No. 311. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1872, No. 794 :—

Read the following letter from J. BROUGHTON, Esq., Government Quinologist, to the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 23rd April 1872 :—

I HAVE received G. O., No. 630 of 18th April 1872, also Proceedings of Revenue Board, No. 545 of 8th April 1872, together with a specimen of Manilla tobacco grown at Trichinopoly, and referred to in these papers.

2. The tobacco contained 19·59 per cent. of ash. This ash only contained 0·61 per cent. of Potassic Carbonate. On smoking, the tobacco was of unpleasant flavour, inferior to that of native tobacco, grown in the same district. It possessed the very general defect of South Indian tobaccos though grown in a district in which the tobacco frequently contains the amount of Potassic salts necessary to good quality. The nicotine was not determined, as the above result is conclusive.

3. I have also received specimens of Manilla, Havannah and Virginia tobacco grown in Tanjore. The amounts of Ash and Potassic Corbonate contained in it are expressed below in percentages :—

Specimen of tobaccos.	Percentage of ash.	Percentage of Potassic Carbonate in the ash.
Manilla	20·25	0·59
Havannah...	20·84	0·96
Virginia	20·31	0·89

4. The above results are also conclusive against the good quality of the tobacco, and illustrate the uselessness of experimenting in localities where the native tobaccos are of bad quality according to European tastes. The flavour of the tobaccos was bad, and no difference could be distinguished in that of the respective kinds. The nicotine was not determined, as such determination would be useless. I may mention that the amount of Potassic Carbonate in real Manilla tobacco is over 9 per cent. of the ash. Until the tobaccos grown in India approach this amount, further chemical examination of the tobaccos will be of no value.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their Order quoted by Mr. Broughton.

No. 312. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1872, No. 854.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Agri-Horticultural Society.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society.
Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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