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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 24-10-1868

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th October 1868.

No. 383. Read the following letters:—

From W. GISBORNE, Esq., Under Secretary, for Colonial Secretary, Australia, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Madras, dated Wellington, 8th August 1868, No. 133.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the number and date quoted in the margin, requesting a supply of the seed of the New Zealand Spruce (Dacrydium) for cultivation in the Neilgherry Hill Plantations of the Madras Presidency.

No. 265, 12th May 1868.

2. I enclose a Memorandum by Dr. Hector, F.R.S., the Director of the Geological Survey of New Zealand, on the subject of the seeds requested in your letter, and would add that this Government will always be glad to furnish specimens of any of the natural productions of this country which may be of service to the Indian Government.

Memorandum for the Under Colonial Secretary, dated 15th July 1868, No. 42-68.

1. If the tree mentioned as the New Zealand Spruce is meant to be the Rimu (Dacrydium Cupressinum), I fear there is very little chance of being able to procure seeds, as they are rarely met with, and few persons have ever seen them. By employing the natives, however, they might be obtained.

2. The other Pine trees in New Zealand are the following:—

Kauri	Dammara Australis.
Miro	Podocarpus ferruginea.
Mataü	,, spicata.
Kahikatea	,, dacrydioides.
Kawaka	Libocedrus Donianus.
Tanekaha	Phyllocladus trichomanoides.

3. Of these, seeds of the Kauri, Miro, Mataü, and Kahikatea, can be procured at the proper season, and will be furnished as soon as possible.

(Signed) JAMES HECTOR, F.R.S.,
Director of the Geological Survey, New Zealand.

No. 384. From the same Officer, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Madras, dated Wellington, 27th August 1868, No. 142.

1. With reference to my letter, No. 133, of the 8th instant, I transmit to you, herewith, the accompanying packet of Pine-tree seeds, which have been furnished by Dr. Hector, the Director of Geological Surveys.

2. These seeds are forwarded to you at once, in order that the ensuing season may not be lost.

No. 385. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1868, No. 2,704.

Forests, No. 9.

Resolved that the receipt of the seeds be acknowledged with thanks, and that copies of the foregoing letters be furnished to the Officiating Conservator of Forests. The packet of seeds received

with the second letter will be sent to Major Beddome, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 12th May 1868, No. 1,309, and he will be directed to transmit a portion of the seed to Mr. McIvor for trial in the Plantations under his charge.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Superintendent, Chinchona Plantations.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1868} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE OFFICIATING CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, &c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 24th.

Read.

G. O., 24th October 1868, *No.* 2,704.

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Nos. 383-385.

Pine-tree seeds from Australia.—Their receipt to be acknowledged with thanks, and Major Beddome to transmit a portion of the seed to Mr. McIvor for trial in the Plantations under his charge.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 24th October 1868.—

Read the following letters from the Colonial Secretary, Australia.—

Enclosing a Memo from the Director of the Geological Survey of New Zealand on the subject of the seeds of the New Zealand spruce (Dacrydium), and stating that that Govt. will always be glad to furnish specimens of any of the natural products of that country which may be of service to the Madras Government.—

(Rec'd under 8th Augt 1868 No. 2,101.)

Transmitting a Packet of Pine Tree seeds.—

(" " " 27th " " " 2,469.)

Resolved that the receipt of the seeds be acknowledged with thanks, and that copies of the foregoing letters be furnished to the Officiating Conservator

Letter to Australia

Conservator of Forests.

The packet of seeds received with the second letter will be sent to Major Beddome with reference to the Proceedings of Govern: ment dated 12th May 1868, No. 1309, and he will be directed to transmit a portion of the seed to Mr. McIvor for trial in the Plantations under his charge.—

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