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No. 48. Read the following Endorsement of the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department,—Public,) dated Simla, 14th September 1869, No. 4,188:—

Read the following letter from the Cotton Commissioner for the Central Provinces and the Berars, to the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Nagpore, 26th August 1869, No. 2,743.

I MUCH regret that, from the circumstances of the samples having been mislaid, there has been so much delay in forwarding a report to you on the cotton grown at Port Blair, which I had the honour of receiving with your note of the 8th of October last.

2. The cotton appeared to me to be weak and wasty and inferior in quality, but I thought it might be satisfactory to you to receive a report from the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, on the subject, and I have now the honour to append an extract from the Secretary's letter.

"I am now directed to state that the Chamber consider it useless to attempt "to give separate report on the samples, as they are all so badly ginned that the "cotton is almost useless for spinning purposes.

"It appears however that the cotton has been very soft and weak in the kupas, "and to have suffered considerable deterioration from change of soil and climate.

"The Committee are unable to value the samples, but would suggest that, if "more of the cotton be available, samples should be sent in the kupas, and then the "quality and value could be correctly ascertained."

3. I quite concur in the opinion of the Committee of the Chamber, and I would suggest that in future specimens, of *kupas* or cotton in seed, should always be sent.

4. The samples of *kupas* should not be less than three pounds in weight. The cleaned cotton, if sent, one pound to two pounds.

5. If a specimen of the soil also, in which the cotton had been grown, could be sent for analysis, it would be convenient.

COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, with respect to paragraphs 3 and 4.

(By Order.)

(Signed) J. GEOGHEGAN,
Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1869, No. 2,724.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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