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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd September 1873.

Read the following letter from J. BROUGHTON, Esq., Government Quinologist, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 3rd September 1873:—

I HAVE received Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,557, of the 13th August 1873, and also a specimen of Manilla tobacco which I presume to be that grown in Baduganilunka Island, in the Ramachendrapur Taluq, Godavery District, which I am requested to report upon. As the sample contained no label I cannot, of course, identify it with certainty.

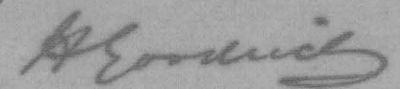
2. The tobacco had the usual appearance of the Godavery product though seemed badly grown, and only the letter of Mr. Foster quoted shows that it is from Manilla seed. It had a most unpleasant flavour on smoking, and would be approved of by no European. It yielded the usual amount or 22·67 per cent. of ash, which contained but 4·83 per cent. of potassic carbonate; the usual amount in Manilla tobacco is nine per cent. I consider the amount of 4·83 per cent. indicates that the usual South Indian defect attaches to this tobacco though in a less degree than that of many other districts. It is the worst "Lunka" tobacco I have yet met with. As the tobacco is really of bad quality I have not thought it necessary to determine the amount of nicotine, especially as I feel some doubts of its being really derived from Manilla seed.

3. I have as yet seen no tobacco from Manilla seed grown in this Presidency
I must except some cured by Messrs. Campbell and Co., Dindigul. that has had any pains taken with its curing. The sample under discussion had merely undergone the usual native process current in the district. If the Manilla variety were to be generally cultivated in the Godavery District I do not think any improvement in the quality of the tobacco there would result as the ordinary native tobacco there is already of good quality though roughly cured.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 13th August 1873, No. 1,557.

2. The specimen of tobacco reported on was grown in Lunka land from Manilla seed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)


Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of the Godavery District.

„ to the Government Quinologist.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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