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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 15-16 Press Mis.

679-680

Dated 31 st May 1869

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No. 679. Read the following letter from the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 15th May 1869 :—N 3348

WITH reference to Government Order, dated 29th April 1869, No. 1,172, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the accompanying letter from the Collector of North Arcot, reporting on the experimental cultivation of the Hingunghat Cotton seed supplied by the Commissioner. The trial, it will be seen, has proved unsuccessful from total failure of rain; but the Collector purposes to make some further carefully directed experiments during the present season.

This is the only report which has as yet been received. The reports from the Collectors of the other districts will be laid before Government as soon as possible after they are received.

From the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Puthalput, 27th April 1869, No. 108.

I HAVE the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 29th June, 8th August, and 13th October last, Nos. 4,785, 5,743, and 1,078, forwarding Hingunghat and New Orleans Cotton seed for experimental cultivation, to report that the seed was on receipt forwarded to the Tahsildar of Chendragherry Talook for distribution among the ryots, as it is in that part of the district that Cotton is most largely and profitably grown.

2. The Tahsildar now reports that the seed was received and distributed too late to have a fair trial, even had the season been tolerably favorable. Some small plots were sown, but owing to the entire failure of the north-east monsoon the crop is very poor. With the seed which remains, some further carefully directed experiments will be made at the proper season, and the result reported to the Board.

3. All experience, however, only tends further to establish the correctness of the general impression that Cotton never can become a staple product, and that there is something incongenial to its growth in the soil and climate of this district.

No. 680. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1869, No. 1,514.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to lie over, till the other reports are received. The Board will be desired to request the Collectors to expedite their submission. The results of the experiments should be tabulated in the form given in the Proceedings, dated 26th May 1868, No. 1,459.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

3 Revenue department

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 31 May 1869.

Read the following
letter from the
Collector of
Guntoor, to the Board
of Revenue.

Dated 15 May 1869.

Submitting Report
on the cultivation of
the Hingunghat cotton seed.

(M.L. 15 May 1869.)

Ordered to lie
over with the other
reports received
& to be received
& the Board will then decide
whether to enquire into the
circumstances to be reported
Collectors to expedite
their submission. The
result of the experiments
should be forwarded
in the form & time directed
in the Govt. Order 26 May
1868, No. 1409.

14 Letter to Govt. Revenue.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated May, 31*st*.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 31*st May* 1869, *No.* 1,514.

From Bd of Revenue 25th Augt 69
Cir 2847.

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Nos. 679-680.

Hingunghat cotton seed.—Report of its experimental cultivation in North Arcot, ordered to lie over. Board to expedite the submission of the reports from the other districts.