M.R.O.—No. 1—10,000—30-10-29.

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 2428 Press Mis.

Dated 3 Sept 1867

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No. 68. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1869, No. 6,024:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 30th July 1869, No. 179.

I HAVE the honour to forward translation of a letter to my address from the Zemindar of Pittapur, regarding an experiment made by him with some Egyptian cotton seed which he received from me for trial. I also send the cotton he forwarded to me.

2. I have shown it to some of the European merchants here, who pronounce its quality excellent, and say they would gladly purchase, for export to Europe, any quantity of it that could be produced.

3. No inference, however, can fairly be drawn from the successful growth of one plant from imported seed carefully watched in a private garden. Further experiment on an extended scale, with acclimatized seed, is needed to show whether the growth of this exotic can be relied on in this country, and above all to see whether the staple from the acclimatized seed degenerates or not. I shall request the Zemindar to sow and look after all the seed he can get this year from the one plant he has, and let me know of the further result.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

No. 43.

To J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District.

Petition from SRI RAJAH ROW VENKATA MAHIPATI GANGADHARA RAMAROW, BAHADOOR, Sirdar of the Rajahmundry Circar and the Zemindar of the Pittapur Talook, etc.

WE are doing well, and hope to hear the same from you. Some of the Egyptian cotton seeds which you had sent to me directing that they should be sown, and that a report on the progress thereof should be made to you, had been sown in the immediate vicinity of my bungalow at Kadiyem. Only one seed having germinated, the plant produced a small quantity of cotton last year; but it was not possible for me at the time to report the same and to forward the cotton to you, because I was then obliged to proceed to Tirupati on pilgrimage, besides being very sorry in consequence of the death of my brother at Bobbili. The plant has been maintained. It is now two yards high, and has shot fine large branches; this year it bore again some pods and produced cotton. I have, therefore, caused the seeds to be taken out of the cotton and sown again. I, herewith, forward, for your inspection, the cotton produced this year by the said single plant, and hope you will receive the same. I request you will keep your favour on me. Please to peruse.

CAMP KADIYEM,
*18th July* 1869.

Signature of Sri Rajah Row Gangadhara Ramarow Bahadoor Gar.

(A true translation.)

(Signed) J. FRASER,
*Collector.*

*3rd September* 1869.

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The proposition contained in the latter part of paragraph 3 of Mr. Fraser's letter is approved.

2. The Board have perused the communication of the Zemindar of Pittapur with pleasure, and they desire Mr. Fraser to convey to him their thanks for the interest he has taken in making this experiment.

3. It has, however, been of so extremely limited a character that it does not seem necessary to trouble the Superintendent of the Government Farm for his remarks on the subject.

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No. 69. Order thereon, 3rd September 1869, No. 2,408.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
*Acting Under-Secretary to Government.*

1869.

# Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

P. 2803.

PROCEEDINGS, 13TH AUGUST 1869, No. 6,024.

Read 19 August 1869 Encl.
Received 20 " "

AUGUST

No. 6,024

*Egyptian cotton seed.*—Collector of Godavery District requested to convey Board's thanks to Zemindar of Pittapur, for interest taken by him in conducting experimental cultivation of.—Collector's proposal to ask Zemindar to cultivate all seed procurable from cotton plant in his possession, and report result, approved.

GOVT. OF MADRAS
REVENUE
TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE
No.
Dated September, 1869.
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Egyptian cotton seed—Report of its experimental cultivation by the Zemindar of Pittapur
Collector, Godavery District, forwarded