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No. 384. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th August 1868, No. 5,718 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 4th July 1868, No. 634.

1. I have the honor to submit a brief report of the result of the sowing of the Pinus Maratima seeds, sent with the Board's Proceedings of the 14th May 1867, No. 2,960.

2. The experiment at Chicacole was conducted by Major Worsop, who, at the request of Mr. Wigram, planted a few of the seeds in his garden. Major Worsop had a bed prepared, in accordance with Dr. Bidie's instructions, in a shady spot in his garden which he kept moist as directed. The seeds were planted on the 23rd November 1867. On the 11th December a few appeared above ground looking very healthy and green. After this, nearly all the seeds sprouted and came up. On the 22nd December some of the plants were, from 1½ to 2 inches high, and looked very promising. On reaching the height of about 2 inches, however, they began to wither and eventually died. The disease appeared to be in the roots, as the tops remained green to the last. Major Worsop tried all kinds of remedies, such as transplanting some, giving less water to others, exposing some a little more to the sun, and giving others more sand, but with no effect. All the plants died. He thought that worms or white ants might have killed them, but ascertained that this was not the case.

3. The other experiment reported by Mr. Hope, the Acting Principal Assistant, was made by the Purla Kimedy Manager, and it proved a complete failure.

4. Mr. Goodrich, the Junior Assistant Agent, reports that the Pinus Maratima thrives well at Baliguda in the Khond Hills ; a very small proportion of the seed sown came up, but he has about twenty-five or thirty young trees which look healthy.

5. A quantity of the seed was also supplied to the Salt Deputy Collector, who sent the seeds to the Womeravilly and Nowpada Salt Superintendents for sowing. The soil at the Womeravilly pans being hard and black most of the seeds after sprouting died. At Nowpada three nurseries were prepared half a mile distant from each other, and the instructions contained in the fourth paragraph of Dr. Bidie's letter were fully carried out in sowing the seeds, some of which, sown in August last, have grown to the height of 2 inches, but have been damaged by the frequent rains. The fourth part of the seed which was sown at the end of November came up within a month, and there are now 610 plants from 4 to 18 inches in height, which I believe will thrive well during the ensuing monsoon.

6. The Salt Deputy Collector is of opinion that the Pinus Maratima will grow well at the village of Poondy and Wooddanam in the Itchapore Talook if sown in November and December, but not sooner nor later.

7. A few seeds were planted in a garden at Chetterpore on the 27th October, and the plants came up on the 10th November; but several of them shortly afterwards withered and died. About fifteen plants remain, and these look healthy and are from 2 to 8 inches in height.

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25th August 1868.

Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of their Order, dated 11th February 1867, No. 350, and in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 9th July 1868, No. 5,054.

No. 385. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1868, No. 2,248.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 7th August 1868.

No. 5,718.

Submitting to Government report of Collector of Ganjam on experimental cultivation of the Pinus Maritima.

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