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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

18th November 1878, No. 1,837.

Read the following paper:—

No. 184. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th October 1878, No. 1,158.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I have received a fine supply of Ceara rubber plants (*Manihot Glaziovii Muell*) in three cases from Kew.

2. Two Wardian cases containing eighty plants in small pots I sent direct from Madras to Nelambur; one of these cases was in good order, and all the plants thriving and healthy when opened by Mr. Ferguson; the other case had a pane of glass and a sash broken, and the pots tumbled about and some broken (and looking as if it had met with an accident and been re-adjusted); in this sixteen plants were dead, eleven more or less doubtful, and thirteen in fair health.

3. Mr. Ferguson has a site prepared for these plants which I think will suit them well.

4. The other case, a dry deal box, I caused to be forwarded to Ootacamund; of the forty plants it contained, all were in capital condition except six, three of which, I think, are dead and two doubtful; this batch I am establishing in the hot-house in the Government Gardens, where they are already throwing out leaves, and I propose to plant them (except two or three specimens for Burliar and one to be retained at the Government Gardens) in a site prepared for Mahogany in a ravine near the foot of the Kotagiri Ghaut.

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6. I am informed from Kew that there is no intention of sending us out either Castilloa or Hevea plants; a supply, however, has been sent to Ceylon, and we are to look there for plants; so I request that the Ceylon Government may be asked when they can supply plants, they should be sent direct from Colombo to Calicut addressed to "Mr. Ferguson, Nelambur, care of Government Timber Depôt Keeper, Calicut."

No. 185. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1878, No. 1,837.

Forests, No. 12.

G.O., 3rd August 1877, No. 2,437.
,, 11th September 1877, No. 2,698.

THE Conservator of Forests appears to have overlooked the orders noted in the margin, in which instructions were given as to the distribution of these plants. He will now arrange for young plants being supplied to the Superintendent, Government Farms, and Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society, Madras, as therein ordered. The plants in the gardens at Ootacamund should be made over to the Superintendent.

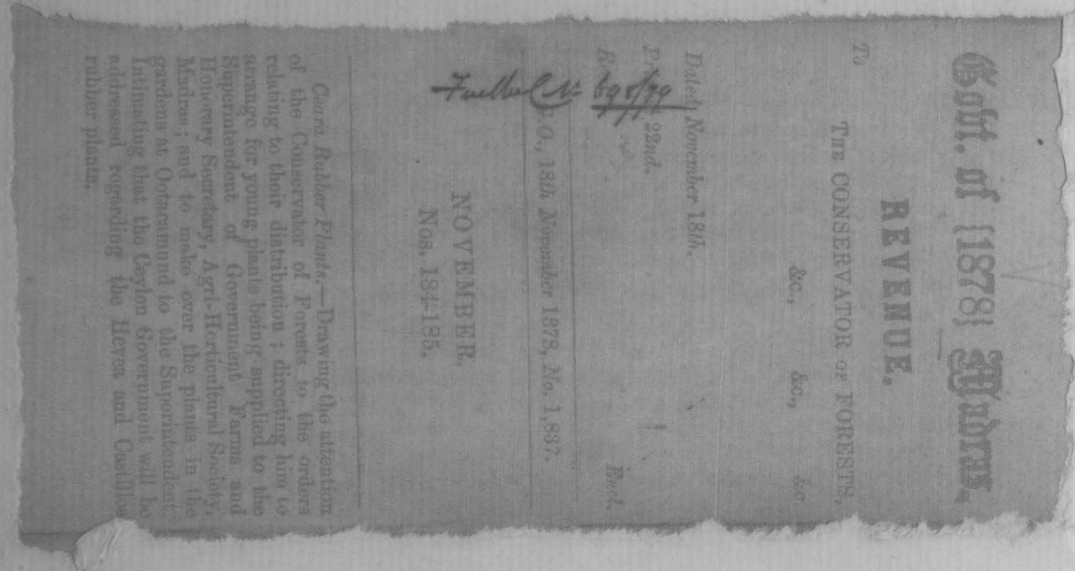
2. The Ceylon Government will be addressed regarding the Hevea and Castilloa rubber plants.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.


Govt. of [1878] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 18th.

Rd. 22nd.

Ans.

Endd.

Full Ans. 69/79

G.O., 18th November 1878, No. 1,837.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 184-185.

Ceara Rubber Plants.—Drawing the attention of the Conservator of Forests to the orders relating to their distribution; directing him to arrange for young plants being supplied to the Superintendent of Government Farms and Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society, Madras; and to make over the plants in the gardens at Ootacamund to the Superintendent, Indicating that the Ceylon Government will be addressed regarding the Heves and Castilloa rubber plants.

Office of Conservator of Forests

No. 1158. Ootacamund 29th October 1878.

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From

Lieutt Colonel R. H. Beddome

Conservator of Forests.

To

C. G. Master Esquire

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

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Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
R H Beddome Lt Colnel
Conservator of Forests.

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Revenue Forests

from No. 4746.

The Conservator of Forests.

To

The Secretary to Govt. Rev. Department

Dated 29th Octr. 1878

Received 31 do

No. 1158

Enclosure Nil

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Subject

Informing that he has received a fine supply of Ceara rubber plants in 3 cases from Kew, and requesting that the Ceylon Govt. may be asked when they can supply plants [illegible]

21 The Conservator Forests [illegible]
14 The Board of Revenue