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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st July 1872.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Forests,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 22nd June 1872, No. 7-704 :—

THE Secretary of State having addressed the Government of India with a view to an interchange of seeds between this country and the various colonies, it appears desirable to the Governor-General in Council that the Forest Department, working in connection with the Superintendent of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Calcutta, should be made the medium of this exchange. With this view Dr. King will, with the sanction of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, forward yearly, or oftener, to Conservators of Provinces indents for seed, stating the names and quantities of seed which he desires to have sent to him, and the season in which the seed will ripen. Conservators will then put on a small temporary establishment under some officer, who is likely to take an interest in the work, for the collection of the seed, and have it despatched to Calcutta. On its arrival, Dr. King will have the seed cleaned, packed, and despatched to different countries. All expenses of collection and transmission to Calcutta will be borne by the Forest Department of the Provinces sending the seed, and can be charged to contingencies.

2. In like manner seeds received from other countries will come to Dr. King who will distribute them to the different Provinces, with reference to the requirements and requisitions of each.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1872, No. 1,009.

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ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed on this subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

My dear Bird letter

I think this
absurd arrangement
I should be resisted.
Will you kindly bring
the matter before
next Council.

Yr. Ever

13. 7. 92

L. O. Swan

the various colonies.