

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd June 1864.*

No. 19. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th May 1864, No. 3,070.

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 " 2,144 do. to Secy. Agri-Hor. Society, dated 2nd May do.
 " 2,235 do. to Cons. of Forests, dated 8th do. do.
 " 2,576 do. to do. do. dated 29th do. do.
 " 3,682 do. to Government, dated 10th August do.
 " 1,497 do. to Supt. Agri-Hor. Garden, dated 22nd Mar. 1861.
 " 1,502, letter to Supt. Hor. G., Bangalore dated 22nd do. do.
 " 2,897, from Supt. H. G. Bangalore dated 8th in Cons.
 " 6,328 & 6,342, to do. do. dated 5th 11th May do.
 " 7,866, to Hon. Secy. Agri-H. Society, dated 20th Nov. do.

1 Ordered that the foregoing letters, together with the previous correspondence on the subject, be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Orders dated 27th March and 28th September 1860, Nos.—

2. It will be seen that the Chinese Green-dye plants which reached Messrs. New and McIvor in good condition have been successfully cultivated in the Gardens at Bangalore and Ootacamund. One of the species, viz., the *Rhamnus Utilis*, grown in the Bangalore Garden, has attained a height of 12 feet by 6 feet through the branches, and has produced a considerable quantity of berries. The plants in the Ootacamund Garden have increased to about thirty in number. But it seems from the letter of the Honorary Secretary that the cultivation of the plant in the Madras Horticultural Society's Gardens has not been attended with success.

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4. The Superintendents of the Ootacamund and Bangalore Gardens will be requested to forward to the Board a small quantity of the bark, leaves, and berries of the plants, that the

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Board may send the same to the Professor of Chemistry, with the request that he will be good enough to examine the substances, and favor the Board with his opinion as to which of them yield the Green-dye.

5. A sample of the berries taken from the plants grown in the Bangalore Garden is herewith forwarded for the inspection of Government.

No. 20.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1864, No. 942.

The Government will await the report of the Chemical Examiner.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1,724.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th April 1860.

Read letter from the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 27th March 1860, communicating copy of a letter from the Government of Bengal, intimating that a case of Chinese Green-dye plants is ready for transmission to Madras, and forwarding two pamphlets on the subject.

(In Con. 29th March 1860, No. 1,442.)

The Collector of Sea Customs is requested carefully to forward the case of Green-dye plants, immediately on arrival, to the Superintendent of the Madras Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens.

2. The Board request the Secretary of the Society to instruct the Superintendent to receive and take care of the plants, until, in communication with Dr. Cleghorn, the Board can decide on the most desirable arrangements for the distribution of the plants and trial of the experiments.

3. The pamphlets will be forwarded to Dr. Cleghorn for his perusal, with a request that he will mark the parts which should be printed as a guide to the cultivation of the plants and preparation of the dye.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

to W. E. Underwood, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

, H. Cleghorn, Esq., Conservator of Forests, with Government Proceedings and Pamphlet.

, H. Montgomery, Esq., M. D., Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society.

and J. Wright.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 2nd May 1860.

Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 19th April 1860, No. 936:—

I have received Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th April 1860, intimating that a case of Chinese Green-dye plants was expected at Madras from Calcutta by an early opportunity.

2. I beg to suggest that the Superintendent of the Madras Agri-Horticultural Society's Garden (retaining a few plants for experimental trial) should forward the case to Mr. New, Lal Bagh Garden, Bangalore, who will divide the remainder with Mr. McIvor of the Government Garden, Ootacamund. The largest part should go to Bangalore and the Neilgherries, as the climate of the indigenous locality is said to resemble the south of France.

3. The Superintendent of each of the three gardens will be called upon to report the result of the experiment at the end of a year.

4. I have read carefully the treatise* of Monsieur Natalis Rondot, translated by Mr. Cope: it contains much interesting matter, but there is so much obscurity and doubt in the history of the plant, and so much discrepancy in the processes of dyeing described by the various (French and Chinese) observers, almost amounting to contradiction, that I find it difficult to select passages which would form a guide to the cultivation of the plant and the preparation of the dye.

5. I would rather recommend that the Memoir be submitted to the Committee of Papers of the Literary Society, who would probably be glad to print it entire and supply, say 50 spare copies to the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—From Lord H. U. Browne, Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Fort William, the 8th March 1860.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—From A. H. Blechynden, Esq., Secretary to the Agricultural and Horticultural Society, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal dated the 1st March 1860.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—The Green-dye of China and Green-dyeing of the Chinese; by Monsieur Natalis Rondot, with sundry papers on the same subject by other authors; translated from the French by Henry Cope, Esq., of Umritsur.

Resolved, that the above letter be communicated to the Agri-Horticultural Society with a request that they will instruct Mr. Browne to carry out Dr. Cleghorn's suggestions. The Board would be glad to learn in what condition the plants have arrived, and how many are retained by the Society.

