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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th May 1866.*

No. 483. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1866, No. 1,726:—

Read the following:—

From Ganjam,	dated	9th December 1865,	No. 2,075.
„ Vizagapatam,	„	30th August	„ „ 651.
„ Godavery District,	„	19th „	„ „ 182.
„ Do.	do.	21st November	„ „ 1,294.
„ Kistna,	do.	13th „	„ „ 232.
„ Nellore,	„	12th October	„ „ 236.
„ Cuddapah,	„	16th January 1866,	„ „ 6.
„ Bellary,	„	11th October 1865,	„ „ 212.
„ Kurnool,	„	2nd December	„ „ 176.
„ Madras,	„	6th November	„ „ 360.
„ North Arcot,	„	12th October	„ „ 196.
„ South Arcot,	„	13th September	„ „ 174.
„ Do.	„	30th November	„ „ 268.
„ Tanjore,	„	14th August	„ „ 244.
„ Trichinopoly,	„	26th September	„ „ 204.
„ Madura,	„	26th August	„ „ 220.
„ Tinnevely,	„	2nd October	„ „ 372.
„ Salem,	„	22nd November	„ „ 148.
„ Coimbatore,	„	16th December	„ „ 289.
„ South Canara,	„	26th August	„ „ 129.
„ Malabar,	„	4th „	„ „ 161.

1. Ordered that the foregoing replies of the several Collectors be forwarded to Government with reference to their Proceedings, dated 18th July 1865, No. 1,657, calling for a report on the Board's orders for the establishment of a common tope in every village.

2. It will be observed that these replies, with the single exception of the report from South Arcot, are eminently unsatisfactory. The effort to form village topes may be pronounced as yet a failure as a general measure; partly, in some few instances, from the insufficiency of Local Funds to promote the undertaking; but chiefly, in the great majority of cases, from the apathy or utter indifference of the people themselves, or their short-sightedness in not appreciating the advantage of an object which does not appear to them to promise an immediate or individual return. It seems to be generally admitted that parties are ready enough to take up plantations for their own private profit, but are very averse to join in an undertaking for the common good.

3. In Ganjam, the Godavery and Kistna Districts, Bellary, Kurnool, Madura, and Salem, no action whatever has been taken by the Ryots; and the Collectors are of opinion that distribution of seed is unlikely to be attended with any advantage as far as the object in view is concerned. Notwithstanding the indifference of the people in the Kistna District, Mr. Chase wished to encourage the inhabitants by supplying plants from the Government Gardens in his District, and by appoint-

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Read the following replies to Board's Miscellaneous Circular, dated 18th February 1864, No. 1,071, regarding the establishment of a common tope in every village in the District:—

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1865, No. 651.

1. I have the honor to reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV, dated the 27th July last, regarding the establishment of a common tope in every village.

2. The Acting Principal Assistant, who has charge of the two Government Taluks in this District, where the Rules apply, reports, "that

Board's Miscellaneous Circular No. XIV of 1864.

"the liberal intentions of the Board have been generally made known, but no villagers have yet come forward to avail themselves of the advantages offered. When they can get land free for twenty years for planting trees, Ryots prefer planting topes for themselves. They don't see the advantage of co-operating to establish a common tope in a village."

3. Furthermore (and indeed this is an *in limine* obstacle) our Conservancy Funds are so extremely insignificant, that it is impossible to set the tope scheme a going, Mr. Boswell writes. "I am sorry to say there are no means available in this District. The income of the Jungle Conservancy Fund for the two past years has been:—

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"This money has been expended in planting young trees along the sides of roads, watering the trees planted, and the wages of a gardener for the nursery, and advanced for procuring some plants and seeds from Madras. I have many young trees ready now for planting out, but there are no funds in hand."

Exd. R. H. Lee.

MISCELLANEOUS CIRCULAR, No. XCV.

Board No. 4,437.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 27th July 1865.

Read the following :—

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated 18th July 1865, No. 1,657.

The Board of Revenue will be requested to call on Collectors to report what success has attended the efforts made, in accordance with the Board's order, to attempt the establishment of a common Tope in every village in the country, and whether the wide distribution of seed is likely to promote success.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Forwarded to all Collectors for early report.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. M. C. KELLY,
Acting First Assistant.

