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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd March 1874.*

No. 24. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Inspector of Forests, to D. F. MICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 12nd February 1874, No. 2,035:—

With reference to G. O., No. 891, dated 22nd August 1873, I have the honour to inform you that the Mahogany seed was distributed between the Madras Gardens and the North Arcot, Cuddapah, and Nelumbur plantations. In the North Arcot plantations only one seed has as yet germinated, and that seedling is reported as yellow and sickly; but the whole of the seed is said to have arrived looking mouldy and useless. In Cuddapah sowing commenced at from twenty-two to twenty-eight days, but only seven seeds germinated, and out of these two seedlings afterwards died, the remaining five are still very small but tolerably healthy. At Nelumbur 9-10ths of the seeds are reported to have arrived quite bad; only one seed germinated, but the growth of this is reported as promising to surpass that of Teak.

2. The best seeds were selected for trial in the Madras Gardens, and they appear to have germinated freely, but many died off; the growth, however, of a few which survive has been rapid and good.

3. I would recommend that further supplies should be procured from the Honduras for our Nelumbur plantations. They should, in all instances, be taken out of their seed-vessels and packed in dry silver sand.

4. I enclose letters on the subject from the different districts.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1874, No. 288.

Forests, No. 1.

ORDERED that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Secretary of State, with a request for a further supply of seed, and that a copy be also sent to the Government of India with reference to their letter of the 12th August 1873, No. 307.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government,

To the Inspector of Forests.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman

1102035- Madras 2nd February 1874.

From
Lieutenant Col. R. N. Beddome
Inspector of Forests.

To
D. J. Carmichael Esquire
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

With reference to G O No 891 dated
23rd Aug 1873 I have the honor to inform you
that the Mahogany seed was distributed
between the Madras Gardens and the North
Acre, Cuddapah and Telumbair Planta-
tions. In the North Acre plantations only
one seed has as yet germinated and that
seedling is reported as yellow and sickly
but the whole of the seed is said to have
arrived looking mouldy and useless. In
Cuddapah germination commenced at
from 22 to 28 days but only 7 seeds germi-
nated and out of these 2 seedlings afterwards
died

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INSPECTOR OF FORESTS.

2nd May 1874

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MARCH
Nos. 91-23.

Examination of the Mahogany
seed from the Madras Gardens. — Orders
issued for the purpose of the report
to be made. — The seed is to be sent to the Secretary of State,
and the report to be sent to the Government of
India.

dead, the remaining 5 are still very small but tolerably healthy. At Belumbur 9/10^{ths} of the seeds are reported to have arrived quite bad, only one seed germinated but the growth of this is reported as promising to surpass that of Teak.

2. The best seeds were selected for trial in the Madras Gardens and they appear to have germinated freely but many died off, the growth however of a few which survive has been rapid and good.

3. I would recommend that further supplies should be procured from the Honduras for our Belumbur Plantations, they should in all instances be taken out of their seed vessels and packed in dry silver sand.

4. Enclose letters on the subject from the different districts

I have the honor to be
Sir,

your most obedient S^t

W. H. Dutt

Inspector of Forests

Germination commenced in from 22
days on the Occasionally Codoo 18 Noddig.

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I am
 Sir
 Your Able Servant
 J. R. R. R.
 Royal Secretary

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text follows, possibly containing details of a report or correspondence.]

Enclosed in letter
 No 3035 dated 2nd
 February 1874 from
 the Inspector of Forests

1873-74.
 Miscellaneous.
 From The Honorary Secretary
 Agri Horticultural
 Society's Gardens.
 To The Inspector of
 Forests.

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Dated 9th
 Received } Sept 1873.

No-415.

Enclosure here

Subject

States that the packets
 of Mahogany seeds, marked
 No 1, 2, & 3 were received Nov 1873
 germinated freely in about 14
 days; in No 3 only about 5
 per cent germinated & these
 took 18 days -

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Germination Commenced

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Malabar Collector's Office
Calicut 24 October 1898.

N^o. 2602.

From,

A. MacGregor Esq.
Collector of Malabar.

To,

Genl. Colonel R. B. Beddome.
Inspector of Forests.
Pootacamund.

Sir,

I am acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated 3rd ultimo N^o. 1898. I have the honor to state that the Deputy Conservator of the Nilambur Forests reports that on opening the box containing the Mahogany seeds, he found nine-tenths of them utterly damaged, and that of the remainder, only one has germinated up to date. It is therefore supposed that the seeds forwarded were not fresh and good.

