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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 262. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 25th April 1868, No. 708 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Government Order No. 259, of the 30th of January last, I have the honor to request that the Supreme Government may be asked for a large supply of the seed of the Himalayan *Cupressus torulosa*; this coniferous tree grows so well on the Nilgiris on grass land, and the growth is so rapid for a conifer, that I think it is desirable to introduce it largely. A small supply of the following seed will also be of value in our plantations :—

Acer, any Himalayan species.

Quercus, any Himalayan species.

Picea Webbiana.

Abies Kutrow (Kumaon Spruce),

these might be supplied from time to time as they could be collected by Forest Officers in the Punjab.

2. I should also be glad to get a supply of seed of the New Zealand Spruce (*Dacrydium*), this could be forwarded by the Australian Government.

3. I have great doubts how far any of the deciduous forest trees of Europe will succeed on our hills, but if the Home Government will forward a small supply of any of the following, they shall receive every attention in our Nurseries, and the experiment should, I think, be made :—

The Oak, *Quercus pedunculata* and *sessiliflora*.

„ Turkey Oak, *Quercus cerris*.

„ Evergreen Oak, do., *Ilex*.

„ Ash, *Fraxinus excelsior*.

„ Elm, *Ulmus montana*.

„ Beech, *Fagus Sylvatica*.

„ Sycamore, *Acer pseudo-platanus*.

„ Norway Maple, *Acer platanoides*.

„ Plane tree, *Platanus Orientalis* and *Occidentalis*.

„ American Poplar, *Populus monilifer*.

„ Birch, *Betula alba*.

„ Alder, *Alnus glutinosa*.

„ Horse Chestnut, *Æsculus hippocastaneum*.

„ Lime tree, *Tilia Europæa*.

„ Tulip tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera*.

„ Hornbeam, *Carpinus Betulus*.

4. The *Pinus Maritima* is growing very well and rapidly, and promises to be a very valuable introduction, and I should like to get a large supply of the seed of this, and also seed of any of the species of *Pinus*, *Abies*, *Picea*, or *Larix*, that are now grown in England, as any of these will have a good chance of succeeding.

5. I have lately been forwarding large collections of seed to Dr. Hooker at the Kew Gardens, and I have no doubt that he would willingly forward any of the above seed that might be available from those gardens.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th May 1868.

No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1868, No. 1,309.

Forests, No. 7.

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accordingly to the Governments of India
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ment for the seeds required.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

W. S. T. Augustin,

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