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No. 255. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Deputy Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Ootacamund, 14th May 1864, No. 926 :—

SIR,

In reply to the Government Order No. 800 of the 10th of May 1864, I have the honor to inform you that there is only one species of *Ægle* in India, viz., "the *Ægle Marmelos*." In our Presidency the species differs considerably in the size of its fruit and the amount of pubescence of the leaves; but the different forms could not even be classed as varieties, as they run one into the other. In all the states that I have seen the fruit yields an edible pulp; the Himalayan variety therefore mentioned by Lieutenant Pogson, as bearing a fruit which when ripe is not even fit for monkeys, probably does not occur in this Presidency; it is this edible pulp however which is used medicinally in our Presidency; it is made into a sort of thick sherbat with water and then strained, and is found most efficacious in Dysentery and other Bowel complaints. I have seen it made in several stations in our Presidency both from the wild tree and from trees cultivated in gardens and topes. In Cuttack it was very plentiful, and was much used by Europeans as a cooling and wholesome drink in the hot weather; I believe that it is for the sake of this pulp that Government have ordered the cultivation of the tree in this Presidency. Lieutenant Pogson's medicine being a powder is probably made from the thick rind of the fruit. I have never heard of this being used in our Presidency, but Medical men in Bengal, who have had an opportunity of trying both, would be able to give an opinion as to which was most efficacious.

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ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1864, No. 878.

Communicated to Military Department and Horticultural Society.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue:
„ the Military Department.
„ the Horticultural Society.

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From W. H. George
23^d May / 64.

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From

The ~~off~~ Conservator of Forests,

To
The Deputy Forester
Land Office
Indian Office

Dated 14th } May 1864.
Received 16th }

No. 926.

Enclosure.

No.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding his opinion on
High Grounds, as called for
in G.O. No. 800, dated 10th May/64.

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