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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th August 1866.*

No. 276. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1866, No. 5,359.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Alangayum, 13th July 1866, No. 124 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 19th April last, No. 2,757,
I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, copy of a letter* from the Sub-Collector, reporting on the failure of the experiment of the Singhara plantation tried at Oosoor.

From the Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Collector of Salem, dated Oosoor, 23rd June 1866, No. 291.

1. In obedience to the Orders marginally quoted, I have the honor to report on the Singhara tubers, received from the Collector of Meerut, and much regret that the experiment at Oosoor has been a failure.

Board's Proceedings, No. 2,757, dated 19th April 1866.
Proceedings of Government, No. 1,366, dated 7th June 1866.

2. Having for a month and a half waited in Oosoor, daily expecting the arrival of the case, I was at length compelled to leave my head-quarters for a week, in order to make the required inspection of subsidiary jails, in company with the Engineer Officer of the Range and the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and it unfortunately happened that the box arrived during my absence.

3. I had not left, however, without providing against such a possible contingency. At one corner of the tank, I had had a square pool so prepared that the height of the water in it could be regulated at pleasure, and I had given full instructions about the planting out to an intelligent Tahsildar, and requested Mr. Shaw, who, it will be remembered, knows the plant, to be present and superintend the planting if possible.

4. This he kindly did, and he and the Tahsildar inform me that the state in which the roots arrived at once satisfied them that the chances of their living were very remote. There was not a semblance of leaf attached, and the roots themselves were black and rotten almost throughout, only one or two green points about the size of a pin's head remaining here and there in the midst of the rotten matter. They were, however, carefully planted in the pool prepared for them, and regularly visited both morning and evening by Mr. Shaw and the Tahsildar, and most religiously guarded from curious interference, not only because I had left the most stringent orders, but also because the natives took a lively interest in the experiment, and were as much disappointed as myself in the failure, for they had anticipated an addition to their round of vegetable diet.

5. On my return to head-quarters in a week I found nothing left but rotten roots close to the sticks which marked where each had been planted.

6. Absent on duty, though I unfortunately was, I am convinced that everything that could be done for the roots was done. Mr. Blair forwarded them from Madras without a day's delay, my Peon was waiting for them at the Railway station, Malur, and brought the box on the same day without shaking it, on men's shoulders, (not a cart for the road is rough,) and Mr. Shaw and the Tahsildar planted the roots carefully and properly the next morning. The box appears to have been delayed in the shipping at Calcutta, for Mr. Forbes's letter is dated 22nd March 1866, and the Singhara roots did not reach Madras till the 6th June, and Oosoor late on the night of the 7th. I conceive it is to this delay that the failure must be imputed.

7. Having noticed that the Agri-Horticultural Society succeeded in raising some seeds of the Singhara sent to them from Hyderabad, I have requested the Secretary to supply me, if

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possible, with a few, in order that I may be able to aid the propagation of the tuber in this neighbourhood and climate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. JOHNSTONE,
Deputy Collector, for Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 277.

ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1866, No. 2,042.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. S. Augustin.

No. 3,375.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th May 1866.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vythery, 15th April 1866, No. 119A:—

1. In returning the enclosed Petition, received with the Board's Endorsement* for report, I have the honor to state, that I have not received the Deputy Collector's report, regarding his inspection of Tangacherry and Anjengo, and that as no orders have been issued affecting Petitioner's property, their complaints are quite premature.

* Dated 10th April 1866.

2. I have had a great number of reports addressed direct to the Board lately returned to me "for report." None of the Petitions I allude to, have been accompanied by copies of orders from me, or any thing to show that the subject matter had been brought before me in any way.

3. I would respectfully submit, that if the ordinary course of requiring a copy of the order appealed against or complained of to be submitted be followed before requiring report, it would be more satisfactory, and save a good deal of profitless work.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

As the Collector has as yet passed no orders on the subject of this Petition, the Board resolve to return it to Petitioner with the following Endorsement:—

"The Petitioners should wait till orders have been passed on their case by the Collector. If they are then dissatisfied, they should appeal to the Board."

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

MS. copy of Endorsement to Petitioners.

Exd. J. Wright.

Passing endorsement on Petition No. 112 of 1866 complaining of Petitioner's lands being intruded upon by Deputy Collector of Malabar in his inspection of Government lands to be made over to Travancore Circuit.