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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd August 1875.*

No. 18. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1875, No. 1,895 :—

Read the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent of Government Farms, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 24th June 1875, No. 325 :—

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 5,611, dated the 22nd of June 1875, I have the honor to state that during the past six years only one parcel of the imported Carolina paddy seed, received by me, consisted of more than one variety of seed. This was the parcel of twenty barrels received in March 1873, regarding which in a letter, No. 225, dated the 25th of March 1873, I reported to the Board as follows :—

" 2.....The color of the sample is unusually good, and the grain is well formed ; but, unfortunately, it is mixed with about 3 per cent. of some other variety of paddy, apparently a variety identical with the Red Car of this country. I do not remember any former instance in which imported Carolina paddy was found to contain other grains than Carolina paddy."

Not only has this seed been remarkably uniform in character, but it has always been very superior in quality.

2. The grain and the ear of Carolina paddy are readily distinguished from the grain and ear of every variety of paddy grown in this part of India. Though I have frequently grown Carolina paddy in close proximity to the common country paddy, I have known no instance of a hybrid variety of either having resulted from the practice.

3. Samples of Carolina paddy seed that have been produced in this country are seldom pure, but this is the result of the Carolina paddy having been grown on land that contained vital seeds of indigenous varieties of paddy, which, under the influences of water and cultivation, had grown and matured with the Carolina paddy. In a letter to the Board, No. 422, dated 3rd of June 1872, I drew attention to this matter as follows :—

" 12.....But deterioration is less to be feared than *the loss of purity* in the sample ; fully 50 per cent. of the samples of country-grown Carolina paddy seed, that have been forwarded to me, contained indigenous paddy, varying in amount from 10 to 50 per cent. The presence of this country paddy amongst the Carolina grain is altogether due to the late period in growth at which ryots harvest their paddy ; they generally wait until the crop is dead ripe before cutting it, when from 10 to 15 per cent. of the grain is invariably shed by the wind, the harvesting operations, &c., the result being that, after the removal of a crop of country paddy, the ground on which it was grown is generally sufficiently well seeded to produce another crop."

4. It is, of course, quite possible that more than one variety of Carolina paddy may have been imported into India. There are in the Southern States of America several varieties of Carolina paddy each distinguished by a special name, such as "Golden," "Upland," &c., &c. Some of these are best adapted for swamp cultivation, while others are more suited for upland or dry cultivation.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 20th May 1875, No. 845.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd August 1875.*

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1875, No. 1,166.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be forwarded
Government of India, with refer
letter from that Government, 14th
1875, No. 2/174.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Govern.

To the Board of Revenue.

Revenue Department.
Miscellaneous No 5611 3/1/55

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 22nd June 1875.

Read Proceedings of the Madras
Government, Revenue Department, dated
29th May 1875, 1875, communicating to the
Board of Revenue for information, letter
from the Government of India forwarding
a copy of papers regarding the cultivation
of Carolina Rice in Bengal.

Communicated to the Superin-
tendent of Government Farms for report
as to whether the Carolina paddy seed
with which he has been furnished
from time to time for experiment has
been found to contain more than

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August, 2nd.

Recd.

Emt.

G.O., 2nd August 1875, No. 1,165.

AUGUST.

Nos. 18-19.

Carolina Paddy seed Imported.—Ordering to
forward to the Government of India, Board's
Proceedings embodying a letter from the Superin-
tendant of Government Farms on the subject of
— containing more than one sort of seed rice.

one description of seed rice.

1 True Extract

1 signed / C. S. Galton

Ag Sub Secretary

To The Superintendent Government Farms

1 True Copy

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Ag Sub Secretary

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No. 1,895.

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Calcutta
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated

22nd June 1875, Mis. No. 5,611.

Copy to the Superintendent of Government Farms.

Exd. W. H. French.

*Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Govt.
R. Robertson, July 1875,
No. 1895.*

*Recd. 24/7/75
Copy of Board's No.
dated 22nd June 1875.
Mis. No. 5611.
Jm 2926/75*

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23 Aug 95 - M-19
29 Aug 95 - 350-51

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28/7/97
1875.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 9TH JULY 1875, No. 1,895.

Out 275 July 1875

Incl.

Received 27: July 1875

JULY.
No. 1,895.

Carolina Paddy Seed, imported and Country
raised.—Letter from Superintendent of Govern-
ment Farms, submitting remarks on gener-
character of —, submitted to Government.

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W.D. Meier

No. 1166

Ordered to be forwarded
to the Govd of India with reference
to letter from Mad Govt. 14 May 1875.
No. 2/174

14th Board of Revenue 2 Aug 75. All

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