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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 312. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th March 1877, No. 1,035:—

Read the following letter from Surgeon-Major G. BIDIE, M.B., Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 27th February 1877, No. 57:—

I HAVE the honor, in reply to their Proceedings, No. 112, of the 20th instant, to submit the following information to the Board regarding certain plants which are being eaten by the people of the Chingleput District.

2. Specimen No. 1 is *Sesuvium portulacastrum*, and No. 5 *Portulaca quadrifida*. Both are more or less nutritious and may be safely used as pot-herbs.

3. No. 2 is *Cressa Cretica* of the natural family *Convolvulaceæ*, and No. 4 *Euphorbia thymifolia*. The latter is used as a vermifuge in native medicine, and I consider both unsafe as articles of food.

4. I am also doubtful as to No. 6, *Æschynomene Indica*, as it belongs to a family, the greater portion of which is unsafe or poisonous.

5. The specimen No. 3 I have failed to identify, as the plant has been reduced to powder.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Chingleput.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 313. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1877, No. 1,004.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector should endeavour to make it generally known that the herbs mentioned by Dr. Bidie in paragraphs 3 and 4 of his letter are unfit for food.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of [1877] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 9th.

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G.O., 9th March 1877, No. 1,004.

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Nos. 312-318.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 695.

Certain Herbs which are being eaten by the people of the Chingleput District.—Observations with reference to Board's Proceedings on Dr. Bidie's report on —, and the Collector should endeavour to make it generally known that those mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report are unfit for food.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 5th March 1877.

Read the following:—

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From,

Surgeon Major G. Bidie M.B.

Superintendent Govt. C. Museum.

To,

The Secretary, Board of Revenue.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Proceedings No. of the 20th instant to submit the following information to the Board, regarding certain plants which are being eaten by the people of the Chingleput District.

2. Specimen No. 1 is Sesuvium portulacastrum, and No. 5 Portulaca quadrifida. Both are more or less nutritious and

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4. I am also doubtful as to No. 6 Eschynomene indica, as it belongs to a family, the greater portion of which is unsafe, or poisonous.

5. The specimen No. 3 I have failed to identify, as the plant has been reduced to powder.

I have &c.

(Sd.) G. Bidie, M.B. Surgeon Major.
Supdt. Govt. Central Museum.

Govt. C. Museum
Madras.
27th February 1877

Communicated [illegible] to the Collector of Chingleput.

(True Copy and Extract)
(Sd.) H.C. Stokes
Secretary

To
The Collector of Chingleput.

(True Copy)

H. Nicholas
Secretary

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