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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 861 Press Mis.

Dated 12 — 4 — 1866.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th April 1866.

No. 175. Read the following letter from the Collector of Meerut, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Madras, dated Meerut, 22nd March 1866, No. 85:—

1. As directed by the Government of the North-West Provinces, I am about to send off two small barrels of the Singhara root and shoots, ready for planting out.

2. In the correspondence, with copies of which I have been furnished, I am not distinctly told to whom I should send them. The Sub-Collector of Salem recommends that the Agri-Horticultural Society be employed. In the absence of such instructions, I am about to adopt the plan which I think most likely to meet with success. The roots and shoots will be packed in two small barrels, and sent by rail to Calcutta, where they will arrive in two days from time of starting. They will be consigned there to my Agents, Messrs. Ashburner & Co., who will be requested to arrange for their safe transit by the Peninsular and Oriental or French Steamer to Madras, and I request that instruction may be left with the Madras Agents of those Companies for immediate delivery on arrival to such persons as may be determined upon. In order to keep the plants in fresh condition, they have simply to be kept damp, and I will arrange that during their journey they shall have water poured over them each day.

3. For the instruction of those to whom the first experiment may be entrusted, I should make the following remarks:—

The roots and shoots are sent ready for planting out in tanks with water about two feet deep. As the water deepens, so will they grow. If the root has, in the journey, become detached from the stem or fresh shoot, the latter should have its root-end planted about three inches in the mud, so that the head of the plant just reaches the surface; but even should it not quite reach the surface of the water it will not much matter: it is better that it should do so, however. When the fruit ripens, it is found hanging in number about 8, 10, or 12, like prickly horse-chesnut pods just under and about the top of the plant.

4. I regret that the Madras Government did not think it advisable to have a man sent down with these plants, as the experiment must then have been a perfect success, and the expense, about Rupees (150) one hundred and fifty altogether, would have been fully repaid by the introduction of a valuable article of food.

5. I shall be happy to furnish any further information which may be required.

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1866, No. 861.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Collector of Sea Customs will have the barrels landed carefully and forward one to the Agri-Horticultural Society of Madras, and the other, by rail, to the Sub-Collector of Salem at Oossoor.

2. Mr. Blair will give instructions for the barrels being kept damp in transit.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Sea Customs.
,, the Agri-Horticultural Society.
,, the Sub-Collector of Oossoor.
,, the Board of Revenue,

Erd. R. H. Lee.

Collector

Rev. Dept.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Endorsed the 14th April 1866.

Read the following
letter from W. A. Forbes
Esqre C.B., Collr of Masulipatam.

Stating that he is about
to dispatch to this Govt two small
barrels of the Singhara root and
shoots, and making certain re-
marks with reference to their plan-
tation &c., &c. —

(Here enter 22nd March
66, No 85.)

The Collr of Sea
Customs will have the
barrels landed carefully
and forward one to the
Agri-Hort. Soc. of Ella-
chas, and the other by rail
to the Sub Collr of Salem
at Bangoor. —

Mr. Blair will
give instructions for the
barrels being kept damp
in transit. —

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To Agri Hort. Soc 1st.
1 Sub Coll. Bangoor
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From the Collector of
Madras Dy 9th June 66 A 1782

Coll[r] of Sea Customs
to land the bottles and
Sunpharra roots respected
from N. W. P carefully
and to forward one to the
Horticultural Society and
the other to the Sub Coll[r]
of Salem. —

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