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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th November 1873.

No. 176. Read the following letter from Colonel R. BENSON, F.L.S., Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society, Madras, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 7th November 1873, No. 553:—

WITH reference to the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 869, dated 19th August 1873, I have the honour, by desire of the Committee, to inform you that the *Corchorus capsularis* and *C. olitorius*, the plants which produce the Jute or Indian hemp of commerce, are not cultivated in the more southern parts of the Madras Presidency; at least so far as their present information extends.

2. In the northern part, however, extending from Guntoor, in the Kistna District, to Ganjam, including Cocanada, Calingapatam, Chittavalsah or Bimlipatam and Gopaulpore, the plant is cultivated to some extent and manufactured by native weavers into ropes and gunny cloth for local use.

3. The chief manufacturers are Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., at Chittavalsah, for the purpose of packing sugar, gram, and oil-seeds, etc., and in this form only does the manufactured articles appear to be exported.

4. The export trade in raw material is of greater importance, and has for the last six years been steadily increasing as the following figures show:—

Bales of Jute of about 300 *lbs. each exported.*

	Bales.
In 1867 ...	346
,, 1868 ...	431
,, 1869 ...	3,246
,, 1870 ...	3,876
,, 1871 ...	3,159
,, 1872 ...	3,559
Total...	14,617*

5. The Committee are unable to state from which of the two plants (*Corchorus capsularis* and *C. olitorius*) the fibre is obtained, as they have heretofore failed to procure specimen plants for identification.

6. A sample of the fibre is herewith sent, the selling price of which is about 28 Rs. per candy.

7. The Committee desire me to add that further inquiries on so important and interesting a subject will be made and the result reported, and that they have addressed a letter to the Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society of Calcutta, requesting seed of both species of the above plants be furnished with a view to experiments being made in the culture of the plants in the Society's Gardens.

* About 1,057 tons.

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28th November 1873.

No. 177. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1873, No. 1,317.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the foregoing letter together with the sample of fibre therewith received, be forwarded to the Government of Bengal.

2. Copy of the letter will be forwarded also to the Board of Revenue, with an intimation that the Government await the Board's report on the subject called for in G. Os., 19th August and 9th October 1873, Nos. 869 and 1,080.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Agri-Horticultural Society, Madras.
,, the Board of Revenue.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th November 1873.

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No. 178.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—With reference to your Assistant's letters, dated 26th July and 22nd September 1873, Nos. 2,003 and 2,851, I am directed to forward the accompanying letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Madras Agri-Horticultural Society furnishing information in respect to the *Corchorus capsularis* and *C. olitorius*, the plants which produce the Jute or Indian hemp of commerce. The sample of fibre received with this letter is also sent.

2. A report on this subject is expected also from the Madras Board of Revenue; this, when received, will be duly forwarded to you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

No. 1317

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28 November 1873.

Read the following Letter from the Hony. Secy: Agri: Hort. Society. Madras.

Replying to G.O. 19th August 1873, No. 869, relative to the cultivation in the Madras Presidency of the Corchorus capsularis and olitorius, the plants which produce the jute or Indian Hemp of commerce.

H.O. 7th November 1873, No. 553.

Ordered that the foregoing letter, together with the sample of fibre therewith received, be forwarded to the Government of Bengal.

Copy of the letter will be forwarded also to the Board of Revenue, with an intimation

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-ment await the Board's
report on the subject called
for in G.Os 19th August and
9th October 1873 Nos 8694
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Relative to Jute
or Indian Hemp
producing Plants

Revenue Depart
28: Nov. 1873

No 1318

To, The Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal
Agricultural Departmen

Sir,

With reference to your
Assistants letters of 26th July
& 22nd September 1873, Nos. 200
& 2857, I am directed to for-
-ward the accompanying
letter from the Honorary
Secretary to the Madras
Agri-Horticultural Soc.
furnishing information in
respect to the Corchorus capi-
-sularis and C. olitorius
the plants which produce
the Jute or Indian Hemp
of Commerce. — — —
— The sample of fibre
received with this letter is

also

A report on this subject
is expected also from the
Madras Board of Reve
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to you.