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1st May 1878, No. 637.

Read the following paper :—

No. 5. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1878, No. 1,120.

Read the following letter from J. SHORTT, Esq., M.D., Retired Surgeon-Major, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ercaud, 15th April 1878 :—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I received a parcel from the Collector of Nellore containing some roots and some powder from the same which was sent to me for identification as "the root was extensively used as a means of subsistence by the poor in the beginning of the famine," and it is said "the poor in many villages fed themselves on pottage prepared from the powder of the root."

2. I find that the root is a species of sedge, *Cyperus bulbosus*, in Tamil it is [illegible] which probably is the local name by which it is known, and as it was not entered in my list of wild plants, I beg to submit these particulars for the information of your Board.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1878, No. 637.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" Dr. G. Bidie.

Exd. C. Howarth.

Rev Deptt.

No. 1120

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 26th April 1878.

Read the following:

To

The Secretary
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I received a parcel from the Collector of Nellore, containing some roots, and some powder from the same, which was sent to me for identification, as "the root was extensively used as a means of subsistence by the poor in the begining of the famine" and it is said "the poor in many villages fed themselves on pottage prepared from the powder

of

Govt. of {1878} Madras
REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 1st.

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Certain roots (species of sedge, Cyperus bulbosus).—Recording Proceedings, Board of Revenue, submitting copy of a letter from Surgeon Major Shortt giving particulars of — in means of subsistence by the poor of Nellore in the beginning of the famine.

of the root."

I find that the root is a species of sedge, Cyperus bulbosus, in Tamil it is known as Shedandie and in Telugu Pura-gaddi but the name by which it is said to be known in Nellore is given as Punga gaddee which probably is the local name by which it is known, and, as it was not entered in my list of wild plants, I beg to submit these particulars for the information of your Board.

I am &c

Ercaud 15th April 78

sd. John Shortt M.D.
Retired Surgeon Major

Submitted for the information of Government.

True Copy & Extract

Ag. Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government R.D.

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