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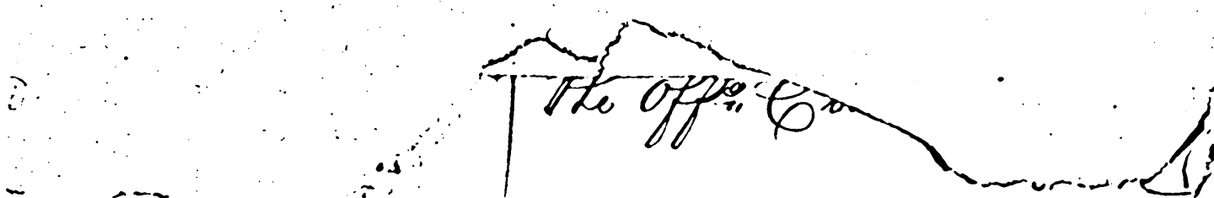
Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 280-281 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st February 1868.

Read the following papers:—

No. 1. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1868, No. 344.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1867, No. 636.

1. Referring to the Board's Proceedings, dated 18th July last, No. 4,554, I have the honor to forward, herewith, an original letter from Mrs. Suriah, the Proprietrix of Ankapilly, on the subject of the Mahogany plants sent to this district in 1828.

2. It will be seen that four plants were sent here not through any Government official, but direct from the Botanical Gardens at Calcutta. Mrs. Suriah has no papers on the subject, nor have I any on the records of this Office.

From GODA JANAKIAH, to the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 13th August 1867.

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum No. 676, to my address, enclosing Proceedings No. 92, of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th July 1867, and requesting to be informed whether any correspondence transpired between the late Mr. Suriah Pracasa Row and the Collector of the district, relative to some Mahogany plants received in this talook some forty years ago, I have the honor to state that the records of my Cutcherry do not shew that there had been any correspondence on the subject, the plants were sent from the Botanical Gardens at Calcutta direct to the late Mr. Suriah Pracasa Row, without the assistance of Government.

2. I have the honor to submit, to the prescribed questions, replies affording the information requested, relative to the Mahogany trees in my garden at Ankapilly at present.

Reply 1.—Garden at Ankapilly; very generally known in the districts as Mr. Suriah Pracasa Row's garden. One tree situated on the north-west angle, and two on the south-west angle of the gardens, position taken from the north and south doors of the cottage situated in centre of the garden.

Reply 2.—Rich brown soil; nothing particularly noticeable in their position; planted in common with other trees; originally, when put down carefully shaded by plantain trees, and other plants of thick foliage; watered abundantly; manured at proper season of the year with the ordinary manure in general use for fruit-bearing trees.

Reply 3.—About the early part of February 1828, obtained from the Botanical Gardens, Calcutta.

Reply 4.—One tree measures six feet round the trunk at base; five feet at six feet from base; height between base and branches ten feet.

One do. 6 feet; do. 4½ feet; at do. 6 do. do.
One do. 5½ ,, ; do. 63 ,, ; at 2½ feet from base 2½ feet height from base to branches.

N. B.—The third tree seems to have been stunted in growth, as far as stem goes.

Reply 5.—The trees are from 80 to 100 feet from base to summit with large, healthy, expanding branches, and luxuriant foliage.

Reply 6.—The trees flower yearly in March; *never* bore fruit, or produced seed.

Reply 7.—One of the four trees was blown down by a storm, the timber of which has not been brought into use; it is now in my godowns at Waltair.

3. I have the honor to return, as requested, the Proceedings of Government referred to.

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1. Resolved that the foregoing letter, with its enclosure, be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, dated 5th July 1867, No. 1,500.

2. The Board presume that the Conservator of Forests and Agri-Horticultural Society have reported independently on the subject of the above Order. They regret that a search among the records of their Office has not brought to light any particulars regarding the experimental growth of the Mahogany tree in this Presidency.

No. 2. From the Acting Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 23rd January 1868, No. 29.

With reference to Order of Government No. 64, dated 8th January 1868, I have the honor to hand you annexed copy of a letter from Dr. Cleghorn to the Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society, giving particulars of the Mahogany trees growing in the Madras Presidency.

From the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society, Madras, dated——No. 198.

