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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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

No. 204. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1868, No. 6,799 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th August 1868, No. 203.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board, No. 5,791, dated 10th instant, on the subject of the Pinus Maritima sent. On the receipt of the seed I sent some to the Sub-Collector at Oossoor, but have not yet received from him the result of his experiments. I, however, saw some that had been planted near Oossoor, in one of the topes. The young plants had there been down some six months, but were not over three and four inches high, and by no means looked healthy. I tried some myself on the Shervaroy Hills and the Calroyens; the result of the latter experiment I have not yet had an opportunity of seeing. As to the seed planted, however, on the Shervaroys, none are more than seven inches high, though they have been down a year. They are carefully watered during the dry months, but did not seem to thrive at any time. Major Hunter, to whom I gave some of the seed, tells me that all of his are failures. Whilst Major Beddome was on the Hills, I pointed out the Pinus Maritima I had planted to him, and he said he did not consider the experiments altogether failures, and thought that in another year a great change might be expected if the plants did not die off. My own impression is that this description of tree will only grow with advantage on or near our sea coasts. The seed of all others that answers on our hill tracts, and which grows well and extremely quickly, is the *blue gum*, and should be very glad, if the Board could furnish me with a supply. None of the seed (Pinus Maritima) that was sown in the low country lasted three months. Shortly after germination, and growing to a height of three inches or so, they all gradually died.

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to Government Orders, dated 11th February 1867, No. 350, and 18th July 1868, No. 1,987, and that copy be furnished to the Honorary Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society. The Acting Conservator of Forests will be requested to supply (if available) a small quantity of the Blue Gum seed alluded to, for transmission to the Collector.

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1868, No. 2,618.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 3132.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 24th September 1868.
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No. 6,799.

Submitting to Government report of Collector of Salem on results of experimental cultivation of Pinus Maritima, forwarding to Agri-Horticultural Society copy of report, and requesting Acting Conservator of Forests to supply (if available) a small quantity of Blue Gum seed applied for by Collector.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October, 12th.

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G. O. 12th October, 1868, No. 2,618.

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