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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd October 1871.

No. 1. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue—Forests,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 15th August 1871, No. 5:—

REFERRING to my despatch, numbered 2, Forests, and dated the 11th of May, on the subject of a supply of Mahogany and Logwood seeds for your Presidency from British Honduras, I transmit to your Excellency in Council herewith a copy of a despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of that Colony, which has been forwarded to me by direction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of the reply which I have caused to be addressed to that department.

2. You will instruct the Conservator of Forests at your Presidency to attend to any applications which may be made to him for an interchange of vegetable productions by the officers in charge of any of Her Majesty's Colonies.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From ROBERT G. W. HERBERT, Esq., to the Under-Secretary of State, India Office, dated 27th July 1871.

WITH reference to your letter of 17th April I am directed, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to transmit to you the under-mentioned document for the information of the Secretary of State for India.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. CAIRNS, British Honduras, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated Belize, 16th June 1871, No. 101.

IN acknowledging the receipt of despatch No. 7 of the 27th of April from the Secretary of State, I have the honour to inform your Excellency of my intention of inviting the officer, about to administer the Government, to carry out the wishes of the Governor of Madras at the proper season of the year.

2. That season is said to be, for the seeds of the Mahogany, July; but in the case of the Logwood seeds there is some dispute as to the period of the year at which they ripen.

3. Every care will no doubt be taken to pack, prepare, and forward the seeds according to the directions which accompanied Lord Kimberley's despatch.

4. It would be well if some system of a continual interchange of the valuable vegetable productions of the British Colonies, their timber and fruit-trees, their useful and ornamental shrubs and plants, were officially established throughout the Empire; regard being had, of course, to the probable adaptability of the particular production thus attempted to be introduced to the climate and soil in which the experiment was to be tried.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From the Under-Secretary of State for India, to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 11th August 1871.

I AM directed by His Grace the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, and copy of a despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Honduras, announcing the steps which he has been obliging enough to take, in compliance with the letter from this department of the 17th of April, to obtain seeds of Mahogany and Logwood for His Excellency the Governor in Council at Madras.

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2. Lieutenant-Colonel Cairns has suggested that a continual interchange of the valuable vegetable productions of the British Colonies should take place, and I am to request that you will move Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to inform the Lieutenant-Governor that such a system is already practised, with the full approval of the Secretary of State in Council, by the officers who preside over the several Forest Administrations in India. I am to state that any applications for such interchange, which Lieutenant-Colonel Cairns or any other Governor of Her Majesty's Colonies may address to the Governor-General of India, through the Inspector-General of Forests, or to the Governor of Madras and Bombay through the Conservator of Forests under those Presidencies, will be promptly and cordially responded to.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1871, No. 1,714.

Forests, No. 1.

COMMUNICATED, together with copies of the enclosures, in continuation of G. O., 12th June 1871, No. 1,034, to the Conservator of Forests for information and for guidance, with reference to paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

Copy to Madras

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Downing Street
27 July 1871.

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P. Robert G. W. Herbert.

The Under Secy of State
India Office.

British Honduras
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Copy Despatch from the Lt Govr of British Honduras & of Reply.

Referred to in Revenue (Forests) Letter to Madras, No. 5, dated 15th August 1871.

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Revenue Forests

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Letter to Fort St. George
No. 5.

Transmitting certain correspondence & requesting to instruct the Conservator of Forests Madras to attend to any application which may be made to him for an interchange of Vegetable productions by the Officers in charge of any of Her Majesty's Colonies.

No. 1714 - 2d October 1871

W.S.K. order

2d Oct/71.

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1 Lee Jones Conservator of Forests Burma

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