 1866.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th July 1866.*

No. 441. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1866, No. 4,671.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 13th June 1866, No. 132:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of the Board's Proceedings, No. 3,850, dated 5th June 1866, regarding the transmission of samples of tobacco raised in this District from foreign seed.

2. In reply, I have the honor to state that I have received, from the Tahsildars of Rajahmundry, Ramachendrapur, and Amalapur Talooks, samples which have all been made up into cheroots; their quality being most readily testable in this shape. The enclosed list gives particulars. From No. 3 to No. 9 are all made of tobacco raised from foreign seed. I am not quite sure as to the sort of seed from which Nos. 3*a*, 3*b*, 3*c*, 3*d* are made; but I believe it to be Shiraz. Mr. Linton, to whom I have written on the subject to-day, can give this information, and will, to you, verbally.

3. All the samples, save those last referred to, were made up here by tobacco merchants who are also Cheroot-makers. They say that they consider Nos. 8 and 9 to be very good, exactly suited for the making of cheroots such as are usually sold to Europeans. Nos. 3*a*, 3*b*, 3*c*, 3*d*, were made up at Rajamundry, and are believed to be good, and such as would suit a European palate. They are probably too mild for a native consumer.

4. The Cheroot-makers here say that, to adapt it for European consumption, they have to wash their ordinary Lunka tobacco in cocoanut water, as taken from the nut, to diminish its strength and pungency of flavor; whereas samples 8 and 9 are exactly suited for the same purpose without any such preparations. Nos. 1 and 2 are specimens of cheroots made from ordinary Lunka tobacco, with which the foreign tobacco can be compared. All the specimens will be forwarded by the Steamer to Madras, which will pass this port on or about the 20th instant.

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P. S.—I must here state that I understand it to be the general opinion that Lunka tobacco should not be used for cheroots till it is a year old, by which time it becomes well mellowed, and has its best flavor. The cheroots Nos. 1 and 2 are made of such tobacco.

The others are all made of tobacco, some three months old only. This should, therefore, be borne in mind in pronouncing on their flavor.

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*Memorandum.*

No. 1.—Ordinary Lunka Cheroots, *i. e.*, those usually made for sale, and on the manufacture of which no special care has been bestowed. Price 5 Rupees per 1,000.

No. 2.—Lunka cheroots made to order, and in the manufacture of which special care has been taken. Price 7 Rupees per 1,000.

No. 3*a*.—Cheroots made up at Rajahmundry from tobacco, the produce of seed (believed to be Shiraz) sown in one of the Lunkas near that town.

No. 3*b*, No. 3*c*, No. 3*d*.—Do. do.

No. 4.—Cheroots made at Cocanada from tobacco, the produce of West Indian seed sown in Peraveram Lunka, Amalapur Talook.

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No. 5.—Cheroots made at Cocanada from tobacco, the produce of West Indian tobacco seed grown in the Tatapudi Lunka, Ramachendrapur Talook.

No. 6.—Cheroots made at Cocanada from tobacco, the produce of Shiraz seed sown in the Collector's garden.

No. 7.—Do. do. grown at Rajahmundry.

No. 8.—Cheroots made at Cocanada from tobacco, the produce of Peshawar tobacco seed sown in Peraveram Lunka, near Rajahmundry.

No. 9.—Do. do. from Peshawar, mixed tobacco seed sown in same Lunka.

COCANADA,
13*th June* 1866.

(Signed) J. FRASER.
*Collector.*

1. The Board have ascertained from Mr. Linton that all the samples, No. 3, are grown from Virginian seed. A Committee of gentlemen have pronounced the Cheroots Nos. 6 and 7 (Shiraz) to be the best flavored, and would classify the other samples in the following order :—Nos. 8 and 9 (Peshawar), Nos. 4 and 5 (West India), and No. 3 (Virginian).

2. Specimens of each sample will now be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce with the Board's request that they will favor them with their opinion, for communication to Mr. Fraser.

No. 442. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1866, No. 1,830.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 2085

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 9th July 1866.

Desk 13
with 1 Packet.
Received 16th.

No. 4,671.

Forwarding to the Chamber of Commerce for opinion specimens of Cheroots made from tobacco grown in the Godavery district.

Ref. 1830.

RECORDED.

20 July 1866

*Exd. J. Wright.*

*to the Collector of the Godavery District.*