

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Revenue* **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th September 1865.*

No. 276. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th August 1865, No. 5,277.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 5th August 1865, No. 237:—

Sir,

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 17th June last, No. 3,314, calling for information regarding Casuarina plantations in this District, I have the honor to state, that within the last five or six years, land to the extent of 5,000 Cawnies has been given in grants for that purpose to private individuals. Of this, by far the greater portion was given on "topo rules," but latterly, owing to the great demand for the best Casuarina land in the immediate neighbourhood of the sea, I have been able to dispose of some land on the full assessment.

2. Of these 5,000 Cawnies, 1,682 Cawnies have been already planted, and as according to the terms of the topo rule grants, each grantee is obliged to plant twenty per cent. of his grant each year; in four or five years we may expect the whole will be planted, or the grants of the defaulters will be resumed. At present there is only one plantation of any size of more than six years' growth, and that is 400 acres north of Ennore.

3. The best land for growing Casuarinas is close the sea and extends the whole length of this District both north and south of Madras. This land, however, is a mere strip of about a mile in breadth, and is bounded nearly its whole length on the west by the coast canal. All the land within easy access of Madras, and especially to the north, has already been taken up and is being planted. On the south of Madras, the canal not yet extending into the Town, the lands are not so much in demand, but even there, as far down as Covelong, none but very small portions are available.

4. The chief holders of the Government grants are Europeans or East Indians; the native landholders are, however, turning their attention to this subject, and have given grants on similar terms to those given by Government.

5. Corakapillay (Inga Daleis) is also being grown in this District, but as this plant does not thrive near the sea, the lands for this purpose have been taken up more inland. At the Red Hills, about twelve miles from the sea, about 300 Cawnies are planted with this description of tree, and as it flourishes on a poor gravelly soil, of which there is a great deal in this District, I am doing my utmost to encourage the planting of it. The Casuarina is grown chiefly for firewood, but is also well adapted for rafters, and building purposes. The Corakapillay is solely grown for firewood, and has the merit of growing stronger after every cutting, and is a famous coppice wood.

Submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 13th June 1865, No. 1,289.

No. 277. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1865, No. 2,193.

Land Revenue

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Secretary of State, with reference to paragraph 6 of his Despatch No. 18, dated 25th April 1865 (Revenue).

2. The resumption of the grants in default of fulfilment of their conditions will of course only apply to the unplanted portion.

3. The Collector will be careful not to restrict the operation of the Topo rules by charging assessment on the land sought, although that alternative may be adopted as a means of deciding conflicting claims when necessary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 6,277.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th August 1865.

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3. The best land for growing Casuarina is close to the sea and extends the whole length of this District both north and south of Madras. This land, however, is a mere strip of about a mile in breadth, and is bounded nearly its whole length on the west by the coast canal. All the land within easy access of Madras, and especially to the north, has already been taken up and is being planted. On the south of Madras, the canal not yet extending into the Town, the land is not so much in demand, but even there, as far down as Covelong, none but very small portions are available.
4. The chief holders of the Government grant am Ennore and West Indragiri, the latter two are, however, turning their attention to this subject, and have given grants on similar terms to those given by Government.
5. Corakapilly (Inga Daleis) is also being grown in this District, but as this plant does not thrive near the sea, the lands for this purpose have been taken up more inland. At the Red Hills, about twelve miles from the sea, about 300 Cawnies are planted with this description of tree, and as it flourishes on a poor gravelly soil, of which there is a great deal in this District, I am doing my utmost to encourage the planting of it. The Casuarina is grown chiefly for firewood, but is also well adapted for rafters, and building purposes. The Corakapilly is solely grown for firewood, and has the merit of growing stronger after every cutting, and is a famous coppice wood.

Submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 13th June 1865, No. 1,259.

(A. C. D. and Extract)

Acting Secretary,

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13th Sept/65

The Board of Revenue

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No. 2437.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 23rd August 1865.

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No. 5,277.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Madras
forwarding information regarding the Casuarina
plantations in the District.

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With order

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