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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th June 1868.

No. 288. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd June 1868, No. 4,060 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th May 1868, No. 171.

In continuation of my letter, No. 123, dated 7th April 1868, I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, the accompanying letter, with its enclosure, from the Head Assistant Collector, reporting on the result of the cultivation of Carolina paddy in Cumbum and Markapur Talooks.

From the Head Assistant Collector, Cumbum, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated Cumbum, 30th April 1868, No. 91.

1. I have the honor to report on the experimental cultivation of Carolina paddy at Markapur, in the Markapur Talook.
2. Three-quarters of a Seer of seed was given to Rami Reddy, Village Magistrate of Markapur, and was sown by him in half a cuntah of wet land under the Markapur tank on the 20th September 1867.
3. He at the same time sowed half a cuntah of wet land at the same place with acclimatized Carolina paddy; the amount of seed has not been recorded, but it may be presumed that, according to the usual allowance, it was three-quarters of a Seer.
4. I saw the crops on February 25th. The Carolina paddy then appeared to be much more advanced than the other sort, and the straw was larger and coarser.
5. The produce of the two half cuntahs was reaped on the 23rd March, the yield of Carolina paddy was twelve Seers of grain, and 1,200 Rupees weight of straw, that of the acclimatized was twenty-one measures of grain, and 1,440 Rupees weight of straw. The Carolina grain was much whiter and larger than the other.
6. I am inclined to attribute the comparatively small yield of the Carolina paddy to two causes : first, water was distributed in equal proportions to each crop, and the Carolina, when I saw it, appeared thus to have had almost too much; second, I think that the Carolina grain may have been allowed to get over-ripe, and some of the grain may have fallen while the crop was still standing, or may have been shaken out prematurely in cutting.
7. Nine out of the twelve Seers yielded by the experimental cultivation have been reserved for Government use.
8. The average produce of three-quarters of a Seer of indigenous paddy on half a cuntah of land in this part of the country may be estimated at about sixteen Seers of grain and 1,440 Rupees weight of straw, so that the acclimatized appears to have succeeded better than, and the Carolina not so well as, the indigenous paddy.
9. A quantity of over seventeen pounds of Carolina paddy was sown in nine cuntahs and nine visams of paddy land in Chintalapolliem under the Cumbum tank, but unfortunately heavy rain washed down the material of the road close by on to the crop, thereby ruining it to a great extent, while another portion of the crop was destroyed by blight (పక్షిణము), so that the produce was very trifling, and the experiment was baulked by accident. The cultivators were, however, favorably impressed with the little they saw of the grain and its productive powers.
10. I enclose a statement shewing the way in which the paddy received from your office was distributed.

You will observe that some seed was received too late for cultivation.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the quantity of Carolina and acclimatized Carolina paddy received and distributed to the talooks.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th June 1863.*

Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 9th May 1863, No. 3,442.

No. 389. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1863, No. 1,693.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Farm Committee.
,, the Agri-Horticultural Society.

Exd. F. R. Dantleman.

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Dated 2nd June 1863.

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Submitting for information letter from Collector of Kurnool forwarding one from his Head Assistant reporting result of cultivation of Carolina Paddy in Cumbum and Markapur Taluqs.

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