2. Resolved also, that the Literary Society be requested to inform the Board whether they will reprint the pamphlet in their Journal as suggested by Dr. Cleghorn, and supply the Board with 100 copies of the paper at cost price for distribution.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To H. B. Montgomery, Esq., M. D., Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society.

Copy to H. B. Montgomery, Esq., M. D., Secretary to the Madras Literary Society, with Pamphlet.

„ to H. Cleghorn, Esq., Conservator of Forests.

Received of the Board
of Revenue to the Secretary of
the Board of Revenue
at Ootacamund
5th April 1860
J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Govt.
Done & signed dated 19th
May 1860. No. 3070.
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No. 2,235.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th May 1860.

Read the following letter from R. BROWN, Esq., Superintendent of the Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Revenue Board, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 28th April 1860:—

With reference to the case of Green-dye plants sent to the Gardens, I beg to inform you that the case contained sixteen plants, and that eight of them are dead. I have had the remaining eight plants taken out of the case and planted in flower pots, so that they may be better cared for.

Communicated to the Conservator of Forests, who is requested to inform the Board whether it would be advisable to apply for more plants, and to state at what season they should be sent.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To H. Cleghorn, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests.

Copy to R. Brown, Esq., Superintendent of the Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Enclosure in Process

Copy of the Board of
Revenue to the Secy. to
Govt. Mr. D. dated 19th
May 1860 No. 3040.

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1860. No. 2144. regarding
Chinese Green Dye Plants

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*Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue of the Government
of Madras dated 8th May 1860
No. 2235 regarding
Green Dyw Plants.*

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*No 3
Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue of
the Secretary to Government
of Madras dated 19th May 1860.
No. 3070.*

No. 2,576

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th May 1860.

Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Madras Literary Society, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated 21st May 1860:—

I have the honor by desire of the Managing Committee of the Madras Literary Society and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society, to return the Treatise of Monsieur Natalis Rondot, forwarded with the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 2nd May 1860, No. 2,144, and to state that in consequence of the Treatise having already been published in the Journal of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India, this Society cannot undertake its re-publication without permission.

Resolved, that the above letter be communicated to Dr. Cleghorn, with a request that he will inform the Board whether he considers it advisable that they should reprint the pamphlet.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To H. Cleghorn, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests.

Copy to W. Hudleston, Esq., Secretary to the Madras Literary Society.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 3,682.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th August 1860.

Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated Madras 21st July 1860, No. 71:—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings Nos. 2,235* and 2,576†, relating to the Green-dye Plant of China. In reply to the former communication, I would suggest that another Warden case containing a farther supply of this Economic Plant, be applied for—it should reach Madras about the end of December, directed to the Superintendent of the Agri-Horticultural Gardens.

2. In regard to the second communication, I consider it advisable to reprint the translation of Monsieur N. Roudot's Treatise, and in the event of the Board following this course, I would recommend that 50 copies be struck off, and enclose a list of a few persons to whom the Treatise might be sent with advantage.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—List of persons to whom the Treatise might be sent.

Submitted to Government with reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 27th March 1860, P. D., No. 453.

2. As suggested by Dr. Cleghorn, the Board recommend that application be made to the Government of Bengal, for a further supply of the Chinese Green-dye Plant to be forwarded so as to reach Madras about the end of December, and addressed to the Superintendent of the Agri-Horticultural Gardens.

3. The Board will reprint the pamphlet as recommended by Dr. Cleghorn, but will strike off 50 copies for distribution and sale.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to H. Cleghorn, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests.

„ to Mr. R. Brown, Superintendent of the Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure to the Board of Revenue
of the Board of Revenue
the Secretary to Government
P. D. dated 19th May 1860
No. 3970.

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Enclosure of the Board
of Revenue to the Conservator
of Forests dated 29th May 1860
No. 2970 regarding Chinese
Green Dye Plant.

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No. 1,497.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd March 1861.

Read the following letter from R. BROWN, Esq., Superintendent of the Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 18th March 1861:—

With reference to the case of Green-dye Plants sent to the gardens with your Memorandum of the 16th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the case contains 23 plants, 11 of which are weak and sickly, and one dead; the others are in good order.

1. The Superintendent is requested, with the permission of the Committee of the Society, to forward the case (as soon as he judges it expedient to do so) to Mr. New at Bangalore, under the charge of a careful gardener.
2. Mr. New will be requested to keep half the plants for the Bangalore Gardens, and to forward the other half carefully to Mr. Melvor, the Superintendent of the Ootacamund Gardens.
3. The expences incurred will be paid by the Board of Revenue.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To R. Brown, Esq., Superintendent Agri-Horticultural Gardens.
Copy to Captain H. R. Morgan, Acting Conservator of Forests.

Exd. J. Wright.

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The Ootacamund Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Government
at Madras 18th May 1861
No. 3070.

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Ms
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue to the Secretary to
Government at Madras dated
10th August 1860 No. 3082
regarding Green-dye
Plants.

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No. 1,502.

From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To Mr. NEW, Superintendent Horticultural Gardens, Bangalore.

