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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 711

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th May 1870.*

No. 183. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th April 1870, No. 2,337:—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 11th February 1870, No. 998.

Read also the following letters:—

From Major R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 25th February 1870, No. 1,947.

IN reply to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 998, of the 11th instant, I have the honour to inform you that there is no chance of the *Pinus Maritima* growing in the low country, or at any elevations below 4,000 feet. It succeeds admirably on the plateau of the Neilgherries, and some young plants that I planted out last monsoon have not been at all injured by the severe frost there has been this season, and are thriving well, without having been artificially watered. The tree is handsome and useful for ornamental purposes, but there is nothing else to recommend its extended cultivation.

From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Officiating Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 4th March 1870, No. 91.

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of Government Order, dated 8th December 1869, No. 3,130, Revenue Department, I have the honour to report that the cultivation of the *Pinus Maritima* has not been attended with success in this district. In all the coast talooks the seed either failed to germinate, or the plants died off soon after they came up.—In Palghaut there are only five plants in the Head Assistant Collector's garden, one of these is reported to be five feet high.

Messrs. Hinde & Co.
Mr. Boosey.
„ Buckham.
„ Elliot.
„ Harcourt.
„ Prager.
„ Batty.

2. In Wynaad, where more attention appears to have been paid to the experiment, it met with no better success. I have received reports from the persons noted in the margin. They are of opinion that the climate is unsuited to the growth of the plant.

THE Board resolve, with reference to the above letters, to request the orders of Government on the further continuance of experiments in the cultivation of the *Pinus Maritima*.

2. This tree was first named by the Secretary of State in connection with the subject of fringing the sandy coasts of the Presidency with a quick-growing tree, as was being done with the *Casuarina*.

3. The numerous experiments that have been made with this tree during the last three years prove that it is unsuitable for the above purpose. The last report is from Malabar, in reply to paragraph 3 of Government Order, dated 8th December 1869, No. 3,130, and records the failure of attempts to grow the tree on the coast at Palghaut and in the Wynaad.

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4. Major Beddome thinks there is no chance of the tree growing well at an elevation of less than 4,000 feet, and states that it is only useful for purposes of ornament.

5. The Board are of opinion that it is now desirable to discontinue the orders for further experiment with this tree, as the continued repetition of unsuccessful results is calculated to interfere with other experiments of a more promising character.

6. The results, so far as they have gone, show that the climate prevents the possibility of the tree being serviceable in the only manner in which it was anticipated might be the case, viz., for planting the sandy tracts in the coast.

No. 181.

ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1870, No. 711.

Miscellaneous.

THE *Pinus Maritima* has been acclimatised on the Neilgherries. As, however, the tree has been found in general ill-adapted for growth in the plains either on the coast or inland, and does not yield valuable timber, the Government direct that no further expense be incurred on its propagation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th May 1870.
Read the following Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Submitting letters from collector
of Malabar and Conservator of Forests
regarding experimental cultivation of
Pinus Martima, with expression of
Board's opinion that further experiments
should be discontinued

(H. E. 7th April 1870. N^o. 2337)

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TAX.

Nos. 163-164.

Pinus Martima.—Further expenditure in
connection with its propagation, ordered to be dis-
continued.