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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st November 1866.

No. 513. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th November 1866, No. 8,061.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1866, No. 269:—

With reference to the Board's Official Memorandum of the 12th May last, No. 467, calling on me to report as to the progress made in field experiments in this district, in pursuance of the instructions embodied in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 22nd December 1864, No. 8,200, I have the honor to state that the officials entrusted with the task of making the above experiments in their divisions have submitted statements of the results obtained. But I fear that a general statement based on these results will tend to mislead the Board, as, owing to the very exceptionable nature of the last two Fuslies, it has been impossible "to ascertain the average yield in an average season." In connection with this subject, I beg to append copy of my Sub-Collector's letter, dated 27th June 1866, No. 104, for the Board's perusal.

From the Acting Sub-Collector of Coimbatore, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Caroor, 27th June 1866, No. 104.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 158 of the 29th ultimo, calling upon me to report on the result of field experiments carried out in my division, I have the honor to forward, herewith, two statements with their enclosures, shewing the results of experiments conducted in the Caroor and Dharapooram Talooks. The accounts received from the Oodomulpettah Talook having been found incorrect, they have been excluded.

2. The experiments were made in fourteen villages in the above two talooks, and the returns in question contain the results obtained in a single harvest season, except in the village of Virachunungalum, in the Dharapooram Talook, where they were made in two seasons. No experiments could be instituted satisfactorily during Fusly 1275, as in some parts no crops could be raised at all, and in others the produce was unusually scanty owing to the failure of rains, and I am of opinion that, considering the peculiarly unfavorable character of the seasons both in Fuslies 1274 and 1275, the results now obtained cannot be safely relied upon, as shewing what may be considered the ordinary and normal productive powers of the soil.

3. Columns 13 to 17 are left blank; and the necessary Returns of Prices, &c., are herewith forwarded in view to these columns being filled up hereafter, in accordance with the instructions laid down in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Board's Proceedings under date the 22nd December 1864, No. 8,200.

4. Having caused a rough calculation to be made to ascertain what the profit of a ryot comes to, I find that in some instances it amounts to nothing; indeed the expenses of cultivation far exceed the value of the produce; this I attribute to the bad character of the late seasons.

Under the circumstances stated, the Board consider it desirable that the experiments should be repeated next harvest, and the result duly reported to the Board.

No. 514. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1866, No. 3,181.

Land Revenue. The Government concur with the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Directing that experiments for ascertaining productive powers of soils in Coimbatore district be repeated next harvest and result reported to Board.

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