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REFERRING to the G.O., No. 1,873, of the 1st instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Manila hemp (*Musa textilis*) has never been supplied to this department for experimental cultivation, and there are no records on the subject in this Office.

THE marginally noted correspondence containing all the information on record in the Board's Office relative to the experimental cultivation of Manila hemp shows that in 1861 there were 16 plants of this exotic in the Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens, and that it was proposed to distribute some of them for experimental culture. The Collectors of Vizagapatam, Madras, Tanjore, Coimbatore, and Malabar were communicated with, and replied that certain residents of their districts were willing to undertake the experiment and furnish reports on the result. The Board presume that the plants were duly supplied with reference to their Proceedings of 5th August 1861, and it appears that in 1863 a further supply of six plants was sent to Malabar for trial in the Wynaad and on the Coast. The only report of the result of this experiment which can now be traced is that contained in Board's Proceedings, dated 24th September 1863, which shows that the plant supplied to the Collector of Madras was thriving, and that instructions had been issued as to the preparation of fibre. In their Proceedings of 21st February 1870, however the Board informed Dr. Balfour that the experiments with the Manila hemp and other plants furnished by him had been attended with little or no success. The Honorary Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society will be requested to state whether any further information is obtainable from the records of the Society on the subject of the experimental cultivation of this plant. The Superintendent, Government Farms, will also report whether he thinks it desirable to conduct any experiments on the Farm. It does not appear that any good result is likely to be attained by entrusting the experiment to private persons.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

No. 598. Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1877, No. 1,139.

THE Government will await the reports called for in the foregoing Proceedings from the Agri-Horticultural Society and Superintendent Government Farms.

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(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March, 19th.

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