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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th December 1868.

No. 47. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th November 1868, No. 7,887 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1868, No. 236.

1. In continuation of my letter, No. 203, dated 25th August 1868, I have the honor to transmit copy of a report from my Sub-Collector on the result of the experimental cultivation of Pinus Maritima at Oossoor in his division.

2. The Board will observe that the experiment made by the Sub-Collector proved a failure as reported by me.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Salem, dated Oossoor, 11th September 1868, No. 590.

Dated 5th June 1867, No. 681.

1. With reference to your letter marginally noted, I have the honor to report on the experiment made with the seeds of the Pinus Maritima forwarded therewith.

2. I am sorry that I am unable to do so favorably.

3. The seed, which appeared to be of very good quality, was sown with due regard to the instructions conveyed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,960, dated 14th May 1867. It germinated rapidly, and the young plants at first looked remarkably healthy, but as soon as the leaves made their appearance some insect, which I could not discover, destroyed them in a single night, and in very large numbers, by cutting the stem through close to the ground. I tried ashes and tobacco water, as well as Pungai oil-cake, without avail, and by the time that the seedlings were large enough to allow of their being transplanted, there were only about 200 remaining out of some four or five thousand which had at first sprung up.

4. The surviving trees were carefully planted out in a piece of ground which I selected on account of its being of a sandy nature, and in a sheltered situation. It is now nine or ten months since this was done, and in only one case has any tree shown a tendency to grow. This one plant happened to be placed in a hollow, which had become filled up with sand washed down by the rains, and it is now about six inches high, and looks fairly healthy. The other trees seem not to have grown a quarter of an inch since they were put out; many of them have died notwithstanding their having been shaded, manured, and carefully tended. I have constantly inspected the tope, and so has the Assistant Collector, Mr. Kough, and every thing has been done to give the experiment a fair chance, but it has failed.

5. I do not think from what I have seen of Pinus in England and elsewhere, that the temperature here is sufficiently low to allow of their growing, and Lieutenant Walker tells me that the Conservator of Forests is of the same opinion.

6. I am sorry that I did not try the Pinus Maritima on the banks of the Chennar near this. I did not do so as I wished to have the tope sufficiently close to my house to allow of my inspecting it frequently, and in such a position as to be secure from cattle and trespassers. As the few trees which are now left do not and are not likely to flourish where they now are, I intend moving them as indicated above, and if they succeed, I will let you know the result.

ORDERED to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to the correspondence entered in the margin, and that copy be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary Agri-Horticultural Society.

G. O., 11th February 1867, No. 350.
,, 18th July 1868, ,, 1,987.
Board's Procs., 24th Sept. 1868, ,, 6,799.

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48. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1868, No. 3,031.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 4th.

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G. O., 4th December 1868, *No.* 3,031.

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Pinus Maritima Seeds.—Report on the failure of its experimental cultivation in Salem District, recorded.

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