2. He further states that from the one seedling ~~seen~~, he is of opinion that the growth of Mahogany promises to surpass that of Teak.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed^t servant

C. Cumming
Assistant for Collector-

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Enclosed in letter No.
2035 dated 20th February
1874 from the Secretary
of Forests.

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By Conservator of Forests

Camp Sullagoota Chano

6th January 1874

From

Mr. H. H. Yarde,

By Conservator of Forests

Cuddapah

To

W. D. Horsley Esq.

Collector & Conservator of Forests

Cuddapah

Sir,

I have the honor to forward your report on the result of the experiment of Mahogany seeds and its germination as per Memorandum Forest No. 188 from the Board Revenue dated 28th August 1873.

Nursery beds were prepared 6' x 6' the soil being made loose to a depth of about 2'.

The seeds about 420 in No. were distributed over 4 plantations, viz. Ooperopally, Codoor, Reddipully, and Pullumpett, being thrust in to the soil about half an inch at an inclination, entirely covering one side the wing of the seeds. About 700 seeds were put into each bed of the above mentioned dimensions nearly 4 inches apart, and watered once every morning, or evening, or every other day according to the weather during the months of September and October 1873.

Germination commenced in, from 22 days on the Ooperopally, Codoor, Reddipully.

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plantations. 3 germinated at Ooperapully, of
 which, two died away leaving only one remain-
 ing 2 at Codoor, and 2 at Reddipully. On the
 Clumpett Plantation, they entirely failed
 to germinate. Of the 5 surviving plants, I
 cannot yet pass a decided opinion as they
 seem to be very slow in growth, having
 attained only a height of about 4 inches in 3
 months, though much care has been bestowed
 upon them with reference to watering &c. and
 all, they don't seem to have a very healthy
 appearance. The Cause of so very few germinating,
 am at a loss to guess whether the seeds were old or
 rancid, whether they were planted out of season
 or not, or too much, or too little water even. I cannot
 state with another trial, and the present sur-
 viving plants, I dare say I will be able to come
 to a fair Conclusion.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obt. St.

Signed H. H. Yarde.

Deputy Conservator of Forests

(True Copy)

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Communicated to the Inspector of Forests with
 reference to his letter of 3rd September 1873 N. 1899.

Addapah Collectors
 Office -
 20 January 1874.

W. H. M. S.
 Collector

Exd. 20/1/74

No. 1158.

NORTH ARCOT, ~~Madras~~ OFFICE,

Chittoor 18th December

1873.

From

W. S. Whiteside Esq

Collector of North Arcot.

To

Major R. Reddome

Inspector of Forests

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Sir,

In their official Memo dated 23rd August last Forest No ¹⁸⁸/₁₂₆₂ the Board of Revenue informed me that a quantity of Mahogany seed, received by them from Government through you a speciality to Government Order dated 10th June 1873 No 587, was forwarded to Mr. Sheffield, and directed me to report direct to you the result of the experimental plantation of this seed. I have the honor, accordingly, to state that Mr. Sheffield reports to me in his letter of the 12th Instant No 421, that up to the present time only one Mahogany seed has germinated, and that he does not expect any more to germinate as the seed was quite mouldy and useless when received from Madras. The one plant is yellow and sickly and Mr. Sheffield

Indorsement in letter by 2035
dated 2nd February 1874.
from the duplicate of Forest

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Sheffield does not expect it to bind.

I have the honor to be
— Sir

Your most obedt. servant

W. Whitwell

Collector

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Revenue Department.

No. 288

Forest

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2nd ^{March} February 1874.

READ the following letter from the
Inspector of Forests.

Reporting upon the result
of the experimental plantings of
mahogany seeds in different forests.

H. E. 2^d Feb. 1874 N. 2035

Ordered that the
foregoing letter be communicated
to the Secretary of State, with a
request for a further supply of
seed, and that a copy be also sent
to the Govt. of India with reference to
their letter of the 12th Aug. 1873 N. 337.

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3rd Inspector of Forests - des. 4-3-74

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Enclosure in letter to
2035 dated 2nd February
1874 from the Inspector of
Forests.

From

The Magistrate of

North Arcot.

To
the Inspector of Forests.

Dated 18th December 1873

Despatched 19-12-73

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ENCLOSURE.

Subject.

Reports that only one
mahogany seed has
germinated. as the
supply seems small
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in 173 1874

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Experiment with planting of
hedgehog

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