To All Collectors.

Exd. J. Wright.

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 4th August 1865, No. 161.

1. Adverting to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., I have the honor to state that the Board's orders are hardly applicable to Malabar, where the land is private property.

2. Much attention is being paid, however, to induce private plantations and to improve and extend avenue plantings.

3. There is no occasion for Government distribution of the commoner sorts of seed (Jack, Mango, &c.) If any seeds not already known are sent, great care should be taken that they are in really good condition, and full instruction should be furnished as to their treatment. The circulation of bad seed only casts discredit on experiments, and the circulation of good seed, without information as to its treatment, does not give it a fair chance of success.

Exd. J. Wright.

MISCELLANEOUS CIRCULAR, No. XCV.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
To All Collectors.

Dated 27th July 1865.

Received

Board No. 4437.

Forwarding for early report, Proceedings of Government, R. D., desiring to know the success that has attended the efforts made for establishment of a common Topo in every village in the country.

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From G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th August 1865, No. 244.

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., dated the 27th July 1865, I have the honor to refer the Board to
* Recorded in Board's Proceedings, 25th May 1865, the late Collector's letter* of the 11th May 1864, No. 148, from which it will be seen, that
no special measures intended to encourage the planting of trees and topes, have been considered necessary in this District, and that none consequently have been adopted.

2. I beg to add that there is scarcely a village in Tanjore without a tope, and as already reported by Mr. Cadell, means for obtaining seed where people are desirous to form fresh plantations, are not wanting in this District.

Exd. J. Wright.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th August 1865, No. 220.

1. In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV, dated the 27th July, I have the honor to report that though the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XIV, dated the 18th February 1864, was brought to the notice of the villagers, no action was taken by any of them in the matter, and I am convinced the villagers could not be got to act together to make common topes and to pay continuously for their support, and that the end would be if topes were made by their aid and the Jungle Conservancy Fund, that the cost of rearing the topes would have to be borne by the Jungle Conservancy Fund or given up.

2. The Madura villages are not wanting in topes of the common sorts. Of the fruit trees, private parties are planting topes for shade for travellers to a limited extent and for their own profit. Cocoanut topes are being planted in favorable localities to a remarkable extent in all parts of the District, and wealthy persons are going to some expense in introducing graft mangoes from Salem and Madras. I distribute plants as far as I can from the nursery at Madura, and from my own garden, to those who ask for them, and take an interest in growing them, and always advise the planting of fruit trees, and the subject is exciting attention.

3. Waste lands suitable for growing common topes in the neighbourhood of villages where travellers halt is not available, and it would be waste of money to plant trees in unsuitable waste in such places, and the villagers could not be got to join in such a profitless scheme; topes planted in good waste, away from the villages would only be of use to the villagers for their fruit, and I do not think Government is required to find the villagers in fruit gratis.

4. I have devoted the Jungle Conservancy Fund, the sale proceeds of avenue trees, and the sale proceeds of dead trees in waste land to the planting of avenue trees along seventy-five miles of road, (all of which trees are coming on well,) to establishing a nursery at Madura, to planting the Bungalow compounds, and to planting 20,000 Palmira seeds on the bank of the Vigay and along the avenues, and have just arranged for planting twenty more miles of avenue, and for planting four lacs of Palmira seeds this year. I also purpose making a nursery at Kodikanal of Australian trees, to plant out along the roads about the station, and for distribution to applicants, and believe the plan, I have adopted, will on the whole be beneficial to travellers and the District Local Funds; for all the trees put in are valuable either for fruit or timber or both, and the number of trees planted up to 31st April amounted to 32,205.

Exd. R. H. Lec.

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From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tindevanum, 13th September 1865, No. 174.

1. In reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV, dated 27th July last, desiring to know the success that has attended the efforts made for the establishment of a common tope in every village in the country. I have the honor to state, that on the receipt of the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XIV, dated 18th February 1864, detailed instructions were issued to the Tahsildars to select suitable plots of available land in every village, and to appropriate them for the formation of village topes, the trees being planted by the aid of Local Jungle Conservancy Fund, and the joint labour of the villagers.

