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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

30th September 1878, No. 1,589.

Read the following paper :—

No. 352. From Lieut.-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated Pulney Hills, 3rd September 1878, No. 885.

REFERRING to G.O., No. 1,090 of the 18th July last, I have the honor to inform you that I procured small supplies of the seed of the *Pithecolobium Saman* in 1869 and 1870, from trees which had been introduced into Ceylon some years before, as I had heard that it was likely to be a most valuable fuel tree of very rapid growth. All this seed was sown in our Cuddapah fuel plantations; it germinated well, but all the trees have since died off, except two in the Kodur and nine in the Pullampet plantations; of the former, one is now 18 feet high and 9 inches in girth—the latter are not healthy and do not show good growth; the soil is these plantations is very poor and the trees have taken their chance with others and not received garden treatment.

2. Again, in 1871, I received a very small packet of the seeds, and these were all sown in the Ammerdy experimental plantation in North Arcot, near the foot of the hills where the soil is good alluvial. Twelve seeds germinated; nine of which were sent to Palmanair and planted in red gravelly soil, but are reported not to have grown at all well; the remaining three which were kept at Ammerdy have grown more rapidly than any other species of trees there, not excepting casuarina; they are all about 4 feet in girth at 3 feet from the ground and 40 feet high with widespreading branches; one of them branches into three limbs near the base, each limb being ove. a foot in diameter. I had one of these limbs cut to-day, the 2nd of last year and it contained upwards of a bandy-load of timber. Mr. Sheffield, the forest officer in charge of the plantation, reported that the wood was soft, and when used as fuel, gave out a very unpleasant odour of ammonia. These three trees have received what may be called garden cultivation.

3. There is a splended example of the tree growing in the garden of the Judge's house at Tinnevelly, and there can be no doubt that the tree will answer admirably in good soil in the plains particularly near the sea if it receives garden cultivation, and it will be of value I think for avenue, tope and park purposes and for the fodder yielded by its legumes; but it is not likely to be of value in our firewood plantations and reserves where we cannot afford to attempt anything like garden cultivation, and I do not think that it is likely to succeed above ghauts, at least at any elevation.

No. 353. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1878, No. 1,589.

Forests, No. 22.

RECORDED.

2. Copy of the Conservator's letter will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Agri-Horticultural Society, Madras.

Exd. W. H. French.

No. 885. Office of Conservator of forests,
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Dyce Sedgwick Brandis Lt. Colonel
Conservator of Forests

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From The Conservator of Forests

To The Secretary to Govt. Rev. Departt.

Dated 3d. } September 1878.
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No. 885.

Enclosure Nil

Subject

Submits report on the growth of the seed of the Pithecolobium in the Pinewood plantation & Reserves. -

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