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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 2nd 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 germination 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.

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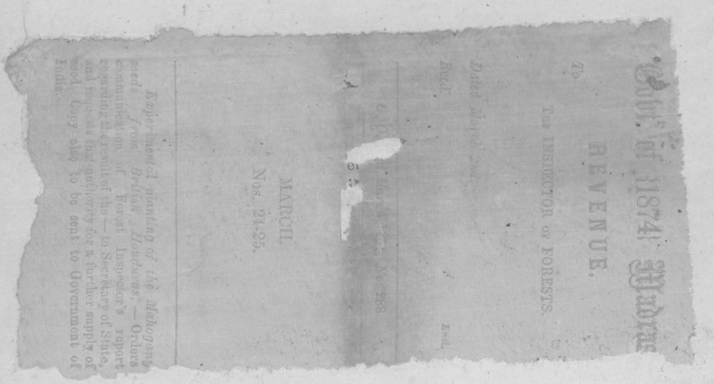
Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Secretary of State, with a request for a further supply of seed, and that a copy be also sent to the Government of India with reference to their letter of the 12th August 1873, No. 307.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.



Govt. G. O. No. 1174 dated 30th June 1874.

REVENUE.

To

The INSPECTOR of FORESTS

MADRAS

Nos. 94-95.

Dated

Read

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Extract from General planters of the Madagascar Mahogany Seed sown in the Botanical Gardens — Ootacamund — Order of the Director of Public Gardens — Ootacamund — Report of the Assistant Inspector of Forests — Nilgiris — Report of the Inspector of Forests — Nilgiris — Secretary of State's Despatch No. — to Secretary of State — Report of the Conservator of Forests — Nilgiris — Report of the Inspector of Forests — Nilgiris — Report of the Assistant Inspector of Forests — Nilgiris

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient Sv.
R.H. Beddome Lieut.Col.
Inspector of Forests

No. 415 4/288

Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens,
Madras, 9 September 1873.

To
Major R. H. Beddome
Inspector of Forests

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge with the request contained in your No. 1908 to state the reasons why Mahogany seeds marked A No. 1-2-3 were received in No. 142 germinated freely in about 14 days in No 3 while about 5 per cent germinated in the Kew tank in 18 days.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]

Germinated in Commenced in Kew 22
Lay on the 8th July Ceased 1873 Aug 4th

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22 Augt — 181-82

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From No 328.
The Insp.r of Forests
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Depart.t.

Dated 2nd February 1874
Rd. 3d.
No. 2035

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Reporting upon the result of the experimental plantation of Mahogany seeds in different forests.

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I am
Sir
Your Obt. Servt
J. Buston Ch.
Hony. Secretary

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Miscellaneous.

Enclosure and letter
No. 2035 dated 2nd
February 1874 from
the Insptr. of Forests

From The Honorary Secretary
Agri Horticultural
Society's Gardens
To The Inspector of
Forests.

Dated 9th
Recd } Septr 1873.

No. 415.

Enclosure Same
Subject
States that the packets
of Mahogany seeds marked
No 1, 2, 4 & 5 were received Nov
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 in, from 22
days on the Pots carefully Covered & Reddy

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Malabar Collector's Office
Calicut 24th October 1873.

No. 2602.

From,

A. MacGregor Esq.
Collector of Malabar.

To,

Lieut. Colonel R. H. Beddome.
Inspector of Forests.
Ootacamund.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated 3rd ultimo No. 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 obt. servant

C. Cumming
Assistant for Collector.

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No 197

Dy. Conservator's Office
Camp Sullagoonta Chanoor
6th January 1874.

From

Mr. F. N. Yarde,
Dy. Conservator of Forests
Cuddapah

To

W. D. Horsley Esqr.
Collector & Conservator of Forests
Cuddapah.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you a report on the result of the experiment of the Mahogany seeds and its germination as per Memorandum Forest No. 188 12-62 from the Board of Revenue dated 28th August 1873.

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

The seeds about 420 in No. were distributed over 4 Plantations, viz. Operapally Codoor Reddipully, and Pullempett, being thrust in to the soil about half an inch at an inclination; entirely covering one side the wing of the seeds. About 100 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

Enclosure in Letter No. 2135 dated 2nd February 1874 from the Collector of Cuddapah.

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Copy forwarded for information.

ntations. 3 germinated at Doperapally, of
ich, two died away leaving only one remain
g 2 at Codoor, and 2 at Reddipully. On the
illumpett Plantation. they entirely failed
germinate. Of the 5 surviving plants, I
not yet pass a decided opinion as they
em to be very slow in growth; having
tained only a height of about 4 inches in 3
nths, though much care has been bestowed
them with reference to watering &c. and
ill, they dont seem to have a very healthy
pearance. The Cause of so very few germinating
am at a loss to guess whether the seeds were old or
ropped, whether they were planted out of season
ll
r too much, or too little water even I cannot
te with another trial, and the present sur-
iving plants, I dare say I will be able to come
a fair Conclusion.

I have the honor to be
sir
Your Most obt. St.
(Signed) H. H. Yarde.
Deputy Conservator of Forests

(True Copy)
No. 5

Communicated to the Inspector of Forests with
reference to his letter of 3d. September 1873. No. 1899.

Reddapah Collectors
Office
20th January 1874.

Collector

Collector

No. 1158. North Arcot, ~~Magistrate~~'s Office,

Chittoor 18th December

1873.

From W. S. Whiteside Esq^r

Collector ~~Magistrate~~ of North Arcot.

To Major R. Beddome

Inspector of Forests

Coimbatore

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 agreeably to Government Order dated 10th June 1873 No 587, was forwarded to Mr^s Sheffield, and directed me to report direct to you the result of the experimental plantation of this seed. I have the honor, according to state that Mr^s 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^s Sheffield

Endorsed on Letter No 2035 dated 22nd February 1874. from the Inspector of Forests

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Sheffield does not expect it & bind-

I have the honor to be

Sir

your Most obed.t & Hble Servant

L. Sheffield

Collector

Enclosure in letter dated 20th February 1874 from the Inspr of Forests.

From

The Magistrate of North Arcot.

To

The Inspector of Forests.

Dated 18th December 1873

Despatched 19-12-

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Enclosure.

Subject.

Reports that only one Mahogany seed has germinated. As the remainder were useless I have not sent them. P.T. 22 March/74 Dr. 23 March 24

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Revenue Department.

No. 288

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2d March February 1874.

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Sd.

To Inspector of Forests dy. 4-3-74

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