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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
9th September 1872.*

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No. 57. Read the following letter from the Officiating Inspector of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 2nd September 1872, No. 1,432 :—

AGREEABLY to G. O. No. 1,155 of 2nd August 1872, I proceeded with the Collector of Malabar to select the land for the formation of Teak Plantations at Amrapollium and on the banks of the Kurrapoya River.

2. At Amrapollium we selected about 500 acres of superior land on both banks of the stream and adjoining the young Teak Plantation which we have agreed to purchase.

3. At Kurrapoya we have selected about 4,000 acres of very superior land, bounded on the south and west by small streams which run into the Kurrapoya. On the east the boundary is partly a small stream which runs into the Kurrapoya; the line is then continued due south until it cuts the small stream forming the southern boundary. On the north a line runs from the eastern boundary stream until it cuts the western boundary stream. We have been careful to select natural boundaries, such as rivers and streams with ample water frontage, and in no case will the dragging to the water exceed three-quarters of a mile. A rough sketch map of the ground is being prepared by Mr. Macgregor.

4. The outline of the agreement may be summed up as follows :—The Edawannah Rajah for the sum of 80,000 Rs. agrees to make over to Government, on the following conditions, 4,500 acres of forest-land, as per signed plans, for teak planting purposes, and about 100 acres of planted teak, averaging ten years in age. The Rajah of Edawannah to keep open all existing roads, to supply bamboos at the rate of 2 Rs. per 100; the Rajah to stop all felling of timber at once; the Government to pay an annual quit-rent of 100 Rs. as an acknowledgment of the jenmi right; the Rajah to be allowed three dragging roads 12 feet wide, and a timber depôt on each side of the ford on the Kurrapoya. This agreement to last for 999 years.

5. It is very advisable that Mr. Macgregor be authorized to pay the Rajah a sum of, say, 60,000 Rs. down at once; otherwise we shall lose in timber felled, and the Rajah will lose in interest to be paid, which cannot be less than 1,000 Rs. a month. The balance of 20,000 Rs. can be paid on the execution of the deed of sale.

6. The land lies in two separate blocks distant from each other seven miles.

7. It was thought at one time that bamboo land should be purchased, as so many tracts of bamboo have seeded that floating threatened to become a difficulty. It would be better for us to plant bamboos regularly along the banks of all streams; these when grown up would serve a double purpose: they would prevent erosion of the banks, and supply floating materials for years to come. Saplings when felled require to be delivered on the coast at once, or they deteriorate; these require bamboos; but large timber can be floated after 18 months, and requires no bamboos.

8. It is very desirable that a larger kind of bamboo should be grown, and seed might be obtained from Burma and China. Besides the advantage of obtaining a superior kind of bamboo for floating purposes, we should obtain a better price

at Calicut. There is a kind of bamboo grown in China called the Mow Chok. It is said to be very superior, of gigantic size, and great strength. Some of this seed would be very valuable; it might be tried at Nellumboor in Wynaad and on the slopes of the hills. I am not aware of the elevation and latitude; it grows in China, as they have many varieties of the bamboo, some growing as far as 40 north latitude. So very superior is the soil and climate on the Kurrapoya that bamboos must succeed there.

9. It is important that no time be lost in obtaining a proper survey of the land.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1872, No. 1,302.

Forests, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Malabar who is authorized to disburse such portion of the purchase-money

within the amount sanctioned by the Supreme Government as he may think proper.

2. He will communicate with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey in view to the demarcation and survey of the selected land as speedily as possible.

3. Application will be made to the Burma and Hongkong authorities for a supply of the bamboo seed required.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.  
,, the Inspector of Forests.  
,, the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Accountant-General.  
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Memo with reference to para 3  
of GO. 9 Sept 1872 No 1302.

I have not drafted the  
letter to Burma - as an appli-  
cation was made to the Chief

To Chief Commr. Commission here in March 1871  
British Burma on Major Beddome's suggestion,  
4 March 71 No 394 for seed of the Bambusa gi-

-grutia the giant bamboo of  
Burma, which Major Beddome  
stated "would be a most valua-  
ble introduction into this Presidency  
and would grow well on the banks  
of our Western Coast rivers"  
In April following, the Burma  
authorities replied that the trees  
then

GO. 4 No  
No 393.

They were recently flowered and 50. 19 May 87  
that a supply of seed with No 883  
a case of seed bags would  
be sent very shortly. This was  
not appear to have as yet  
reached us. Her husband  
told office people yesterday  
that the seed has not been  
received. Mrs. reported

Memo  
for Large seed  
about at the  
to Burma for  
Bamboo seed  
etc.

Observations to  
former letter - to  
renew the  
in former letter  
promised seed &  
plant may be  
expected



Office of Inspector of Forests  
No. 1432.  
Cotacamund 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 1872.  
From  
Lt. Colonel A. R. Morgan  
Off. Inspector of Forests.  
The Honorable W. H. Duddleston  
Secretary to Government.  
R. S. S.

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Sir,  
Your Most Obedt Servt.

W. Forsyth Colonel  
Offg. Inspector of forests



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Govt. of 1872  
REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR.

cc., cc., cc.

Dated September 9th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 9th September 1872, No. 1,302.

SEPTEMBER.  
Nos. 57-58.

*Land for the Extension of the Nellumbor  
Teak Plantation.*—Officiating Inspector of Forests,  
letter on the subject of its selection, etc., com-  
municated to the Collector of Malabar, with  
certain instructions.