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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st May 1873.*

Read the following papers :—

- No. 8. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1873, No. 515,
Forest No. 11.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 6th March
1873, No. 261, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Baobab Tree*.—Letter from the Government of India regarding
its proposed cultivation in India, forwarded to the Board of Revenue and to the
Inspector of Forests for remarks.

THE Board are of opinion that Government should not undertake the form-
ation of plantations. It should be left to private enterprise; but it would be well
that the Inspector of Forests should publish all the information available on the
subject.

- No. 9. From Major R. H. BEDDOME, Inspector of Forests, to Honourable
R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Depart-
ment, dated Ootacamund, 10th April 1873, No. 1,757.

WITH reference to the Government Order No. 261 of the 6th March last,
I have the honour to inform you that I cannot afford much information regarding
the *Adansonia* and its growth in this Presidency, as there are, as far as I know, only
a few specimens at Madras; and I do not think the tree has ever been tried on the
west side of this Presidency, where the rainfall is more favourable to rapid growth.

2. There is one good specimen in the Society's gardens at Madras, which is
supposed to have been planted about 35 years ago. This is about 50 feet high, and
the trunk, 13'-9" in diameter, at 6 feet above the ground; and there are several speci-
mens in the compound of the Elphinstone's Hotel, which were probably planted at
the same time: these are the only specimens that I have ever seen of the tree,
though, I believe, there are some others in the Northern Division; and, as it is only an
introduced tree, yielding a most valueless timber, I have never given it any atten-
tion. It seeds freely, and seedlings are easily raised; but I can give no opinion as
to the sort of soil, or to the amount of rainfall most favourable to its growth; but
its growth at Madras appears to be very much slower than in Calcutta.

3. I very much doubt if it would ever pay to rear plantations for the sake
of the bark: it would, I presume, take many years to get a crop, and, then, if the
timber is, as I believe, valueless even as fuel, the profit would probably be less than
what many other sorts of trees would yield, in the same time, from a timber or fuel
crop.

- No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1873, No. 441.

Forests, No. 1.

ORDERED that the foregoing papers
be forwarded to the Government of
India, with reference to the letter from
that Government, 15th February 1873, No. 6-289, with an intimation that this

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Government concur in the opinion that it is not advisable to incur the expense of forming plantations of the Baobab tree.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Office of Inspector of Forests.
Cotacamund 10th April 1873.

Major R. H. Beddome
Inspector of Forests.

To,

R. A. Dalgelyell Esq^{re}
As Secretary to Government.
R. D.

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I have the honor to be,
^{Sir,}
Your Most Obedient Serv^t
Rt Hon^{ble} Major
Inspector of Forests.

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Forest Department
No 1080

From
The Inspector of
Forests.

To,
The Secretary to
Govt.

Dated 10th
March 1873.

Received No 1757
Enclosure here,
Subj.

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Submits reply to EO
No 261 of the 6th March 1873

Regarding the statement
and its growth in this
Presidency -
S.O. No 444-1-1873

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 1st April 1873.

Read the following ^{may} papers.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Expressing opinion }
regarding the plantations of } H.E. 3^d April 1873 No. 515.
Baobab Trees

Letter from the Inspector of Forests.

Submitting reply to }
G.O. No 261 of 6 March 1873 re: } H.E. 10^d April 1873 No. 175.
regarding the Adansonia &
its growth in this Presidency

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Gobt. of 1873 Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated May 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 1st May 1873, No. 441.

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Nos. 8-10.

Baobab Tree.—Papers relating to its cultivation, ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India, with an intimation that it is not advisable to incur the expense of forming plantations of it.

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