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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 308

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th February 1866.*

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th January 1866, No. 453.

Read the following letters :—

From the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 28th November 1865, No. 247.

With reference to my letter, No. 224, dated 10th instant, I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, copy of a letter received from Captain Maiden, late Master Attendant at this station, reporting on the Cotton Gin sent to him for trial. The sample of cotton cleaned by the Gin is herewith enclosed.

From Captain J. W. MAIDEN, Master Attendant, to the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, dated Bimlipatam, 13th November 1865.

1. When on the point of leaving Masulipatam, G. Thornhill, Esq., called on me for a report regarding a small Cottage Cotton Gin sent me for trial. The hurry of leaving the station prevented me sending in any statement, and since my arrival at this place, my health has been so bad, I have been but indifferently able to attend to business. The present Master Attendant having called my attention to the subject, I now do myself the honor to send you my opinion regarding the working of the machine.

2. The Gin when sent to me had not the saws properly clean, the set of the saws was also incorrect; two material points in the working of the machine on these slight defects being remedied, I found the Gin work very satisfactorily; I enclose a sample of the cotton cleaned by the Gin.

3. I am of opinion this machine would never recommend itself to the Ryots of our cotton district. It is too costly and delicate, and simple as it is, it requires so much care and management for the hut of the poor native, I incline to the opinion that the large Gin, much on the same principle, with large detached driving wheel and strap, requiring two to four men to work it, would be more suited to the country, and might be introduced with much advantage. The Cottage Gin is too much of a toy, and independent of other objections, cannot perform a sufficient quantity of work in proportion to the labor required.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Sample of cleaned cotton.

From the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 13th December 1865, No. 270.

1. I have the honor to inform you, in reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 7th December 1865, No. 7,688, that until I looked over the Register, shewing the list of unanswered letters in this office, I never knew that there was a Cotton Gin in this District. It had, I found afterwards, been placed in charge of Captain Maiden, who when he left this port, apparently neglected to hand it over to Captain Graves, the present Master Attendant.

2. I have since forwarded Captain Maiden's report on the subject, with a sample of cotton cleaned by the Gin.

3. I shall send for the Cotton Gin, have it put into working order, see it tried, and then forward it to the interior as directed.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th February 1866.*

From the same Officer, dated Masulipatam, 18th December 1865, No. 277.

1. I have the honor to forward herewith a specimen of the cotton I cleaned this day in the Cottage Saw Gin, regarding which I wrote to you on the 12th instant, No. 270.

2. The present difficulty is as regards the rope which has to revolve over four wheels. After about twenty revolutions, I find the ordinary cotton rope stretches so much as to cause the necessity of having it constantly tightened. I shall now try a gut bow string.

3. One objection I certainly see in the Gin, and that is, the saws are very apt to cut the brushes, so much so, that the brushes would constantly have to be renewed, and there is no arrangement by which the brushes could be shifted, so that the parts coming immediately in contact with the saw might be varied.

4. Portions of cut seeds and of the brushes you will find mixed with the specimen now forwarded.

Enclosure No. 1.—Sample of cleaned cotton.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letters be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd November 1865, No. 7,078A.

2. The Collector is requested to make a further trial of the Gin, and report the result.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1866, No. 308.

Miscellaneous.

The Government await the further report called for in paragraph 2 of the foregoing Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD.

4th January 1866.

Read the follow

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to R. A. DALVELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 28th November 1865, No. 247.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Acting Collector.

Enclosure No. 2.—Sample of cleaned cotton.

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 12th December 1865, No. 270.

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To Board 28th November 1865, No. 247.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,

with specimen of cotton.

Copy to T. A. N. Chase, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 270.

Dated 19th January 1866.

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2nd 27th

No. 453.

Submitting to Government report of the Act
ing Collector of the Kistna District on the
working of the Cottage Saw Gin sent to the
Master Attendant at Masulipatnam for trial
and requesting the Collector to make a further
trial of the Gin and report the result.