2. From the Returns furnished by the Tahsildars, it appears that sixty-one places in fifty-seven villages, as noted in the margin, have been selected for the purpose; the total extent is 448 acres in round numbers. I find that nothing has hitherto been done owing to the non-receipt of the needed information from the Taluks. I have however, this day issued the necessary orders to the Tahsildars to furnish estimates of outlay to be incurred in forming the selected number of plantations in each Taluk, and impressed upon the Tahsildars the necessity of enlisting the services of the village community in furtherance of the undertaking.

3. The success which will attend the efforts that will be made, will be duly reported to the Board as required in the letter under acknowledgment. In Mr. O. B. Irvine's Taluks, considerable progress has been made in planting and in sowing palmirah trees on the bunds of tanks.

4. As regards the distribution of seed, I think Casuarinas might be grown far more universally than they now are. Packets of this seed have been sent to certain places, and their distribution will be continued. The Flamboyant trees thrive well, and are very handsome, affording beautiful shade during the hot months. When Mr. Kaye Puckle and I were respectively Head Assistants of South Arcot, we took much pains in planting these trees, and handsome clumps of them now mark many of our halting places in those days. The ordinary kind of fruit trees are obtainable on all sides, such as Tamarind, Bael, Mango, and Elipah. I am going to put down a few good graft Mangoes in the Tindevanum tope, but they would be too expensive and require too much care to plant to any great extent.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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No. 5,874.

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

Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 28th August 1865, No. 129:—

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, dated 27th ultimo, No. XCV., I beg to refer the Board to my letter of the 4th instant, No. 114.

Recorded.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To W. M. Cadell, Esq., Collector of South Canara.

Exd. J. Wright.

*This paper refers to the Board's Circular of 18th
Jan 1865, but the Board's Circular is not applicable to the
Mangalore District.*

From A. R. McDONELL, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September 1865, No. 204.

1. Referring to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., dated the 27th of July last, calling on me to report what success has attended the efforts to attempt the establishment of village topes, I have the honor to state, that, with the limited means at our disposal, we have made but little progress in forming village topes.

2. As the Board are aware there are already four nurseries* in existence in this District;

* Pitchandar Covil. Vuppar.
Museri, Shengariur.

4th May 1865, No. 2,233.
24th August 1865, No. 5,190.

† Nagamangalam.
Tiruvarambar.

these supply young trees for the formation of avenues of roads, and for planting on the river and channel banks. In their Proceedings, as per margin, the Board have sanctioned two new nurseries† out of the surplus collections of the Jungle Conservancy Fund after providing for the maintenance of the existing ones.

In due course these new nurseries will contribute young plants, and on funds forthcoming, I will lose no time in gradually undertaking the formation of topes in suitable localities.

3. As explained in paragraph 10 of my letter, No. 189, dated the 14th instant, I contributed Rupees 50, from the source above referred to, for planting young trees and maintaining the same in a piece of waste land reserved at Museri, for the purposes of a public tope and market place, the villagers having been induced to dig a well, and fence the ground around; and I beg to assure the Board that no efforts will be wanting on my part to give due effect to this desirable object, as opportunities occur.

4. I am of opinion that distribution of seed to Ryots, to grow seedlings for forming topes, is of little advantage. I propose removing seedlings from Government nurseries to localities selected for topes. Mr. Puckle has in all villages, where practicable, reserved a site for a village tope.

Wd. J. Wright.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tenkasy, 2nd October 1865, No. 372.

1. In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., dated 27th July 1865, (Board No. 4,437.) requesting a report as to what success had attended the planting of common topes in the villages of this District, I have the honor to inform you that nothing has yet been done in this District, towards establishing village topes.

2. Certain localities were recommended by the Tahsildars of the five Taluks named in the margin. These reports were forwarded to the Superintending Engineer by the late Collector on the 24th December 1864, with a request

1. Tenkarrai.	4. Sankerninarcoil.
2. Ambasamudram.	5. Ottapedaram.
3. Tenkasy.	

that he will cause the localities to be inspected, and report to the Collector whether the places named by the Tahsildars, are favorably situated for the plantation of topes, but no reply has yet been received from him, although his attention was called to the above letter in August last.

3. The seeds received from the Board, and from other parties, were sent to the several nurseries to be planted, and when ready for transplanting will be sent to the localities which may be found suitable.

