

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th August 1869.*

No. 214. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1869, No. 5,376.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 4th June 1869, No. 119.

I HAVE the honour to state that on receipt of the six barrels of Carolina rice-seed, alluded to in Board's Proceedings of the 14th May 1868, No. 3,540, I distributed the same to my divisional officers and Mr. Keess, with a request that they would report the result of the cultivation of the seed.

2. The report of Sree Baliah, the Deputy-Collector on general duty, on the experiment, I have already submitted to the Board on the 28th ultimo.

3. Mr. Hathaway, my Sub-Collector, states that "owing to the scarcity of water the Carolina paddy became shavy; some of the ryots also thought that the seed itself had been injured by being kept too long, as it did not come up well."

4. Mr. Keess writes as follows:—"The seed you were good enough to supply me with last year was very carefully sown on first-class land, and under very favourable circumstances; but I am sorry to say, that after the plants had come up very sparsely, and having attained a height of six or eight inches in four weeks, they drooped, and soon withered. The seed appears to have been badly prepared, as several ryots to whom it had been shown foretold a failure."

5. I fancy the seed was indifferent, or by age had become deteriorated.

From the same officer, dated Cuddalore, 1st July 1869, No. 148.

IN continuation of my letter of the 4th ultimo, No. 119, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from my Head-Assistant, reporting the result of the cultivation of the Carolina rice-seed supplied to him.

2. It will be observed that the failure of the experiment is owing, in most probability, as in other cases, to the badness of the seed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. L. LISTER, Esq., Acting Head-Assistant-Collector, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Tindevanum, 29th June 1869, No. 178.

I HAVE the honour to report on the experimental cultivation of Carolina paddy.

2. Thirty-one measures were sent to the Tahsildar of Trinomallay; he failed to distribute it.

3. Eighteen measures-and-a-half were distributed in Shalavady and Kidangal; these crops, however, failed for want of water.

4. Four measures were sown in Kaveripaukum; there was plenty of water, and great care was taken with the cultivation; the result was a failure, as the yield was only three measures.

5. Fifteen measures were given to Agastiappa Mudali, an intelligent ryot of Alamputtoor; of the fifteen measures, five were merely husk and unfit for seed. A third of a cawny was prepared with more than usual care, and extra manure—cowdung and varagu straw—was spread on the land; ten measures were sown, and the yield was seventy-two measures which dried down to sixty; the yield of ordinary paddy on this land would be about eight kullums or 288 measures.

6. I think the failure is due to the badness of the seed.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government. It will be observed that these experiments failed altogether, and that the failure is attributed by those who tried the paddy to bad seed. In Chingleput excellent results were obtained from the same seed, care having been taken to dry it well before sowing.

2. The Board have suggested that seed should be tested by the Farm Superintendent before issue; and if this proposal is approved by Government, it is hoped this source of uncertainty as to the cause of failure will be removed in future.

No. 215.

ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1869, No. 2,336.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Government trust that the Collector has taken notice of the neglect shown by the Tahsildar of Trinomallay in not distributing the seed sent to him.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 2336.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th August 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Carolina rice seed. Letter from Collector of South Arcot reporting failure of experimental cultivation of, conducted by Sub-Collector Mr. Southway and Mr. Reed, and forwarding Acting Head Assistant Collector Mr. Lister's report of failure of experiment conducted by him, submitted to Government with remarks.

(F.C. 24th July 1869 No. 5376)

Recorded. The Government trust that the Collector has taken notice of the neglect shown by the Tahsildar of Tinamally in not distributing the seed sent to him.

14th Feb 1870

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

14th August, 1869.

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G. O. 11th Aug. 1869, No. 2336.

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Carolina Paddy—Report of its experimental cultivation in South Arcot recorded, with observation regarding the Tinamally Tahsildar's neglect to distribute the seed sent to him.