

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st April 1868.*

No. 456. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st March 1868, No. 2,360.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 12th February 1868, No. 45:—

1. Adverting to the Board's letter, dated 25th October 1866, I have the honor to state that I have obtained little further information regarding the gums, &c., of Malabar than I was able to give in my report on the Calicut Exhibition

No. 7,724.

Vide Report, dated 3rd July 1867, No. 136, paragraph 16.

of 1867. For easy reference I quote the remarks then made.

"The products of the district in Kinos and Dammers might be considerable; but the trade shows very fluctuating returns. The fact seems to be that, as with most spontaneous products, the supply is somewhat uncertain. If there is little demand for the article, small quantities are easily enough obtainable at low prices; but if increased demand arises, the prices rise in more than reasonable proportion. And hitherto European merchants seem to have been shy of engaging to any great extent with these products, through the fear that the market was too sensitive to bear largely increased supplies, a few extra consignments whilst raising the price here bringing it down at home."

2. The conservancy of the forest tracts leased to Government about Nilambur and Mudamallai, and of the extensive escheated forests in North Wynaad, may have had something to do with lessening the supplies of Kino brought to the coast of late years, but large supplies both of that product and of Dammer could be had if there was a steady demand at a remunerative price.

3. No particular method of increasing the supply occurs to me. As above intimated, I believe the supply would naturally rise to almost any remunerative demand.

4. Mr. Broughton, the Quinologist, lately visited Malabar with the purpose of investigating its products, and though my impression is that he did not find the country as fertile in miscellaneous products as he expected, he will, I doubt not, lay before Government any information on the subject of gummy and resinous products that he may deem of importance.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 12 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 25th April 1867.

2. The Chamber of Commerce and the Trade Association will be requested to expedite their replies to Board's letter, dated 25th October 1866, No. 7,724, forwarding the Government Order, under date 5th October 1866, No. 2,672.

No. 457. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1868, No. 1,057.

Miscellaneous.

Resolved that copy of these Proceedings be transmitted to the Government of India, in continuation of the letter to that

Government, dated 13th May 1867, No. 1,070.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 31st March 1868.

Despatched
Per. 6.

No. 2,360.

Submitting letter from Collector of Malabar
stating that little further information has been
obtained regarding Gums &c. of Malabar than
what was given in the report on Calicut exhi-
bition of 1867, and requesting Chamber of Com-
merce and Trade Association to expedite their
replies to Board's letter 25th October 1866 No
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With order

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