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No. 203. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, dated Bombay Castle, 28th March 1866, No. 1,122 :—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of Bombay, in the Revenue Department, dated 28th March 1866, No. 1,121 :—

Read the following papers :—

Letter from W. WALTON, Esq., in charge Office of Cotton Commissioner, Dharwar, to F. S. CHAPMAN, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay, No. 324, dated 15th March 1866.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, copies of the correspondence noted in the margin.

1. Letter from Officer in charge Office of Cotton Commissioner to Secretary Chamber of Commerce, No. 256, dated 20th February 1866.
2. Secretary's reply, dated 9th March 1866.
3. Officer in charge Cotton Commissioner's Office letter No. 318, dated 13th March 1866, to Secretary Chamber of Commerce.
4. Officer in charge Cotton Commissioner's Office letter to Captain Taylor, No. 322, dated 15th March 1866.

2. The cotton on which the Bombay Chamber of Commerce reports so favorably was grown on an estate belonging to Captain Ralph Taylor, Mercara, Coorg.

3. Captain Taylor informs me that he finds his operations have grown too extensive, and that he therefore wishes to sell this estate at the exceedingly low figure, inclusive of all buildings and plant, of Rupees 8,000. The plot is 500 acres secured in very favorable terms, and, I understand, adjoins the Mangalore high road at the 17th mile stone from the coast. The opportunity seems worthy of attention in Bombay, and I shall be glad to afford to any one applying the particulars that have been supplied me by Captain Taylor. I may add that the estate is reported to contain an ample quantity of timber, and has good running water all the year round.

4. I would solicit particular attention to paragraph 3 of the Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce's letter, which states that the sample I sent is "equal to the best Egyptian cotton, and better than any cotton brought to market in Bombay." This, I think, most amply proves the matter is worthy of particular notice and further enquiry.

5. My wish is to have the sanction of Government to my at once proceeding to Coorg to report upon what may be done to extend the cultivation of Egyptian cotton in that part of India.

6. The Mysore Province adjoins the Dharwar Zillah, and many Dharwar Factory Saw Gins are issued to Ryots in the Mysore State. I have received numerous applications for extra auxiliary factories in the districts adjoining Mysore. If such were formed, they would be available not only for repairs of cotton machinery in our own districts, but also for Mysore; and it seems to me probable that for so important a reason the Mysore authorities would be willing to bear part expense. Of the fact that the extension of factory operations in that direction would most materially promote and improve cotton cultivation, there can be no doubt.

7. In this matter two important facts are *already proved*. Egyptian Cotton *equal to any of its kind can be grown in the Mysore State*, and we have *cheap strong*

hand gins on the spot that are *admirably adapted to prepare it for market.* These are *most decided advantages to commence with.*

8. If Government approve of my suggestion, I solicit very early sanction to my proceeding to Coorg, both with the view noted in my above 5th paragraph, and also to see what may be done in extending the usefulness of the Dharwar Factory in that direction.

9. In such case I would solicit that the local authorities be asked to assist me (on the spot) in gathering the information required, particularly as regards the land available for extending cotton cultivation, the terms on which it can be let, &c.

10. I still have in my possession some of Captain Taylor's sample, and I would beg to suggest that it be forwarded to England to the Secretary of State for India, with a request that it be sent to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce for a report as to its commercial value (at date) compared with the different cotton staples that are noted in the margin.

1. Alexandria Egyptian Cotton.
2. American New Orleans.
3. Dharwar New Orleans (saw-ginned).
4. Dhollera. " "
5. Hinghinghat. " "

11. To the above I would beg to add that Captain Taylor has kindly consented to forward me some of his cotton seed. I have already applied to him for 5 cwt. Of this I intend to send 4 cwt. to the Honorable Rustomjee Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, who intends to plant it on his estate in the Goa territory, and the other 1 cwt. is intended for my own experiments in the Dharwar Zillah.

12. The experiment (bearing in mind the Chamber of Commerce's report) as to how Mysore acclimatized Egyptian cotton seed will succeed in the Bombay Presidency is a most interesting one, and I shall be glad to procure from Captain Taylor any seed that other enterprizing cotton cultivators may require.

