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Military Department.
No. 44,33.
Proceedings of the Madras Government
3rd August 1877
Read the following paper.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

13th July 1877, No. 2,300.

Read the following paper:—

No. 307. Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce (Agriculture and Horticulture), dated Simla, 18th June 1877, Nos. 2-122-133.

Read—

A memorandum on sorgho (*Sorghum Saccharatum*) by Colonel E. Boddam, dated the 22nd May 1871, and revised in July 1872.

Certain papers containing reports on the experimental cultivation of sorgho in India.

A Note by Mr. F. G. Wigley of the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, dated the 1st May 1877.

RESOLUTION.

THE results of the experiments made in India with sorgho exhibit considerable differences in various parts of the country, and the opinions of local officers regarding the capabilities of the plant also vary considerably, but there does not seem to be any reasonable doubt of the great value of sorgho as a forage plant when grown under proper conditions. When grown on poor soil, insufficiently irrigated and manured, it seems hardly, if at all, superior to the common *jowar*, to which it is closely allied; and to maintain the superiority of the plant as displayed in China, in the United States and elsewhere, high cultivation seems to be essential.

2. The experiments which have succeeded best have been those undertaken in the Punjab; and His Excellency the Governor-General in Council requests that the local Government of that province will continue the experiments in a systematic way, all reasonable effort being at the same time made to acquaint native agriculturists with the subject and (practically) with the uses of the stalks and leaves of the plant as fodder. The plant should also be grown systematically by the military authorities in the Punjab under the supervision of the Commissariat Department, the produce being utilized for the sustenance of the draught cattle of the Department, and reports on the cultivation throughout the province should be submitted to the Government of India in this Department half yearly.

3. His Excellency in Council is disposed to recommend to the Government of Madras the expediency of continuing the cultivation of the plant at Húnsúr under the supervision of the Commissariat officer stationed there. The climate of Húnsúr seems to be adapted to the plant, and the produce realized from any experiments made might be utilized on the cattle-breeding farm at the station.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution, with fifty copies of the Note read in the preamble, be forwarded to the Government of the Punjab, and that copy of the Resolution, with thirty copies of the Note, be forwarded to the Military Department.

Revenue Department, 13th July 1877, No. 2,300.

Ordered also that copies of the Resolution and of the Note be forwarded

Government of Madras (with 40 copies of the Note).
" of Bombay (ditto).
" of Bengal (ditto).
" of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh (with 40 copies of the Note).
Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces (with 30 copies of the Note).
" of British Burma (with 30 copies of the Note).
" of Mysore and Coorg (ditto).
" of Ajmere (with 20 copies of the Note).
" of Assam (ditto).
The Resident at Hyderabad (with 30 copies of the Note).

to the Local Governments and Administrations noted on the margin, with the remark that if they are desirous of making further experiments with sorgho, seed is available in the Punjab.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. H. M. BATTEN,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 308.

ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1877, No. 2,300.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. Paragraph 3 of the Resolution of the Government of India will receive consideration in the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with 25 Copies of the Note.
" the Military Department, " 5 " " "

Exd. C. Howarth.

Order

Order— Communicated to the
Commissionary General in view to effect
being given to the recommendation
of the Government of India— reports
on the cultivation of Sorgho at Hunsar
being made half yearly (in January
and June) for the information of Govt.

2 Communicated also to
the Remount Agent, who is requested
to cultivate the plant at the depot
farm and to report on the experiment
half yearly as above.

(True Extract)

(Signed) D. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary

(True Copy)

To: Mr. James.
First Assistant, Mil. Dept.

To The Commissionary Genl.

with 2 copies of the note.
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" Revenue Department.

Govt. of (1877) Mysore

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