Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th July 1873.

No. 234. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th June 1873, No. 1,058 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 31st May 1873, No. 556, Revenue Department: —

ABSTRACT.—*Carolina Paddy.*—Board of Revenue requested to submit the report required by the Government of India regarding results of the sowings for 1872.

Read also the following replies of Collectors.

From the	Ag. Collector of Ganjam,	dated	27th Sep.	1872,	No. 1,784.
,,	,, of Vizagapatam,	,,	7th June	,,	,, 583.
,,	,, of Godavery,	,,	11th ,,	,,	,, 162.
,,	,, of Kistna,	,,	14th Dec.	,,	,, 2,948.
,,	Collector of Nellore,	,,	4th Jan.	1873,	,, 25.
,,	,, of Cuddapah,	,,	7th Oct.	1872,	,, 170.
,,	Ag. Collector of Bellary,	,,	30th May	,,	,, 173.
,,	Collector of Kurnool,	,,	3[illegible] Dec.	,,	,, 320.
From the	Ag. Collector of Chingleput,	dated	17th June	1872,	No. 242.
,,	,, of North Arcot,	,,	20th Sep.	,,	,, 460.
,,	,, of South Arcot,	,,	9th Oct.	,,	,, 209.
,,	,, of ,,	,,	7th Dec.	,,	,, 409.
,,	Ag. Collector of Tanjore,	,,	18th Aug.	,,	,, 200.
,,	Ag. Collector of Trichinopoly,	,,	5th May	1873,	,, 81.
,,	Collector of Tinnevelly,	,,	7th Dec.	1872,	,, 580.
,,	,, of Coimbatore,	,,	7th Aug.	,,	,, 129.
,,	Commissioner of Nilgiris,	,,	27th May	,,	,, 66.
,,	Collector of Salem,	,,	20th Dec.	,,	,, 321.
,,	,, of South Canara,	,,	6th May	1873,	,, 624.
,,	,, of Malabar,	,,	15th Oct.	1872.	
,,	,, of ,,	,,	13th Dec.	,,	,, 280.
,,	,, of ,,	,,	16th April	1873.	

THE Board have the honour to submit the report called for in Proceedings Madras Government, dated 25th April 1872, No. 672.

2. They regret to observe that, with the exception of a few very small patches of ground in three districts,* no encouraging results have been obtained in the experimental cultivation of Carolina paddy :—

* Nellore, South Arcot, and Coimbatore.

3. In the following districts no experiments were made :—

Ganjam.	Kurnool.	Chingleput.	Nilgiris.
Vizagapatam.	Bellary.	North Arcot.	Tinnevelly.
Godavery.	Cuddapah.	Salem.	

4. In Kistna, Trichinopoly, and South Canara, the experiments made resulted incomplete failure. No report has been received from Madura.

5. The results in the other districts may be tabulated as follows :—

—	Number of Plots.	Total Area.	Pounds of Seed sown.	Pounds of Grain harvested.	Bushels to the Acre.	Remarks.
Nellore	3	·69	90	1,008	37	
South Arcot	3	2·90	177	3,780	33	
Coimbatore	3	1·32	150	1,950	37	
Tanjore	9	1·3	390	655	12½	
Malabar	*8	7·5	69	304	10	* Four failed totally, the remaining columns refer to the four plots which partially succeeded.

6. The ryots show no willingness to give the exotic paddy a prolonged trial, and the reasons for the comparative failure of the crop are, the Board believe, to be those adduced by the Superintendent of Government Farms in his report which was submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings No. 1,175, dated 3rd July 1872. They are, they regret to observe, permanent and not easily surmounted.

7. There is a considerable stock of seed on hand, but the carelessness of ryots in saving and keeping seed and their habit of allowing their own paddy to become dead ripe before they cut it, when it sheds its grain very freely, make the Carolina paddy seed saved in this country a very mixed sample.

8. In view of the want of success which has hitherto attended the experiments, the Board cannot recommend that another supply of seed be indented for. A large quantity is now at the farm, and Collectors have been requested to draw upon the Superintendent for as much as they can use in experiments likely to be conducted with reasonable care.

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1873, No. 782.

Miscellaneous.

10th April 1872, No. 3-160.

THE Board's Proceedings will be submitted to the Government of India with reference to their letter marginally noted.

2. From the Collector's reports the Government observe that both in Nellore and Malabar some of the most successful crops were raised from seed grown in the same districts, and that this goes to confirm the recorded experience* of the Superintendent of Government Farms.

* *Vide* G. O, 22nd July 1872, No. 1,104.

3. It is worthy of notice that in South Arcot the ryots, who grew the Carolina paddy, preferred to take their share in grain rather than in money, and that the Deputy-Collector, who conducted the experiments, seems to have had no difficulty in disposing of the Government share.

4. The Government agree with the Board that no further supply of seed is immediately required, but the Government of India will be requested to reserve a small quantity of any fresh seed which may be received in time for next year's

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sowing. They request that the Board will urge upon all Collectors the necessity of securing the purity of the sample in the way pointed out by the Superintendent of Farms in paragraph 13 of his report of the 3rd June 1872.

5. Excess of water from unusual rains seems to have been the chief cause of the failure of most of the experiments. Where accident did not intervene and ordinary care was exercised in the cultivation on suitable soil, the yield of grain was large and the straw was long and good. The Government hope that the rewards they have recently sanctioned* may lead to future experiments being conducted with care and in the manner that past experience has indicated to be the best.

* G. O., No. 694, 5th July 1873.

(True Extracts)

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

Revenue Department.

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Under date the 25 July 1873

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