No 145. Read the following letter from the Consul-General, Beyrout, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 9th June 1872 :—

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Despatch No. 77 of the 11th of April, forwarding to me, at the request of General F. Cotton, a supply of Casuarina seed for planting round the outskirts of Beyrout, in the hope that the growth may check the sand drift which is afflicting the town.

2. On the receipt of the seed about a fortnight ago, I communicated copies of your letter and the instructions for planting the seed to their Excellencies the Governors-General of Syria and of Mount Lebanon, and I have the honour to transmit, herewith, copies of their answers, by which you will perceive that the generous offer of the Madras Government is accepted with gratitude.

3. The Rev. Dr. Post, Professor of Botany to the Syrian Protestant College at Beyrout, has kindly volunteered to superintend the planting of the seed, provided the authorities place at his disposal the necessary land and labour, which they seem fully disposed to do.

4. I do not possess the address of General Cotton, or I would otherwise write to thank him in my own name as well as of that of the Authorities of Syria and of the inhabitants of Beyrout for his generous solicitude for the welfare of this place.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1872, No. 1,083.

Forest, No. 11.

ORDERED to be communicated to General F. Cotton who will doubtless be glad to learn that his action in the matter has been so gratefully appreciated.

2. A supply of Nanul and Tamarick seed has recently been sent to the Consul General at Beyrout.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To S. J. Eldridge, Esq.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Copie

N° 216.

Damas le 2 Juin 1872.

Monsieur le Consul Général,

J'ai reçu aujourd'hui la lettre que vous m'avez adressée en date du 29 passé. Je me hâte de vous faire mes vifs remercimments pour l'intérêt que vous portez à la ville de Beyrouth.

Conformément au désir que vous m'avez exprimé j'ai donné les ordres nécessaires au Mutsarrif de cette localité; Je n'ai nul doute que vous ne

Monsieur

Monsieur J. Eldridge
Consul Général de S. M. Britannique
à Beyrouth

ne contribuez de tout votre possible
à la réussite de cette plantation.

Avant de terminer je vous
prierai de transmettre aussi mes
remerciments à M.r le Général Cotton
qui a eu l'idée philantropique
de sauver la ville de Beyrouth des
grandes masses de sables qui
menaçaient de l'envahir.

Je saisis en même temps,
cette occasion pour vous renouveler
l'assurance de ma considération la
plus distinguée.

Signé J. Subhy.

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Beyrout,
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
S. Jackson Eldridge
Consul General

Revenue 1872 Sept.
No 2255

From
S. J. Eldridge Esqre
Consul General. Beyrout.

Dated 9th June
Rec'd 8th July } 1872.

Acknowledging receipt of supply of Canarina sent forwarded by Madras Govt and transmitting copies of answers of their Excellencies the Governors General of Syria and of Mt Lebanon to whom copies of Madras Govt letter were communicated.

No 1083- 19th July 1872

1 to S. J. Eldridge Esqr dis 24 July 72
13 " Conservator of Forests "