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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 15th May 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st May 1869.

No. 5. Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary, Government Farm, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 13th April 1869:—

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, an extract from an Agricultural Newspaper, *The Farmer*, and to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be good enough to procure, if possible, from the Dutch Government at Batavia some seeds or plants of the *Ramie* therein referred to.

2. If the *Ramie* grows in Java, it should grow in Southern India; and if, as the *New York Times* says, "half that is claimed for it be true," it would be undoubtedly good policy to introduce the plant into this Presidency, and possibly other parts of India.

Extract from the "Farmer" of 10th February 1869.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR COTTON.

WE have received from New Orleans a specimen of the new textile plant called *Ramie*, which Mr. Bruckner and others are trying to introduce for southern cultivation. It is a stout, soft, silky fibre, white and long. It can be planted at any season, can be harvested at least three times a-year, requires little or no tillage, produces enormous crops, and must be exceedingly profitable, though it can be sold very cheap. It is a native of the Island of Java, and is eminently adapted to the soil and climate of the Cotton States. It has many advantages over Cotton; and *if half that is claimed for it be true*, it will unquestionably soon become one of our great American staples. —*New York Times.*

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. BLAIR,
Honorary Secy., Govt. Farm.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1869, No. 1,188.

Miscellaneous.

BEFORE making the application suggested by the Honorary Secretary, Government Farm, the Government resolve to request the Acting Conservator of Forests and Dr. Bidie to report whether anything is known of the plant referred to in this Presidency.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ Assistant Surgeon G. Bidie, M. B.
„ the Honorary Secretary, Government Farm.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Dispatch

No 5

To His Excellency the Governor General
of the Netherlands
Indies
Batavia

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Government Farm at Madras, and to request that some seeds of the Ramie plant therein referred to may be kindly furnished for experimental cultivation in this Presidency.

× dated 13th April 1869.

× to enclose copy of a letter from

× the Ramie plant

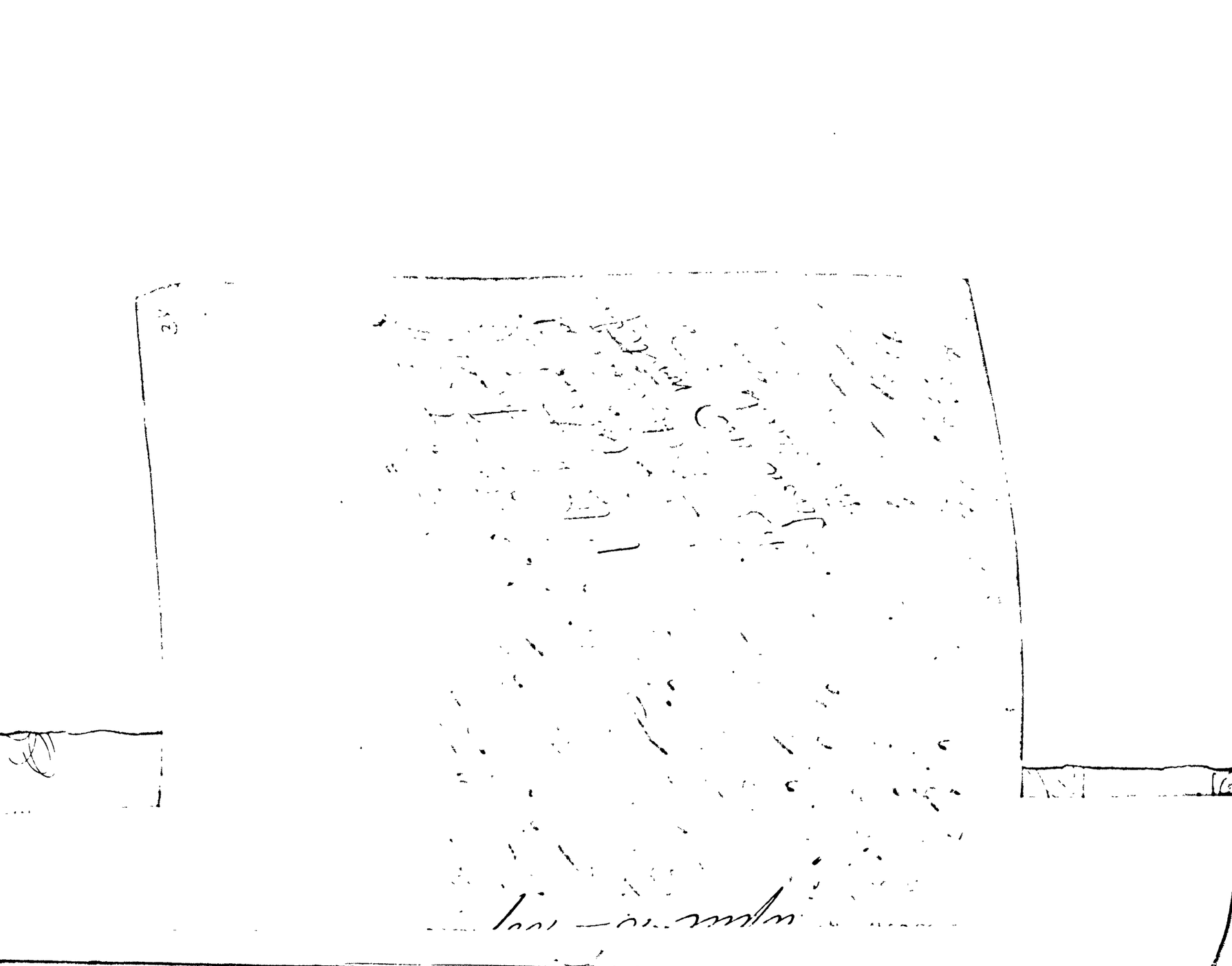
I have &c.