1. Adverting to Proceedings of Government No. 2,015, dated 28th August 1867, communicated to you, it appears desirable to obtain information regarding the existence and growth of Mahogany trees in and near Madras. There are eight specimens in the Society's Gardens, apparently planted at the same time: three in Mr. John Shaw's compound, Tanampet, three in Mr. Dale's compound, next the old Sudder Court, one at Dighton's Garden, Kilpauk, and two at Ankapilly, near Vizagapatam, in the garden of the late Sri Gode Suriah Pracasa Row. The ages of all these trees can probably be ascertained. With the assistance of Mr. Denham, I have measured the trunks of the fifteen trees growing in Madras at 4, 5, and 6 feet from the ground, and have taken the height of the bole at the same time; useful data are thus obtained, such as are desired by Dr. Anderson, Superintendent, Calcutta Botanical Gardens, who drew up a valuable Precis of the subject from the records of his Office in December last, (*Gazette of India Supplement*, March 9th, 1867). I examined the two trees in the gardens belonging to the widow of Sri Gode Suriah Pracasa, at Ankapilly, in 1860, the growth was satisfactory. I believe there is no doubt that they were sent down by Dr. Wallich in 1827, so that the trees are now fifty years' old.

2. I am not aware that any other Mahogany trees exist in the Madras Presidency, or that any of those mentioned have ripened seed, though seven or eight of them flowered freely. Inquiry might be made on this point, and also if propagation has ever been effected by cuttings or layers, as is practised in Bengal.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st February 1868.

Tabular Statement of the measurements of Mahogany trees (Swietenia Mahogani) growing in the Madras Presidency.

	No.	Presumed age.	Circumference at 4 feet.	Circumference at 5 feet.	Circumference at 6 feet.	Height of bole.	Cubic contents of bole.	Remarks.
Mr. J. Shaw. Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens.	1	...	5 5	5 4	5 1	0 14		
	2	...	3 9	3 8	3 9	7 6		
	3	...	4 5	4 3	0 4	0 11		
	4	...	4 3	4 2	4 2	0 9		
	5	...	5 10	5 6	5 5	11 8		
	6	...	6 3	6 6	0 7	0 7		
	7	...	4 10	4 8	4 7	0 9		
	8	...	4 8	4 8	4 9	9 4		
	9	...	9 0	9 10	11 6	6 8		
	10*	...	6 0	6 6	...	6 4		* Have suffered from the trunk being surrounded with rocks; have evidently reached maturity.
	11*	1819	7 5	7 9	9 2	0 8		
Mr. C. Dale.	12†	...	5 8	0 5	5 4	0 10		† Healthy tree, not improved by Veanilla and Hoya growing upon it.
	13	...	6 7	...	...	0 4		
	14	...	0 2	...	...	0 5		‡ This tree is in the compound of the temporary Lunatic Asylum, Kilpauk.
	15‡	...	4 9	4 9	0 5	6 4		

NOTE.—Numbers 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 flower annually in April, but the fruit ripens imperfectly.

On comparing the measurements with those of Dr. Anderson, it will be seen that the bole in Calcutta is much longer than in Madras, owing to the more humid climate of Bengal. Again, the bole is longer in the Agri-Horticultural Society's Garden than in the private gardens, owing to the attentive and early pruning of the Superintendent.

(Signed) H. CLEGHORN,
Conservator of Forests.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1868, No. 280.

Miscellaneous.

1. Copies of the papers submitted with the Revenue Board's Proceedings above recorded were furnished by the Officiating Conservator of Forests direct to Government, and have already been forwarded* to the Government of Bengal.

* G. O., 8th January 1868, No. 64.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st February 1868.

2. The letter from the Acting Honorary Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society, also recorded above, will now be transmitted, with its enclosure, to that Government.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Agri-Horticultural Society.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
1st February 1868.

No. 281.

No. 4.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

1. In continuation of my letter dated 8th ~~instant~~ *ultimo*, No. 65, I am directed to forward the accompanying letter* from the Acting Honorary Secretary to the Madras Agri-Horticultural Society, with its enclosure, containing information relative to the Mahogany trees growing in this Presidency.

* Dated 23rd January 1868, No. 29.

2. The Revenue Board have reported that a search among the records of their Office has not brought to light any particulars regarding the growth of this tree.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Revenue Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th January 1868.

Read the following papers.

Proceedings Board of Revenue.

Submitting for information of Govt. letter from Mr. Collr. of Vizagapatam, forwarding letter from Proprietrix of Anakapilly regarding Mahogany plantt. in that district in 1828.

Here enter 16th Jany. 1868 No. 344

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Rec: 18th Dec 68.
Rec: from Fort St. George

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Rec: 9th Jan 69.

Rec: from the Madras Government

Fort St. George 7th January 1869.

Sir,

I/ Dr.

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From
The Secretary to the
Govt. of Bengal
Dated 12th Feby 68.

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