

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21*st November* 1872.

No. 155. Read the following letter from the Inspector of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 11th November 1872, No. 1,563 :—

I HAVE the honour to inform you that when lately in Australia I had a good many valuable plants and seeds given me by the Botanical Gardens at Melbourne and Sydney, and that I have succeeded in conveying most of these to the Ootacamund Government Gardens in a flourishing state at a small cost only. The Colonial Government Gardens, particularly those at Melbourne, are very rich in plants from all parts of the world, and I was astonished to see how much can be done by exchange with different countries; they can supply us with many valuable things, and wish me to send orchideæ, scitamaceous plants, bamboos, rattans, etc., from our jungles in exchange. We might also do much in the way of exchange in plants, seeds, etc., with the Cape and Japan; I request, therefore, that I may be allowed to expend up to Rs. 500 on this object. Of the Rs. 500 sanctioned in G. O. No. 945 of the 18th June last, I only expended Rs. 60 which was almost entirely in carriage.

2. Alluding to the exchange of seeds I may remark that it is of the utmost importance that these should be despatched with as little delay as possible direct to their final destination. I have been very successful in introducing new plants by means of seed into the Botanical Gardens at Kew, Ceylon, etc., but in almost all cases I despatch direct from the jungles where the seed is collected, and many seeds retain their vitality for so short a period, if dried, that it is necessary to use damp moss.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1872, No. 1,599.

Forests, No. 7. APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Government

Office of Inspector of Forests.
Ootacamund 11th Novr 1872.

No. 1563.

From

Major R. H. Beddome

Inspector of Forests.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Revenue Depart.

Fort St. George.

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Your Most Obed.t Servt.

R.H. Beddome Major
Inspector of Forests

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Forest Department

No 3688.

From The Inspector of Forests

To The Secretary to Govt.
R. D.

Dated 11th November 1872.
Received 15th

No 1563.

Enclosure None

Subject

Reports upon the plants & seeds obtained from the botanical gardens at Melbourne & Sydney & the success in conveying most of them to the Ootty Govt. Gardens in a flourishing state at a small cost only also on the exchange of seeds &c

Approved. 27th November 1872.

5 Do Do Superintendent Botanical Gardens Ootacamund
4 Do Do Curator Government Gardens Ootacamund
3 Do Do Inspector of Forests

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