4. The Tahsildars of the remaining four Taluks reported that there are no suitable localities for the establishment of topes in the villages of their Taluks, but the Acting Head Assistant Collector reports that he cannot himself believe

Tinnevely.	Sattoor.
Nanguneri.	Streevilliputtoor.

that such is the case throughout the large area embraced by the Taluks of Sattoor and Streevilliputtoor, and that he shall make a point when on circuit, of personally inspecting, as far as possible, the different villages he may pass through, with a view to the introduction of so useful a measure. The officers in charge of the other Taluks have been desired to pursue a similar course.

Exd. J. Wright.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th October 1865, No. 212.

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., (Board No. 4,437,) dated 27th July 1865, desiring to know the success that has attended the efforts made for the establishment of a common tope in every village in the country, I have the honor to state, that the Tahsildars report that, although the wishes of Government regarding planting of topes have been widely circulated, no Ryots have as yet applied for permission to form topes, even in villages adjacent to which there is waste land suitable for the purpose.

2. The Acting Sub-Collector reports in his letter, No. 154, dated 2nd October 1865, that no topes of the kind have been formed, nor has any attempt been made to form them by any of the village communities; he attributes the absence of all efforts of the kind to the people's non-appreciation of the undoubted ulterior advantage of the proposed topes, and to their want of co-operation in matters which are not *customarily* considered to be beneficial to the community.

3. With reference to the query whether distribution of seed would forward the mooted project, I and the Sub-Collector are of opinion that it would not; though perhaps private individuals might be induced, by an offer of seed, to make experiments of new kinds of plantations.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 12th October 1865, No. 196.

1. In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV, dated 27th July last, I have the honor to report that the efforts made to encourage the establishment of common topes in all the principal villages of the District have not as yet had any practical results. I can conscientiously say that I have personally exerted myself to the best of my opportunities in promoting this desirable movement, and the Sub-Collector (as will be seen from his letter, of which I subjoin transcript*) has endeavoured to lead municipal

* Dated 3rd October 1865, No. 533.

enterprise in the same direction without any apparent success.

2. The movement has been made under the most unfavorable circumstances. Agricultural enterprise is still laboring under the depression of a long series of bad seasons, and with the temptation of the high prices now obtainable for cereals of all kinds, confines the application of its labor and money to that branch of industry which promises the easiest, speediest, and surest return.

3. There is neither the capital nor the leisure which wealth confers to put into immediate activity schemes of so prospective and disinterested a character. I very much doubt whether the gratuitous distribution of seed would in any degree promote the object in view, and believe that this, like speculations in the restoration of ruined tanks, and appropriation of waste lands, must be left to the operation of those natural influences which arise out of self-interest and surplus capital.

4. Meanwhile an example in this direction is being set, and many miles of avenue have been planted, and nurseries opened out in different parts of the District during the last two or three years with very apparent success.

5. In Tirpathi a Peoples' Park is now being laid out, and if finished on the plan now proposed, may do much to extend the taste for similar projects in other parts of the District.

6. In every case the movement shall not languish or die out for want of encouragement, and all that official influence may do shall be done to promote it.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, to J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 3rd October 1865, No. 533.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 425, dated the 10th ultimo, I regret to state that no public topes have been planted in any of the villages of this Division, although a good many private individuals have availed themselves of privileges allowed to those planting private topes or plantations.

2. Both the Tahsildar and myself have tried to impress upon the Ryots the advantages of such topes, and no opportunity will be lost of further encouraging them to form these useful plantations. The Ryots either do not appreciate their advantages, or are too indolent to spare time and labor to devote to this municipal purpose; they have further had, until this year, a number of bad seasons to contend against; but the real secret is, in my opinion, their unwillingness to do any thing that does not give an almost immediate return for the labor expended.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th October 1865, No. 236.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of the 27th July 1865, and state that the establishment of village topos has escaped my attention, and I will now call on the Tahsildars to see if the villagers will come forward.

2. We had a good many topos established for the good of the villages there were situated in; and they have now been made over to private owners, as it was thought, I believe, that they would thus receive more attention than if public property. It is to be hoped that the new village topos will escape this difficulty.

