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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*15th April* 1869.

No. 340. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1869, No. 1,792:—

Read the following letter from the Executive Engineer, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, dated 11th February 1869, No. 158.

I HAVE the honor to report, for your information, the result of the experiment conducted in the People's Park with Carolina Paddy.

2. On the 19th October 1868, 3½ Measures of imported seed, received from the Board of Revenue, and half a measure of acclimatised seed from the Sydapet Government Farm, were sown broad-cast in a plot measuring 3 Grounds and 1,300 Square-feet. The ground was ordinary grass land, and was prepared by simply turning it up by mamooties without any manure. The two descriptions of seed were not mixed, but each sown by itself about 9 to 10 inches apart, which was afterwards found to be too close, as the plants had not sufficient space to tiller out.

3. The Farm paddy, which had been acclimatised one season, germinated two or three days before the other, was more forward throughout its growth, and yielded longer stalks of straw, but not so heavy in grain as the produce of the imported paddy.

4. During the rains there was no watering, but when fine weather set in, the crop was watered every other day until within twelve days of cutting when it was stopped. The reaping was done on the 26th January 1869, or ninety-eight clear days after sowing. The yield is 282 Measures of paddy and 8 cwt, and 62 lbs of straw. Average length of straw 4 feet 6 inches, and the weight of a Mercal of paddy 18⅓ lbs.

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COPY of this Report will be sent to the Revenue Board, as also to Dr. Bidie, Secretary to the Horticultural Society. Samples of the paddy will be shown at the Horticultural Show on the 24th instant.

(Signed) C. DENISON,
*President.*

(True Copy.)
(Signed) W. H. AXELBY,
*Manager.*

To the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board are glad to learn that the experiment has been so successful. The yield appears to have been seventyfold.

3. The Board observe from the local papers that a prize was awarded for the samples of the grain produced in this experiment and exhibited at the Horticultural Show on the 24th February last.

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No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1869, No. 1,033.

Miscellaneous.

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 16TH MARCH 1869, No. 1,792.

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*Carolina paddy.*—Copy of report received from President to Municipal Commission, on result of experimental cultivation of, at People's Park, submitted to Government.

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REVENUE.

*To*

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

*Dated April, 15th.*

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*G. O., 15th April 1869, No.* 1,033.

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Nos. 340-341.

*Carolina Paddy.*—Report of its experimental cultivation at the People's Park, recorded.