

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th April 1873.*

No. 22. Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Agriculture and Horticulture,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 28th March 1873, No. 3-117 :—

I AM directed to request that you will be good enough, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, to obtain and forward as complete information as it is possible to procure on the following points connected with the cultivation of tobacco :—

- 1.—Chief localities of cultivation, and particulars of climate.
- 2.—Number of acres (approximate) cultivated during each of the last five years.
- 3.—Average quantity produced per acre.
- 4.—Cost of cultivation per acre.
- 5.—Quality and price of the crop in different localities.
- 6.—Methods of cultivation adopted :

Is high or low or alluvial land preferred? Is irrigation practised? What is the kind of manure generally used? Is the seed sown broadcast in the fields or in seed-beds? What are the seasons of sowing, transplanting, and raising the crop? Are the stems cut down, or are the plants allowed to stand, the leaves being plucked singly? If the latter, is a second crop ever taken?

- 7.—Method of curing adopted.
- 8.—Quantity of tobacco exported; whether raw or manufactured; and value of exports.
- 9.—Results of notable experiments made with exotic seed.

2. I am to request that the particulars furnished may be accompanied by the opinions of such officers as have devoted attention to the matter on the improvements required in the cultivation and culture of tobacco, and that any other information of a useful kind on record, obtainable from district and other officers, may also be supplied. In regard to question 9, I am to observe that it is likely that information has already from time to time been communicated to the Government of India. In this case, it will be sufficient to refer to the forwarding letters, stating to what department they were addressed.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1873, No. 388.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue who will obtain and forward desired information.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Hrd. F. R. Bantleman.

FROM

J. GEOGHEGAN, ESQUIRE,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Department of Agriculture,
Revenue and Commerce.
Agriculture & Horticulture.

Calcutta, the 28 March 1873.

SIR,

I AM directed to request that you will be good enough *under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council* to obtain and forward as complete information as it is possible to procure on the following points connected with the cultivation of tobacco:—

- 1.—Chief localities of cultivation, with particulars of climate.
- 2.—Number of acres (approximate) under cultivation during each of the last five years.
- 3.—Average quantity produced per acre.
- 4.—Cost of cultivation per acre.
- 5.—Quality and price of the crop in different localities.
- 6.—Methods of cultivation adopted:

Is high or low or alluvial land preferred? Is irrigation practised? What is the kind of manure generally used? Is the seed sown broadcast in the fields or in seed-beds? What are the seasons of sowing, transplanting, and cutting the crop? Are the stems cut down, or are the plants allowed to stand, the leaves being plucked singly? If the latter, is a second crop ever taken?

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. Geoghegan

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE AND COMMERCE.

AGRICULTURE and HORTICULTURE.

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Dated the 28 March 1873.

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SUBJECT.
CULTIVATION of Tobacco.