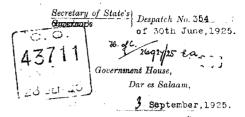
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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, the papers noted below on the subject of Cotton Cultivation by Satives and

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2. It is regretted that it is impossible at present to furnish more accurate figures. Legislation, however,

to furnish more accurate figures, Legislation, however to compel the rendering of agricultural statistics is under consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir.

Y ar most obedient, humble servant,

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

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Governor,'s Deputy.

Date Description

"1st August 125 From the Director of Agriculture.

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The records do not permit distinction to be made between European and native planting; but only between non-native (chiefly by Greeks, Indians and British, in order of importance in this respect) and native.

- Attempts have been made to obtain a nonnative agricultural census; but without success, chiefl because of lack of knowledge of the English language among non-natives and the absence of legislation to enforce the making of returns. The growing of cotton by natives in a large number of irregular isolated patches makes it impossible, also, to obtain directly a figure of the acerage of the production; but as the cotton industry progresses . Sage where its seasonal activities will have e nearly spontaneous and not requiring the present v. lose supervision of agricultural officers, time will be liberated for the latter to influence native sowing on a more regular, recorded plan which will enable numerical estimates of tne crops to be given. Further, the small number of records of average yields yet in the possession of the Department does not permit these to be used directly for the same purpose.
- 5. For these reasons, guesses rather than estimates are all that are at present possible. Teking the average non-native yield at two centals (one-nall standard bale) and the native at one cental (or about two-thirds of the figure indicated so far by records), the cotton areas planted in 1924 may be stated with the above reservation as follows:- non-native, 14,000 acres;

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native, 47,000 acres. The similar figures for 1923:

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