

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th August 1871.*

No. 146. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th August 1871, No. 3,286 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1871, No. 280.

ONE Vankanna authorized Vakeel on behalf of Jutchmi Devamma, guardian of Krishna Devaraya, the deceased Rajah of Anagoondy, has applied for a copy of the Government Proceedings No. 1,116, dated 27th June 1871, sanctioning the payment of pension to Krishna Devarayalu, which was communicated in the Proceedings of the Board, Miscellaneous No. 2,141, dated 30th idem, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Board for complying with the petitioner's request.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1871, No. 1,397.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Memorandum.

It is difficult to understand the extraordinary fall in the value of cotton said to have taken place in April 1871 in the Madras District:—thus in the returns furnished to me, it is reported that, while the value of cotton in March 1871 was 145 Rs. per candy of 500 lbs., it was in the following month worth only 95 Rs., or nearly 40 per cent. less in value. For the same month another district, South Arcot, reports an increase in value, amounting to Rs. 6 per candy. Five districts report no change in value, and the remaining districts show an average decline of less than 5 per cent. on the average prices of March.

Again, it appears strange that in two adjoining districts, Salem and Coimbatore, there should be such a large difference as 50 per cent. in the value of cotton; as there cannot be anything like this difference in the cost of getting the cotton of each district to market. If the cottons are of different kinds, it seems scarcely correct to classify them together.

In the Madras District the average of the monthly reports appears to be 115 Rs. per candy of 500 lbs., or about 3 Annas 8 Pies per lb.

The following "sets of crops" could be grown in this district in a fair season on soils similar to the best of these constituting the Experimental Farm. The results recorded are those actually obtained under fair manuring:—

Cotton and Maize (mixed) occupied the land from September until June—

		Gross value per Acre.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Average yield per acre—		27	8	0
120 lbs. of Cotton	...	6	8	0
300 lbs. of Maize	...	8	0	0
Total...		42	0	0

Gingelly followed by Yellow Cholum occupied the land from July until March—

		Gross value per Acre.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Average yield per acre—		29	3	8
700 lbs. of Gingelly	...	12	2	5
750 lbs. of Yellow Cholum	...	10	0	0
5,000 lbs. of Straw do.	...	51	6	1
Total...		51	6	1

Gingelly followed by Tennai occupied the land from July until March—

		Gross value per Acre.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Average yield per acre—		29	3	8
700 lbs. of Gingelly	...	10	0	0
200 lbs. of Tennai	...	3	0	0
600 lbs. of Tennai Straw	...	42	3	8
Total...		42	3	8

Cumboo followed by Horse-gram occupied the land from July until March—

		Gross value per Acre.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Average yield per acre—		13	6	4
670 lbs. of Cumboo	...	12	0	0
6,000 lbs. of Straw	...	10	0	0
500 lbs. of Horse-gram	...	5	0	0
2,000 lbs. of Straw	...	40	6	4
Total...		40	6	4

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Gingelly followed by Shawmay occupied the land from July until March—

Average yield per acre—					Gross value per Acre.		
					RS.	A.	P.
700 lbs. of Gingelly	...	...	...	...	29	3	8
230 lbs. of Shawmay	...	...	...	...	13	8	0
600 lbs. of Shawmay straw	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
Total...					45	11	8

Cumboo followed by Green-gram occupied the land from July until March—

Average yield per acre—					Gross value per Acre.		
					RS.	A.	P.
670 lbs. of Cumboo	...	...	...	...	13	6	4
6,000 lbs. of Cumboo straw	...	...	...	...	12	0	0
580 lbs. of Green-gram	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Total...					45	6	4

Gingelly followed by Green-gram occupied the land from July until March—

Average yield per acre—					Gross value per Acre.		
					RS.	A.	P.
700 lbs. of Gingelly	...	...	...	...	29	3	8
580 lbs. of Green-gram	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Total...					49	3	8

Maize followed by Green-gram occupied the land from July until March—

Average yield per acre—					Gross yield per Acre.		
					RS.	A.	P.
1,000 lbs. of Maize	...	...	...	...	21	10	8
5,000 lbs. of Maize straw	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
4,000 lbs. of Gram Fodder	...	...	...	...	8	0	0
Total...					49	10	8

The foregoing figures apply to *our* soil and circumstances. Though the gross value of each "set of crops" does not differ greatly, it must be remembered that the cost of harvesting and preparing for market differs very considerably. Thus, in the first "set," the cotton will be costly to gather and clean. Again, many native cultivators are content with a *single* crop. Without actual figures I can say little regarding the gross value of the different grain-crops raised by ryots; still, if their average return of cotton is only 70 lbs. per acre, worth 3 Annas 8 Pies per lb., or 16 Rs. per acre, it is pretty evident that after paying expenses of gathering, cleaning, and carrying to market, they can have but a *very small balance* left to meet expenses of cultivation, rent, etc., a balance which must be considerably less than would be left by any grain crop, Varagoo perhaps excepted.

(Signed) W. R. ROBERTSON,
Superintendent, Government Farm.

20th June 1871.

P.S.—I am very anxious not to be misunderstood in these remarks. I do not say that cotton-growing is unremunerative, but that probably to grow cotton-crops yielding only 70 lbs. of cleaned cotton is so in this district.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS. *N. 2590*

PROCEEDINGS, 5TH AUGUST 1871, No. 3,286.

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No. 3,286.

Proceedings of Government, dated 27th June 1871,
No. 1,116,—sanctioning payment of pension to
Krishna Devarayalu, half brother of deceased Ra-
jah of Anagoondy in Bellary District,—Letter
from Collector, requesting permission to grant a
copy of, to guardian of Krishna Devarayalu,
submitted for sanction of Government.

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