

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd September 1869.*

No. 72. Read the following letter from His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, dated Melbourne, 17th July 1869 :—

At the request of the Council of the Victorian Acclimatisation Society, I have the honour to bring under the notice of your Excellency the desire of the Council to obtain your Excellency's assistance in their endeavours to introduce and acclimatise here the Castor-oil silk-worm. The letter, (20th April 1869,) of which a copy is enclosed, addressed to me by the President of the Society, fully explains the wishes of the Society; and I shall feel obliged if your Excellency can aid in carrying them into effect.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the President of the Council of the Acclimatisation Society of Victoria, to His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of Victoria, etc., etc., dated Melbourne, 20th April 1869.

I do myself the honour of applying to your Excellency, on behalf of the Acclimatisation Society of Victoria, of which you have been so good as to become a patron, to ask for your support for the introduction in this Colony of the Castor-oil silk-worm.

2. The scientific members of our Council, Dr. Ferd. von Mueller and Professor Frederick McCoy, entertain no doubt as to the result of such an experiment; the climate of Victoria being, in every respect, suited for the culture of the Castor-oil plant.

3. I therefore beg to ask your Excellency to be so good as to interest yourself in this cause, and to apply to their Excellencies the Governors of Singapore and Madras for the transmission to this Colony of some ova of the Castor-oil silk-worm. Professor McCoy suggests that cocoons should be sent in Wardian closed-cases with young Castor-oil plants; so that if they hatch during the passage, the male and female moths may copulate and lay eggs; and that if these should hatch, the young plants may maintain them for a short time.

4. In the meantime, the Council of the Acclimatisation Society respectfully suggests to your Excellency that the ova, secured for transmission to this Colony, should be divided in two lots, viz., one to be shipped according to the usual practice of Singapore and Madras for such perishable freights, and the other in conformity to Professor McCoy's suggestions.

5. I need not tell your Excellency that the Council of the Acclimatisation Society will be happy to defray all expenses incurred in the purchase of this ova.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1869, No. 2,500.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue who are requested to procure, if possible, a supply of ova of the Castor-oil silk-worm, and to provide for their transmission to Melbourne in the manner indicated by the President of the Victorian Acclimatisation Society.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3rd ~~August~~ ^{Sept} 1869.

Read the following. Letter from His Excellency the Governor of Victoria

Requesting the assistance of Madras Government in carrying out the efforts of the Govt of Victoria to introduce and acclimatise into that Colony the Castor oil Silk Worm, and enclosing a copy of letter addressed to that Govt on the subject by the Victorian Acclimatisation Society.

(H.C. 17th July 1869 A.P.)

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