3. It is expensive work planting a tope; and when a Ryot has made up his mind to secure his welfare in the next world by providing share in this, seed and young plants make a small item in the accounts compared with the well to be sunk, and the gardeners entertained on monthly pay. I do not, therefore, think that the wide distribution of seed is likely to increase the number of topos.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 7,329

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th November 1865.

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 Saidapet, 6th November 1865, No. 360 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular of the 27th July last, No. XCV., Calling upon each Collector to report what success has attended the efforts made, in accordance with the Board's orders, to establish a common Tope in every village; I have the honor to state, that owing to the total amount of the Jungle Conservancy Fund in this District being last year only Rupees 2,584, any such attempts were utterly impossible, and were not therefore made.

2. The Jungle Conservancy Fund, such as it was, was chiefly absorbed in paying the establishment entertained for watering and maintaining the young avenues and the nurseries made over to us by the Department of Public Works, according to the orders of the Board.

3. As the Board have, however, lately relieved the Jungle Conservancy Fund of this charge, I think we might now make an attempt to establish village topes of the sort contemplated by the Board, and I propose, therefore, informing the inhabitants generally, that if they like to take up waste ground near public roads or choultries, and plant thereon a tope upon the Board's terms, a moiety of the expences of planting and watering for two years shall be paid to them out of the funds in question.

4. I may add that occasionally *hitherto* small pieces of lands have been given away for the purposes of planting public topes, but to no very great extent.

The Collector's proposals are approved.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 21st November 1865, No. 1,294.

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV. of the 27th July 1865, I have the honor to report that no applications were received from any villagers for lands to establish common topes in this District. Although the rules regarding topes were published generally, and although at the last Jummahbundy the subject of common topes for each village was pressed on the Ryots' attention, they have taken no action in the matter. I do not think the distribution of seed would be of any use. I have already reported on this subject in my letter, dated 19th August 1865, No. 182.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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No. PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 16th November 1865.

No. 7,329.

Approving the proposals of the Collector of Madras for establishing common topes in every village in the District.

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From the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1865, No. 148.

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., Board No. 4,437, dated the 27th July last, I have the honor to state that the efforts made, in accordance with the Board's Order, for the establishment of a common tope in every village have not been successful in this District, with only two exceptions. There are eligible spots for forming such topes in many villages and though topes for private and charitable purposes are largely planted, people seem to be unwilling to form village common topes.

2. In regard to the distribution of seed, I do not think that much benefit can be expected from their distribution. Ryots, or even Muttahdars, are scarcely willing to raise the seeds distributed. They may, however, be with advantage distributed among such who may be raising private topes, and who may be anxious to try the seed.

3. A copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector on the subject is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated Ossoor, 17th August 1865, No. 265:—

1. In reply to your letter, No. 496, dated 4th May 1865, requesting me to submit the report called for in the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., I have the honor to state that I know not a single instance of a common tope in any village in my Division, and I do not think the distribution of seed to natives is likely to promote the rearing of such topes.

2. There have been eight or ten new topes commenced in the last year in my Division; but they have all been for charitable purposes, or for private use, and by individuals and not by joint action of the village community, and I find that they generally plant the ten sorts of trees laid down in their religious works on the subject in preference to new sorts of trees which are not mentioned in their law. Still, there are exceptions, and I have had a few applications for young plants of Casuarina.

3. I think it is mere waste to distribute seeds to the natives, as they do not raise them; but young plants are not thrown away on those few who raise topes, not only for charity, but for their own benefit and amusement.

(True Copy) (Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Collector.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Russelcondah, 9th December 1865, No. 2,075.

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., Board No. 4,437 of the 27th July last, I have the honor to state that for the reasons given in Mr. Forbes's letter to the Board, dated the 2nd May 1864, No. 76, no steps appear to have been taken with regard to the establishment of a common tope in each of the villages of this District.

2. I am not of opinion that the distribution of seed will be of much use in this District, persons desirous of planting topes have no difficulty in procuring young trees in any number.

Erd, R. H. Lee.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th December 1865.

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to B. A. DALL-YELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 30th November 1865, No. 268:—

1. In continuation of Mr. Banbury's letter, dated 13th September last, No. 174, I have the honor to forward the enclosed letter* from the Sub-Collector reporting what has been done by him in his part of the District in the matter of planting topes and forming plantations.

