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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 41. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th November 1868, No. 8,153 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 20th October 1868, No. 306.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 14th May 1867, No. 2,960, I have the honor to report that the Pinus Maritima seed, therewith forwarded, was distributed last year to several land-owners and others in the district, and the instructions given by Doctor Bidie, regarding the mode of culture to be pursued, were communicated for their guidance.

2. From the reports received, it would appear that in the sub-division talooks the sowing was not successful ; but Mr. Logan is desirous of trying the experiment personally, and doubtless better success may attend greater skill and care.

3. In Wynaad, where upwards of a dozen experiments were made by different planters, the results were various. Mr. J. Boosey, who seems to have met with the greatest success, reports : "Of the seeds sown by myself, those put into nursery beds in the open air did not grow ; but those put down under shade and in boxes have "succeeded well, and I have now a great number of plants from two inches to one "foot in height. A number have been permanently planted out, and are doing "well.

"From what I have seen of the plant, I believe it would do very well in "Southern India, at an altitude of 3,000 feet and upwards."

4. In my own garden the seeds germinated freely, and bore a most promising appearance till two or three inches high, when they damped off with provoking persistency. The few plants still alive do not look thriving. This was the case with several successive sowings. Doctor Cleghorn, who saw some of the plants, did not seem to think they had much prospect of eventually thriving.

5. From Ponany the Deputy Collector reports that all the plantings failed to germinate, which must have been from faulty sowing or want of care, as generally the germination is rapid. It is subsequently that the young plants fail.

6. By far the most successful specimens I have seen in Malabar are in the Head Assistant Collector's garden at Palghaut.

He had a number of very healthy looking plants, some of which were upwards of two feet high in July last. In the talook of Palghaut the seeds had mostly failed.

As essays in arboriculture, the experiments are interesting ; but I doubt if much practical result is likely to follow them in Malabar.

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Orders, dated 11th February 1867, No. 350, paragraph 2, and 18th July 1868, No 1,987.

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No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1868, No. 3,028.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue

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