

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th September 1871.*

No. 153. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Fibres and Silk), dated Simla, 31st August 1871, No. 61 :—

Read again the following papers—

Demi-official letters to Local Governments and Administrations, dated 23rd June and 5th August 1871.

From Government of the Punjab, No. 1,213, dated 8th July 1871.

To " " " 47, " 3rd August "

Despatch to Secretary of State, " 1, " 3rd " "

Demi-official letter to Honorary Secretary, Silk Supply Association, dated 24th August 1871.

From Government of Bengal, No. 2,996, dated 10th August 1871.

" " of " " 2,512, " 22nd "

" " of Bombay " 2,998, " 22nd "

" Chief Commissioner of Oudh, " 3,933, " 23rd "

Read also a paper by Captain T. HUTTON, Corresponding Member of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of Bengal, containing notes on the Indian Bombycidæ, dated 26th July 1871.

OBSERVATIONS.

THE Government of India has been recently endeavouring to acquire full information as to the present state and prospects and past history of the Indian silk-trade, in view to ascertaining the best practical methods of developing it, and improving sericulture generally in India.

2. Amongst other papers received from various sources, Captain Hutton has forwarded a paper on the Indian and Asiatic species of the Bombycidæ, to which it seems desirable to give early publicity.

3. Much, it is believed, may be done towards both increasing and improving the silk-produce of India; but one of the first essentials to any successful action in these directions is complete information as to all that has yet been done, or attempted in India in this matter. A good deal of useful information has been gleaned from the records of the Government of India, and some few papers have been received from Local Governments and private individuals; but much more is, it is believed, available, which His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is anxious to obtain, and in the collection of which he would invite the co-operation of the public generally and all Government officers.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution and Captain Hutton's Notes on the Indian Bombycidæ be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*, and that the several Local Governments and Administrations, the public generally, and all Government officials be invited to furnish the Government of India in the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, with any information (whether in print or in original manuscript) of which they may be in possession, in regard to sericulture in India and the Indian silk-trade past and present.

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Ordered also that the thanks of the Government of India be conveyed to Captain Hutton for his monographic sketch of the Indian Bombycidæ.

Ordered also that a copy of this Resolution and of Captain Hutton's Notes on the Indian Bombycidæ be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, to the Chambers of Commerce, Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, to the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the Punjab, Oudh, and Central Provinces, and to Captain Hutton.

Government of Madras.
Bombay.
Bengal.
North-West Provinces,
Punjab.
Chief Commissioner of Oudh.
Central Provinces.
British Burmah.
Mysore and Coorg.
Resident at Hyderabad.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. O. HUME,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1871, No. 1,582.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, whose resumé of the information in their records on sericulture the Government await.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Gobt. of 1871 Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September 12th.

Recd.

And.

G. O., 12th September 1871, No. 1,582.

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Silk Trade in India.—Proceedings Government of India on this subject, communicated to Board of Revenue. Board's resumé of the information in their records on sericulture, awaited.

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