* Enclosure A.

2. When Mr. Banbury wrote his letter just quoted, the facts now reported by the Sub-Collector were not before him. In Mr. Whiteside's letter of the 6th March last, of which a copy is enclosed, he merely reported on the measures generally which he had adopted to carry out the wishes of the Board and Government, and he promised to report further on the result, and my approval of his energetic arrangements was signified in the original of the enclosure C., and the promised information will be found in Mr. Whiteside's Jummahbundy Report, but which was received subsequent to Mr. Banbury's letter.

Enclosure B.

3. The efforts made by Mr. Whiteside in the matter, and the success which he reports as having attended those efforts, are praiseworthy and satisfactory, and I have thought it right thus prominently to bring the fact to the Board's notice, to remove any inference suggested by Mr. Banbury's letter, that no material progress had been made in the matter in other parts of the District, besides those specially noticed by the late Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1, A.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Virdachellum, 27th November 1865.

1. In the volume of Board's Proceedings for September last, just received from your office, I observe at page 5,418, a letter from Mr. Banbury addressed to the Secretary of the Revenue Board, No. 174, dated 13th September, in which a Report is furnished as regards the steps taken in this District to arrange for the plantation of village topes.

2. In paragraph 2 Mr. Banbury observes, that "nothing has as yet been done owing to the non-receipt of information from the Taluk," and he goes on to say that "in Mr. O. B. Irvine's Taluks only have some Palmyrah trees been planted on tank bunds."

3. Before writing thus to the Board, Mr. Banbury did not apply to me for information as to whether I had done any thing in the way of promoting the plantation of trees, nor does it appear that he even asked was there any information to be derived on the subject from the records of your office, of which he was then in charge. Had he done this his letter now under notice would have been somewhat more accurate.

4. In my letter to your address, No. 170, dated 6th March last, I gave a brief account of what I had done in regard to the plantation of trees and topes, and in your letter, No. 293, of the 29th idem, you expressed your cordial approval of the steps I had taken.

5. I have since then continued to give this matter much attention, and during this year 132 acres of land have been made over under my orders, and are now being planted with timber and fruit trees of all kinds, both for public and private topes. In the Virdachellum Taluk alone some 30,000 Palmyrah seeds have also been sown; and I have distributed to all the Poligars and the more respectable Ryots in the Sub-division a large collection of timber tree seeds, that I sent for to Madras for that purpose. Besides this I have established a nursery in my garden, where I have planted in wicker baskets some 400 young timber trees, and in tending which one man is especially and constantly occupied, and these, when sufficiently grown, will be planted out in topes or avenues in the most suitable localities throughout the Sub-division.

6. I do not by any means recount these operations as any thing unusual, but simply to show that so far as I am concerned, the subject of tree planting has not been so entirely lost sight of in this District, as Mr. Banbury's letter will lead the Board to suppose. I observe that the Board have ordered that letter to lie over until the reports are received from other Districts, and I

would beg to suggest that you should take the opportunity to correct the mistakes I have now brought to notice, and thereby most probably save the District Officials from being needlessly censured for indifference by the Board.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2, B.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Virdachellum, 6th March 1865, No. 170.

During the Jummahbundy Settlement of this Taluk, I have endeavoured to impress on the mind of the Village Officers and others the great benefit to the public at large to be derived from the plantation of topes, &c., and fully explained to them the liberality of the Government in their desire to promote this object. I am happy to inform you that the result of my endeavours is favorable, as will be seen from the accompanying Tamil Statement. The number of villages in which the inhabitants agreed to plant trees and topes is eighty-seven, of which the people of thirty villages have agreed to plant public and private topes under the Tope Rules, the former to the extent of thirty-two and a half Cawnies, and the latter, sixty-two Cawnies. In villages where there are no convenient sites for the plantation of topes, the villagers have undertaken to plant underneath the tank bund to the extent of

Palmyrahs	...	...	...	...	...	14,150
Tamarind	...	...	...	...	...	3,830
						17,980

17,980 trees, as shown in the margin, provided that Palmyrah seeds are procured for them by me, which I will endeavour to supply to them.