13. The expense in all cases will, of course, be charged departmentally at barely cost price.

14. Any one requiring this seed should make very early application.

15. Should Government approve of the proposition, I beg that this correspondence be communicated to the Government of Madras, and also placed on the (Bombay) Editor's table.

Letter from W. WALTON, Esq., in charge Office of Cotton Commissioner, Dharwar, to JAMES TAYLOR, Esq., Honorary Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, No. 256, dated 20th February 1866.

1. I have the honor to inform you I have to-day dispatched to your address by Banghy Post a small parcel containing wool and seed of Egyptian cotton grown on a retired Officer's estate in the Mysore territory.

2. I solicit that you will be so good as to procure me the opinion of the Chamber on the sample forwarded.

3. I beg the favor of a very early reply to this application.

Letter from J. TAYLOR, Esq., Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, to W. WALTON, Esq., in charge Office of Cotton Commissioner, Dharwar, dated 9th March 1866.

1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 256 of 1866, dated 20th ultimo, advising the dispatch of a packet of cotton wool and seed of Egyptian cotton grown on an estate in Mysore, and requesting to be favored with the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce thereon.

2. The sample came safely to hand, and was duly submitted for the inspection and report of the Committee of Management.

3. In reply, I am now directed to inform you that the Committee are of opinion the sample submitted for inspection is long, strong and silky in staple, equal to the best Egyptian cotton, and better than any cotton brought to market in Bombay.

4. I am, however, to point out that you have afforded the Chamber no information as to the manner in which the sample has been grown, or the extent of ground under cotton cultivation from which the sample was taken. On samples of merely garden cultivation the Chamber considers it inexpedient to give opinions, as garden culture is often delusive as to what may be afterwards done in field cultivation on a large scale carried out according to customary field operations.

Letter from W. WALTON, Esq., in charge Office of Cotton Commissioner, Dharwar, to J. TAYLOR, Esq., Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, No. 318, dated 13th March 1866.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9th instant, and in doing so to express my thanks to the Committee of the Chamber for their interesting report on the sample of Mysore Egyptian Cotton that I forwarded you on the 20th ultimo.

2. The report is so favorable that I intend to at once bring the matter to the attention of Her Majesty's Bombay Government.

3. With reference to the 3rd paragraph of the letter under reply, I beg to report, for the information of the Chamber, that the cotton in question is *not* the result of garden cultivation; the cotton has been grown on the plan of regular field operations. The Officer who has grown it applied to me for a Dharwar Cotton Saw Gin, with which he is cleaning his season's crop. The sample I forwarded you was cleaned with that machine.

4. Should I hereafter have any information concerning this matter which will be of interest to the Chamber, I will do myself the pleasure of communicating with you further.

Letter from W. WALTON, Esq., in charge Office of Cotton Commissioner, Dharwar, to Captain RALPH TAYLOR, Mercara, No. 322, dated 15th March 1866.

1. I have the honor to inform you that on the 20th ultimo I forwarded to the Bombay Chamber of Commerce a small sample of the cotton you forwarded me from your Mercara estate.

2. I have now the pleasure of sending you a copy of the Chamber's opinion, and am happy to congratulate you on the exceedingly favorable report that is recorded on your sample. I also add for your information copies of the two letters that I have addressed to the Chamber.

Secretary to Chamber of Commerce's letter, dated 9th March 1866.
Nos. 256 and 318, dated respectively 20th February and 13th March 1866.

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3. I shall feel much obliged for any communication on this subject tending to the improvement of cotton cultivation which you may feel inclined to favor me with.

Resolution.—A copy of this correspondence to be forwarded to the Commissioner in Mysore, with an intimation that Government will have no objection to depute Mr. Walton to visit Coorg provided the Commissioner approves; and that in that case, to save delay, it might be as well for the Commissioner to communicate direct with Mr. Walton.

2. Copies should also be sent to the Government of Madras.

3. Mr. Walton to be informed that the samples he alludes to will, on their receipt, be duly forwarded to the Secretary of State, with a view to ascertaining the correct comparative market value of this staple.

Ordered that copies of the above be forwarded to—
The Commissioner in Mysore (by letter),
W. Walton, Esq., in charge Office of Cotton Commissioner.

F. S. CHAPMAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(Signed) F. S. CHAPMAN
Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 204. Order thereon, 17th April 1866, No. 875.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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