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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*1st April* 1874.

No. 19. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel J. C. WOOD, Deputy-Commissioner of Seroncha, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chanda, 23rd March 1874 :—

HAVING heard that the blue-gum tree of Australia, the *Eucalyptus globulus*, was some years ago introduced in the Nilgiris, and that the trees are thriving well, I am writing to request the favour of your obtaining for me all the information you can procure on the subject of this very valuable tree.

2. I have lately returned from England, but before starting for India I sent out a good supply of the seed of the *Eucalyptus globulus*, which I purchased from Mr. McRonald, Seedsman, Chichester.

3. A sufficient quantity of the seed has been procured for experimental purposes in the nineteen districts of the Central Provinces.

4. Mr. McRonald gave me some information regarding the time of year and the manner of sowing the seed in a particular soil; but I am anxious to know particulars respecting the treatment of the plant in India.

5. Experience has been acquired in the Nilgiris, and I am desirous of profiting by a knowledge of the practical results obtained.

6. I shall feel much obliged by being supplied with particulars in detail; but what I wish to know *at once* is, first, the proper time of the year when the seed should be sown; and, secondly, after how many weeks the plants should be transplanted.

7. I am in hopes that the *Eucalyptus globulus* has been reared in the plains in some districts of the Madras Presidency; for then the experience gained would prove very useful for districts in the Central Provinces.

8. If, however, this tree has been introduced only in the Nilgiris, allowance will probably have to be made for the difference in the altitude between the Nilgiris and the Central Provinces.

9. A good deal has appeared in the English and in the Indian papers regarding this remarkable tree.

10. It has thriven well in the Cape of Good Hope, in Algeria, and, I believe, in some parts of Italy.

11. If it has succeeded so well in driving away miasmatic influences in Algeria, I do not see why the *Eucalyptus globulus* should not succeed equally well in many parts of India.

12. If the authorities at the Nilgiris and elsewhere can spare me a small packet of the seed obtained from trees in India, I shall be very thankful for the supply.

13. Not knowing the proper officer to address on the subject, I beg you will pardon the liberty I have taken in writing to you direct.

14. I am on my way to take up my appointment as Deputy-Commissioner of Seroncha, Upper Godavery District, and I shall be obliged by your sending your reply to that station.

15. Should you send on this letter to some other department (perhaps the Forest Department) for disposal, may I beg that you will request the authorities concerned to supply me with the required information as speedily as possible; for, after receiving the particulars myself, I shall have to address the Secretary to the

Chief Commissioner at Nagpore, and that officer will have to communicate with all the Deputy-Commissioners in the Central Provinces.

16. Time is, therefore, a great object.

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*P.S.*—I believe that the *Eucalyptus globulus* thrives best in light soils.

I have also been informed that the seed should be sown in a locality well sheltered from the sun, the soil being kept damp but not too wet.

Perhaps some other species of the Eucalyptus have been reared with success in the Nilgiris, but I would particularly bring to notice that it is with the *Eucalyptus globulus* only that I have any concern.

Amongst other particulars (including a botanical description of the tree) I am anxious to know the approximate maximum height the tree has attained and the number of years it has taken to attain that height; also the average height attained by healthy plants during the first twelve months. In the *Times of India* of the 14th instant a correspondent (Colonel Lowther, Bengal Army) mentions that in some parts of Natal the young trees have been destroyed by white ants. Has such, may I ask, been the case with any of the plants in the Nilgiris or elsewhere?

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No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1874, No. 414.

Miscellaneous.

FORWARDED to the Inspector of Forests, who is requested to furnish the information asked for by the Deputy-Commissioner of Seroncha direct to that officer.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Inspector of Forests.
thro' Dy Commy Seroncha

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Coimbatore Standard
Feb 23 1874

Memorandum, Mr. Hamilton
Inspector of Forests
Blue Gum or Eucalyptus Globulus
Eucalyptus Globulus - Gum
Trees - ago introduced
in the Neilgherries
that the trees are
thriving well, & appear
are coming off your
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obtaining for me
the information

Govt. of [1874] Madras.

REVENUE.

*To*

THE ACTING INSPECTOR OF
FORESTS,

*Dated April 1st.*

*Recd.* *Encl.*

*G. O., 1st April 1874, No. 414.*

APRIL.
No. 19-20.

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this work in the
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Yours truly

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J.C. Wood
D.C.

Revenue 1874 Dept.tt
No. 1013

From
Lt Col J. C. Wood in
Dy. Commr of Seronda

Dated 23d March 74
Rec'd 28th

Requesting to be furnished with full particulars in connection with the Eucalyptus Globulus introduced in the Nilgiris some years ago.

S.O. No 414 - 1st April 74

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Revenue Department.

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**PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

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