The necessary instructions have been already issued on the subject to the Tahsildar, and my further progress in extending this all important improvement to the Sub-division will be reported to you.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3, C.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Sub-Collector of South Arcot, dated Panrootty, 29th March 1865, No. 293.

I received with pleasure the report under date 6th instant, of your successful preliminary exertions in the matter of planting topes and trees on eligible sites throughout the part of the District subject to you, and no doubt where the European Officer of the Division takes the lead in any movement of the kind, the people of the country will readily follow suit, and especially will it be so in a matter of this kind, because the planting of topes and trees has ever been a congenial employment with native agriculturists, and it altogether harmonizes with all their notions cherished from older times, so that I am sanguine the project we have at heart will meet with an eventual success beyond our anticipations, and I shall await with much satisfaction for further promised report on the progressive result of the efforts so auspiciously commenced by you.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

1. The Board have perused the above reports with much satisfaction, and congratulate Mr. Whiteside on his success.
2. The papers will be again considered with the Reports from other Districts.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

Ed. J. Wright

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th December 1865, No. 289.

1. Adverting to the Miscellaneous Circular of the Board of Revenue, No. XCV., dated 27th July 1865, I have the honor to report for their information that their Orders, dated 18th February 1864, No. 1,071, regarding the formation of common topes in the villages were duly published in the District Gazette of the 18th June following.
2. A Statement showing the extent, assessment, and other particulars connected with the lands granted for the formation of topes is forwarded herewith, from which it will appear that one tope only has been planted, and that two more will be formed shortly.
3. Efforts will be made to impress on the Ryots the advisability of forming topes in their villages.
4. I do not think that the distribution of seed is likely to promote success for the present.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the extent and assessment of land granted for the formation of common topes in the undermentioned villages in the Coimbatore District.

Taluk.	Village.	Number and description of land.	Extent in Acres.	Amount of assessment.	Remarks.
Coimbatore ...	Ickaray Bola-mamputti.	Government waste, Garden No. 32.	1 10 1/2	RS. A. P. 4 5 11	The parties concerned have again been directed to plant trees in the land in question.
Sattimungalum.	Choundappoor.	Do. do. dry No. 148	3 3 1/2	3 3 5	The Ryots are about to plant trees in due course.
Collegal ...	Tagarapooram.	Do. do. No. 247.	5 0 1/2	4 9 11	This tope is situated on the road leading from Collegal to Nanjanacoodul. Mango, tamarind, and other trees have been planted, and are likely to become great convenience to travellers.

COIMBATORE,
16th December 1865.

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

1865. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 16th December 1865.

No. 8,074.

Remarking on the exertion of Mr. Whiteside,
Sub-Collector of South Arcot, in the matter of
planting topes and trees.

No. 8,230.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st December 1865.

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd December 1865, No. 176 :—

1. With reference to Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., (Board No. 4,437,) of the 27th July last, I have the honor to state that the reports of the Tahsildars, in reply to a Notice I had published in the District Gazette, shows that the Ryots in the District are not inclined to undertake the planting and rearing of common topes in their villages.

2. No common topes have yet been made, although a nursery has been raised in Kurnool, and plants are available for gratuitous distribution.

3. It must be remembered, however, that very little land in the District is suitable for the growth of trees.

1. The Collector must use his best endeavours to form plantations in favorable positions.

2. The Board trust that the banks of the Company's Canal has been, or is being planted throughout its length.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. I. Minchin, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

1865. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 21st December 1865.

No. 8,230.

Requesting Collector of Kurnool to use his best endeavours in forming plantations in favorable positions.

No. 124.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th January 1866.

Read the following letter from T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 13th November 1865, No. 232 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. XCV., (Board No. 4,437,) dated 27th July last, I have the honor to report that wide circulation was given to the rules regarding the establishment of common Topes in every village.

2. As, in many villages, there are old Topes already planted, the people have not adopted measures towards the plantation of new ones.

3. Tahsildars have been directed to encourage the inhabitants of the villages where there are no Topes at present to establish Topes. For this purpose young trees will be supplied from the four Government gardens already established in this District, regarding which the gardeners have received orders. I doubt whether the distribution of seed will be attended with much good.