(signed)

Secretary to Government

Madras Revenue Dept. No. 1497 -
Dated 16th Sept. 1869 -

From Lieut. Colonel J. Beddome
Conservator of Forests
To Secretary to Government
Dated 16th Sept. 1869 -



Revenue Depart.t

No. 1188.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

under date the 1st May 1869.

Read the following letter

from the Bot.a Sec.y to

the Govt. Farm.

Forwarding an Extract from an Agricultural Newspaper the "Farmer" about the Ramie plant, & requesting to procure some seeds of the same from the Dutch Govt. at Batavia.

(R.E. 13th April 1869 No.)

Before making the application suggested by the Bot.a Sec.y Govt. Farm, the Govt. resolve to request the Offg. Conservator of Forests and Dr. Bidie to report whether anything is known of the plant referred to in this Presidency.

Ed. R. Bell

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No. 1310/69
Govt. Dairy Farm
Nov 22 1869

To
R. A. Dalyell Esqr
Actg Sanitary & Govmnt
Revenue Department

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith ~~a copy~~ an extract of an Agricultural Newspaper, the Farmer, & to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council will

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into this Presidency, & possibly other parts of India.

I have the honor to be
Your most obed[t] Servt
Winston Blair
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Extract from the Farmer
of 10/2/69.

A Substitute for Cotton.

We have received from New Orleans a specimen of the new textile plant called Ramie, which Mr. Brueckner and others are hoping to introduce for Southern Cultivation. It is a stout, soft, silky fibre, white & long. It can be planted at any season, can be harvested at least three times a year, requires little or no tillage, produces enormous crops, and must be exceedingly profitable, though it can be sold very cheap. It is a native of the Island of Java, and is eminently adapted to the soil and climate of the Cotton States. It has many advantages over Cotton; and if half that is claimed for it be true, it will unquestionably soon become one of our great American staples. New York Times. —

True Copy
Hunter Blair
Asst. Sec. to Genl. Farm.