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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th June 1869.

No. 700. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Passing orders on Dr. Bidie's report on the ravages of the Borer insect. } (Here enter 19th June 1869, No. 837.)

No. 701. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1869, No. 1,878.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,

Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

rd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras, Public Works, Revenue.

To

Dated 30th June 1869.

Read.

G. O., 26th June 1869, No. 1,873.

Nos. 700,701.

Damages of the Borer insect.—Orders on the Public Department on Dr. Bidie's report on this subject, received.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

19*th June* 1869.

No. 119. Read the following letter* from Surgeon G. BIDIE, M. B.
(Here enter 3rd August 1868).

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1869, No. 837.

The foregoing is the report submitted by Surgeon George Bidie, M. B., and contains the result of the investigation which he was deputed to make into the injury caused by the ravages of the Borer insect to the coffee trees in Mysore, Coorg, and the Wynaad.

2. In order to prevent further climatic deterioration by forest clearance in situations not suited for coffee culture, to regulate the natural drainage of the country in the interests of the rice cultivation, and to maintain the fertility of the coffee zone, Dr. Bidie, at page 15 of his report, suggests that "in future when application is made for coffee land, the chief Revenue Officer and Executive Engineer of the District, along with the Conservator of Forests, should inspect the block selected, and ascertain whether or not it is suited for the purpose;" and at page 29 he lays down certain rules specifying the situations in which he considers now existing forest should be preserved.

3. The Government admit the importance of placing all possible restrictions on unnecessary felling, and resolve to refer Dr. Bidie's suggestions for the opinions of the Board of Revenue and the Conservator of Forests.

4. Fifty copies of the report will be furnished to Dr. Bidie for private distribution, and two hundred copies will be forwarded to Messrs. Gantz Brothers, who will be requested to sell them on commission at Rupees 2 per copy.

5. The Accountant General is requested to report what the entire cost of Dr. Bidie's investigation has been, and the Government consider that the time spent by Dr. Bidie in the territories of Mysore, Coorg, and Madras respectively, would be the fairest principle of division to adopt in apportioning the cost among the three Governments.

6. The Government have perused with much interest Dr. Bidie's able and exhaustive report, and request that gentleman to accept their best thanks for it and for the labour which he has expended in the investigation.

(True Extract).

H. Bulwell
Actg. Secy. to Govt.

* Printed separately.

To Surgeon G. Bidie, M. B.
To the Board of Revenue.
" Conservator of Forests.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.
To Messrs. Gantz Brothers.

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SURGEON G. BIDIE, C. E.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 19th.

Recd. 21st — —

G. O., 14th June 1869, No. 937.

From Lt.-Col. J. F. Cumming
Offg. Secy. to Govt.

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