4. For the convenience of travellers, Tahsildars will be ordered to select sites near villages where no Topes exist. The Heads of those villages will be appointed as Committees for their management, and can be encouraged by the reward of one Rupee for each tree which comes to maturity. The best trees will be Mango, Niem, Deresana, Neridu, &c. Trees generally require to be watered for about three years, after which it is only necessary to protect them against injury from cattle. A third of the amount specified might be paid at the end of each year, after the young trees had been inspected. Should the Board approve this suggestion, the cost can be met from the Jungle Conservancy Funds.

1. The Board do not approve Mr. Chase's proposal, which they are satisfied would lead to a considerable expenditure of money without securing any permanent advantage.

2. If the people are not convinced of the expediency of their raising Topes, it is hopeless to try and bribe them into zealous exertions in the matter.

3. The officers of Government, while offering every inducement and facility to the villagers, to undertake the matter themselves, had better confine their own operations to planting in specially favored spots, such as channel banks, the neighbourhood of locks, &c., where water is near at hand and public servants employed on the canals can look after the trees. Nurseries for avenues can be formed here.

4. The Board wish special attention to be given to the sowing of Palmyras in sandy wastes, and to the raising Casuarina topes at all salt stations.

5. Where Government plantations are formed, the Heads of the villages should be held responsible for seeing that they are not injured.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To T. A. N. Chase, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

n H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1866, No. 6.

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, as per margin, I have the honor to report that the best endeavours which have hitherto been used to attempt the establishment of a common tope in every village in the District have proved successful partly in some localities, and I shall still insist on every head of the village carrying the Board's Orders into effect. I am of opinion that the wide distribution of seed will doubt prove a beneficial result in the formation of the topes.

R. H. Lee.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 8th January 1866.

No. 124.

Disapproving proposals for planting Topes and making certain observations on the subject.

Entered in the Proceedings
of the Bd of Revenue to the
Secy to Govt. on 2nd Jan
13 March 1866. N^o 1726.

Rev: 815/66.

Dec: 25th May 1866 In L^{ts} 53

File of replies reys
the Est^d of Common
Tape in Villages.

Re: 25th May 1866
In L^{ts} 53.

26th
No. 1260. P.D.
Pro. of the Madras Govt.
Dated the 28th May 1866.

Submitting, with re-
marks, Reports of Col^{rs} on
efforts made for the estab^d of
common tape in every village

(Here enter 13th March
1866, N^o 1726)

The Govt in
Council requests to find
that the Bd's endeavours
to establish Village Tapes
have been compara-
tively futile - especially
as the reports submitted
by them afford room
to infer that this result
is in many cases due
as much to the indif-
ference of the officers
of Govt as to the apathy
of the village Com-
munities. —

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The Sub Col of
South Africa Mr
Whitely is the only
officer who has taken
up the matter with spirit
and a remarkable de-
gree of success has
attended his exertions.

It is difficult to be-
lieve that some suc-
cess or at least pros-
pect of success would
not have been expe-
rienced in other places,
if the local officers
had evinced the same
personal interest in
the subject.

The Govt concur
with the Bd in their
view of the utility
of conveniences of
Village Cops - and
have

It is so: and yet much
of what Mr W - reports
will be seen to rest on
fanciful made up

the Cops to the Board of Dec Dec
29 May

I have papered the draft but
judging from my own experience,
should say that the whole of
Cops of the kind contemplated,
will be a very difficult matter.
how does well drawy seem in
theory. Serious of different casts
might be made to interest them other
in occupations of bringing to maturity
Cops in at only these should have
a right; but that the church and
the Braum, the food and the turban.
Should unite for a common benefit - and at
a great cost, when the benefit is so undefined and
remote appears to be extremely problematical.

27th
have no doubt that
the interest of the
village communities
will be enlisted in
the matter - when
they see that the
local officers are
in earnest.

Eligible sites
should be selected
and reserved for
village Cops and
every reasonable en-
couragement and
assistance afforded
to the people.

J.S.S.

Does caste prevent the
cattle and sheep of different
clans feeding together in the
common ground of the village.
If not why should the different
casts not cooperate in the
same plantation and work
the same wood.

19.5.66 We must try & get
as much done
as we can J.P. N.

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