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No. 61. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1867, No. 6,069.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1867, No. 175:—

With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 882, dated 24th ultimo, I have the honor to enclose copy of an English Report, on the subject of Carolina paddy cultivation received from the Tahsildar of Alur.

From P. RAJARATNAM, Tahsildar, to the Collector of Bellary.

1. In obedience to your instructions, published at page 246 of the District Gazette for June 1866, I beg to submit my report on the cultivation of the Carolina paddy supplied to this talook.

2. On the 19th of September last, seven measures of this seed was received from the Huzoor, which on re-measurement was found to be deficient by one seer. These were given to Viranagowd, Reddi of this village, who sowed them broadcast on the 26th November, after they were steeped in water for three days like the country paddy. I regret that the land selected for this paddy was not the best under the tank, but is of an inferior quality filled with huge stones. The seeds too were sown too thick, and the Reddi further neglected to transplant a portion of them in time as directed by me. But, notwithstanding these drawbacks, the paddy grew up so well, that it soon became an object of attraction to the surrounding ryots.

3. About three or four days after they were sown, the sprouts began to make their appearance, and in the course of about a fortnight, they grew to a height of from six to nine inches. They continued to flourish till the end of March, when they suffered slightly from a strong wind that blew from the north-east, and prostrated a large portion of the country paddy. About that time, the tank also was becoming dried up; but a subsequent shower that fell soon restored the crop to its former condition, and it was finally harvested on the 10th of April, when the crop was from four to five feet high.

4. The extent sown with this foreign seed was 2½ cuntas, or one-sixteenth of an acre, and the yield amounted to 78* seers (Pakka), (it came down to 64 seers when dried up.) Unfortunately I had no opportunity of comparing the result with the produce of the country paddy. During my absence the Sheristadar examined one of the fields belonging to Ayappa, and the outturn amounted to 20 seers the cunta, being less than the yield of the Carolina paddy by about 14 seers. But as the above field suffered somewhat from deficient supply in the tank, I think the comparison is rather unfair, and utterly insufficient for arriving at a correct conclusion. Nevertheless, from what I have personally seen of the Carolina paddy, and from the careful inquiries I have made of the ryots, I think that it possesses many advantages over the country paddy. In the first place it is not easily affected by strong winds; the stalks and leaves being larger and stronger than those of the country paddy, and thus enabling it to stand the force of the winds; and, secondly, from the closeness with which the grains are united together, the crop is less liable to injury from heavy rain. The outturn too, though not so large as that obtained by the late Sub-Collector of South Arcot, has yet been very fair, I think, considering the disadvantages that this my first trial has had of an inferior soil, and of deficient† supply in the tank, and the period at which the cultivation began—November—in consequence of the failure of the early rains; I therefore propose, with your permission, to make another trial this year, on a larger scale, the more so as the Reddi and some others are willing to sow their whole field with this foreign paddy. The 16‡ seers that the Reddi ought to contribute being quarter of the yield out of the last year's produce, may well be distributed to such of the ryots as are willing to make the experiment.

* Half a seer is sent as muster.

† The crop has to be watered every day.

‡ Besides the three seers received this day from the Huzoor.

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Submitted to Government.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1867, No. 2,369.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Submitting letter from Collector of Bellary forwarding report of Tahsildar of Alur on the cultivation of Carolina paddy in that taluk.

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