

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue. DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	3142.	Press
		His
<u>130-131</u>		
Dated	9 th December 1869.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th December 1869.*

No. 130. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 13th October 1869, No. 1,739:—

REFERRING to G. O., No. 2,672, of the 28th of September last, I have the honour to inform you that the *Eucalyptus globulus* seed now forwarded was applied for some two years ago when the plantations on the hills were under the Forest Department and a large extension was contemplated in and around Ootacamund to meet future requirements in building timber. The plantations having been entirely alienated from the Forest Department, the seed is now of no use to us, and I have handed the box over to the Commissioner unopened.

2. It has taken some two years to procure this seed, and Professor Muller informs me that it is very difficult to obtain. I have, therefore, suggested to the Commissioner that it should be put down at once in nurseries at the sites of intended plantations, as any delay may affect its germinating powers. If good, the 12 lbs. should be sufficient to plant several hundred acres. I have also suggested that Government should be requested to apply for an annual supply of 1 or 2 lbs., but this should depend upon intended operations.

3. Too much importance cannot be attached to the subject of planting this tree on the Neilgherries on a large scale, and I have for some years had this in view. Its timber has been acknowledged by competent authorities to be fully equal to teak, and its rate of growth is four times as rapid. There is great probability of there being a very large demand for building timber at Ootacamund at no distant date, and the demand for the last twelve or fifteen years has been so enormous as to almost exhaust our teak forests about the foot of the hills, and teak has already to be brought from a considerable distance. I consider, therefore, that it would be a wise foresight to put down at least 1,000 acres of this tree at Ootacamund within a radius of six or seven miles from the Municipality.

4. The extension of the Railway to the foot of the Coonoor Ghaut will make planting on a large scale on that side of the hills a most profitable undertaking.

5. I request that you will let me know if the cost of this seed and the expenses of transport are to be borne by my department or if the Commissioner will defray them.

6. I would here draw the attention of Government to the fact that nearly 40,000 rupees of Imperial money (exclusive of superintendence) has been expended by the Forest Department on the extensive plantations on these hills during the last ten years. If all the proceeds are now to go to Local Funds, it would appear fair that a transfer of the amount expended should be made to the Forest Department.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1869, No. 3,142.

Forests, No. 4.

The foregoing letter will be forwarded for the observations of the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th December 1869.*

2. As the question as to how the Forest receipts and charges of the Neilgherry Hills shall be credited and debited has not yet been finally determined by the Government of India, no orders are necessary on the concluding paragraph of the Acting Conservator's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Rev. B. J. L.
 No. 3142.
 Proceedings of the Madras Govt
 under date the 9th Decemr. 1869

Read the following
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Informing that he has
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W. P. 13th Oct. 1869/1869

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REVENUE.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE

NEILGERRY HILLS,

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Dated December, 9th.

Recd.

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G. O., 9th December 1869, No. 3,142.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 130-131.

Franklin's Concomitant
 of the Nilgerry Hills
 1869 C. No. 4512.

Neelapulus seeds.—Letter from the Officiat-
 ing Conservator of Forests regarding its transfer
 to the Commissioner of the Nilgerry Hills and the
 question of its extended cultivation, forwarded to
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