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No. 115. Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Mullur, 29th April 1867, No. 20:—

1. I have the honour to report on the cultivation of the Carolina paddy sent to my predecessor at the latter end of May last. A portion of the seed was sent for distribution to the several Officers of divisions. The Head Assistant is the only one who has hitherto submitted any report on the experiment.

2. However, from the trials made, the results of which I have become acquainted, I may safely say that they have been very successful.

3. In one instance a ryot named Narainsamy Reddi had 1½ lbs. given to him; the return, he states, is over 91 lbs., or an increase of sixty-fold. He pursued the ordinary plan of sowing the seed broad-cast, without transplanting, and took no particular care of the crop beyond what he would have given to ordinary country paddy. Had he transplanted, he thinks the increase would have been still greater. He gave 22 lbs. of his crop, and this has been distributed to various applicants, who have engaged to furnish a report of their experiments. The time from sowing to maturity is stated by Narainsamy Reddi to be three and a half months. The grain is far superior in colour, size, and flavour to any of the country kinds that can be produced in the same short time. The straw is very superior. I counted on five stalks no less than 211, 196, 176, 156, 157 seeds.

4. Narainsamy Reddi is greatly pleased with his success, and intends planting as much as he can, as he considers this description of paddy will be very profitable when he has a sufficient quantity to introduce into the market.

5. I give in the margin a table shewing the weight in Tolas of a measure of the paddy and rice as compared with Pal-samba paddy and rice. Several natives who have tried the rice consider that it is more satisfying and nutritious than any but the very best of country varieties. Other experiments have been made with more or less success, the increase being fifty-four, twenty-five, fifteen times the amount planted.

	Rs.	As.
Carolina paddy	83	13
Do. rice	92	2
Samba paddy	81	14
Do. rice	92	10

6. One Sami Lala states that the single pound of seed given him produced six vallams of paddy. This was reaped at the commencement of last month.

7. There are several applicants for Carolina paddy, and I agree with my late Head Assistant that if some 2 cwt. or 3 cwt. were sent to the district for sale, at a moderate price, it would be eagerly bought up.

8. I enclose a small quantity of the rice* furnished by Narainsamy Reddi for your inspection.

* Sent by bangby.

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No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1867, No. 1,039.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Revenue Board, the Sydapet Farm Committee, and the Agri-Horticultural Society.

2. Part of the sample of rice will be sent to the Chamber of Commerce, and part to the Government Museum.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Farm Committee.
,, the Agri-Horticultural Society.
,, the Chamber of Commerce.
,, the Superintendent Government Central Museum.
,, the Collector of Salem.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

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