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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

General and Miscellaneous

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 19th April 1859.

No. 27. Read the following letter from Mr. R. BROWN, Superintendent Agri Horticultural Society's Gardens; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras; dated 29th March 1859.

SIR,

I enclose for submission to the Honorable the Governor in Council a circular notice* of my work, now in the press, entitled a hand book of the plants growing in the gardens of the Madras Agricultural Society, in the belief that Government may be desirous of obtaining copies of it, and I may point to the names of subscribers in the list as testimony of its future usefulness.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 537; dated 14th April 1859.

The Governor in Council declines to take any copies of Mr. Brown's book. The grounds of this refusal are partly that the Government do not know what to do with such books, and the practice of buying them on the public account therefore inevitably leads to waste, but also that the system of procuring books by subscription and patronage is obsolete and inefficient.