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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th December 1866.*

No. 208. Read the following letter from the Collector of Meerut, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Meerut, the 26th November 1866, No. 369 :—

With reference to your No. 2,233, dated 27th August last, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter this day despatched to the Honorary Secretary to the Calcutta Agri-Horticultural Society, on the subject of the attempt to introduce the Singhara plant into the Madras Presidency.

From the Collector of Meerut, to the Honorary Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society, Calcutta, dated Meerut, the 26th November 1866.

1. I was requested by the Government of Madras to aid in an attempt to introduce the Singhara plant into that Presidency, but my endeavours failed; the plants which I sent down by rail from Meerut died in Calcutta, and my Agents, Messrs. Ashburner & Co., who had tried in vain to revive them, then offered to obtain some in Bengal and despatch them to Madras.

2. This attempt also failed, and I have been asked to make a third venture, which I am perfectly willing and intend to do; but it strikes me that the Agri-Horticultural Society of Calcutta would be better able to assist in the project, and with greater hopes of success, since the Singhara nut can be procured in or near Calcutta, and by the Mail Steamer would reach Madras in three or four days.

3. I forward a copy of a Resolution by the Government of Madras, from which you will observe what was been recommended by the Honorary Secretary to the Madras Agri-Horticultural Society.

4. The nut is only now being gathered in this district, and all the growers tell me that those coming in at the beginning of the season are unfit for seed. In this they may be mistaken, and I think it would be advisable to make a despatch at once, which can be followed, if need be, by another hereafter.

5. The season for sowing is in the spring in these Upper Provinces, but it may be different in Bengal and Madras, where the climate is not so exceedingly dry with frosts as we have it here.

6. The Honorary Secretary to the Madras Agri-Horticultural Society recommends that the seed be packed in dry sand. The growers here consider that to maintain life the nuts selected for seed must be kept wet, and they store them until wanted in ghurrahs or earthen pots of water.

7. In the private attempt which I intend to make, I shall try both dry and wet packing in two separate tin boxes.

8. You will oblige me by letting me know if the Society will aid in this matter, and if so, that you will communicate with the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. A. FORBES,
Collector.

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1866, No. 3,362.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Horticultural Society.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Horticultural Society.

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With reference to No
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Hon. Secy. to the
Calcutta Agric. Nat.
Society on the above
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