Sir,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to advise you of the despatch (through Mr. Brown, the Superintendent of the Madras Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens,) of a case containing Chinese Green Eye Plants.

2. The Board request that you will inform them of the condition in which these plants reach you, and that you will retain half of them for culture in the gardens under your charge, and carefully forward the remainder to Mr. McIvor of the Government Gardens at Ootacamund. You will use your discretion as to the time when these plants should be sent on, and the best mode of sending them, giving Mr. McIvor timely notice of their despatch.

3. The Board request that you will favor them with periodical reports on the plants reserved by you.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Chepauk,
22nd March 1861.

With a copy of the Pamphlet.

Exd. J. Wright.

Mr. NEW,
Superintendent of the Horticultural Gardens,
Bangalore.
Received by Mr. NEW on 12th May 1861.

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Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue to the Superintendent
of Horticultural Gardens
dated 22nd March 1861.

IN Cons. 11TH MAY 1861, No. 2,897.

From Mr. W. NEW, in charge of the Horticultural Garden, BANGALORE,
dated 8th May 1861.

- I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd March last, No. 1,502, and to inform you that the case of green-dye plants therein referred to, arrived here on the 30th ultimo, twelve plants being healthy, three sickly, and two dead.
2. Half the live plants have been retained, the other half despatched on the 2nd instant (by four strong coolies under charge of a careful gardener) to Mr. McIvor, Government Garden, Utakamand, giving him timely notice of their starting.
 3. The plants reserved here are all except one, growing rapidly.

Ed. J. Wright.

Enclosure in Despatch

of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. D. O. dated 19th May 1861 No. 3070.

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Letter from the Secy. to the Board of Revenue to the Superintendent Horticult. Garden, Bangalore dated 22nd March 1861 - No. 1502 - regarding Green Dye Plants -

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To the Secy. to the Board of Revenue
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No. 6,323A.

From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the SUPERINTENDENT Horticultural Gardens, Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 3 of my predecessor's letter, dated 22nd March 1861, No. 1,502, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will report on the present condition of the Chinese Green Dye Plants sent to you for culture in the Gardens under your charge.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
5th October 1863.

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Enclosure in Proceed-
ings of the Board of
Revenue to the Secy. to
Govt. D. O. dated 19th
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Letter from Mr. Stevenson
in charge of the Horticultural
Garden, Bangalore to the
Board of Revenue dated
8th May 1861. regarding
Chinese Green Dye Plants

No. 6,342.

From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the SUPERINTENDENT Government Gardens, Ootacamund.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will report on the present condition of the Chinese Green Dye Plants sent to you at the Board's request in March 1861 by Mr. New, Superintendent Horticultural Gardens, Bangalore, for culture in the Gardens under your charge.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
5th October 1863.

Edw. J. Wright

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From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Superintendent of the Horticultural
Gardens, Bangalore.

Dated 5th October 1863.

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No. 6,323A.

Requesting a report on the present condition of the Chinese Green Dye Plants sent for culture.

No. 7,366.

From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To A. HUNTER, Esq., M. D., Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that a case of Chinese Green Dye Plants was forwarded in April 1860 to Mr. Brown, the late Superintendent of the Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens, who reported on the 23th idem that 8 out of the 16 plants received had died, and that he had planted the remainder in flower pots, in order that they might be better cared for. Copy of his letter is enclosed.

2. No account having been received up to this date regarding the progress of the plants, the Board direct me to request that you will be good enough to ascertain and report on their present condition, and whether the cultivation has been successful.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,

20th November 1863.

To the Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society,
with copy of Board's Proceedings of 8th May 1860, No. 2,235.

Exd. J. Wright.

No.

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From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Superintendent of the Government
Gardens, Ootacamund.

Dated 5th October 1863.

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No. 6,342.

Requesting a report on the present condition of the Chinese Green Dye Plants sent for culture.

No. 3,070.

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*Bill Greening of the
Board of Revenue to the Secretary to
Government C.R.O. dated 19th May
1864 No. 3070*

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No. 1381/64.

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To the Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society

Dated 20th November 1863.

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No. 7,366.

Requesting to ascertain and report on the
present condition of the Chinese Green Dye
Plants sent to the late Superintendent Mr.
Brown in April 1860.

5. A sample of the berries taken from the plants grown in the Bangalore Garden is herewith forwarded for the inspection of Government.

Secretary.

Copy to A. Hunter, Esq., M. D., Honorary Secretary Agri-Horticultural Society, Madras.
" to W. G. McIver, Esq., Superintendent Government Gardens, Madras.

to W. New, Esq., Superintendent Government Garden, Bangalore.

to Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

" to V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

23 June.
 The Government will
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 the Technical
 Examiner -

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No. of Gards for Amos.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 19th May 1864.

Recd 20th.
P.M. 11. 24, from Capt. Dennis.

No. 3,070.

Submitting for information correspondence on the subject of the successful cultivation of the Chinese Green dye plants.

May 22 - 20 June

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