

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th August 1870.

No. 176. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1870, No. 4,797 :—

Read again Proceedings of the Board, No. 2,186, of the 1st April last.
Read also the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 31st May 1870, No. 2,140.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,186, of the 1st April last, I have the honour to suggest that the Board or Government should put themselves in communication with the "Silk Supply Association" and offer to undertake any experiments that they might suggest; the association would probably be glad to supply different species of both the worm and the mulberry if our Government would undertake experiments as to their growth and culture in the different climates and elevations of this Presidency.

2. I see by the *Gardener's Chronicle* for April 23rd that this association is now engaged in experiments in rearing the worm in a room at the South Kensington Museum, with a view to demonstrating to Sericeiculturists in England and the Colonies the simple practicability of silk production.

In his letter recorded in the Proceedings above quoted, Major Beddome proposed that a series of experiments should be instituted with a view to discovering what variety of the mulberry and of the silk-worm is best suited to the different districts, and the Board requested him to report with some definite plan how the experiments should be conducted.

2. His letter now under consideration is his reply, and in it he suggests that the Board and Government should put themselves in communication with the Silk Supply Association and undertake any experiments they might suggest; apparently intending that the experiments should be carried out by the ordinary revenue staff.

3. The Board do not anticipate any permanent success from experiments carried out in this way without some well-matured scheme. They believe the arrangement suggested by Messrs. Pater and DeVecchj, by which a constant supply of healthy fresh seed would be secured and distributed, affords the best hope of stimulating the trade; but it is unnecessary to enter further into the question as Government have already declined to go to any expense in the matter at present.

4. It might perhaps be suggested to Messrs. Pater and DeVecchj to put themselves in communication with the Silk Supply Association.

No. 177. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1870, No. 1,222.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government have postponed outlay on sericeculture until the commencement of the next official year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. E. C. Shunler.

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Mulberry and Silk-culture.—Outlay on sericulture postponed until the commencement of the next official year.

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The Government have postponed outlay on sericulture until the commencement of the next official year, [but they resolve to refer Major Bealhouse's suggestion for the consideration of Messrs. Deane and Pater—]

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10 August 1870
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