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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following letter from W. A. WILLOCK, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bellary, 10th March 1886, No. 689:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 2376, dated 14th August 1883, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of a note from my Forest Assistant showing the results of the experiments conducted in this district with prickly-pear as a protector of saplings. The District Forest officer has been informed that the experiments do not appear to have been made in a way likely to result in success, as sowing took place too late in the year to allow seeds that germinated a chance of establishing themselves before the dry weather came on. The season also was exceptionally unfavorable. The District Forest officer has been instructed to make further sowings at the commencement of the next monsoon, care being taken that only good seed is made use of.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Office note by J. M. BROUGHAM, Esq., District Forest Officer, dated Rámandrug, 1st March 1886.

I beg to report on the result of the experiments of growing trees in areas overgrown with prickly-pear conducted in this district.

2. With a very few exceptions the prickly-pear occurs in dense patches varying in extent from 1 to 10 acres. So far the experiment has not proved successful and the failure is in part due to the seedlings having withered away from want of rain and in part to their being too weak to break through the prickly-pear.

3. Experiments were conducted in all of the taluks with the exception of Kúdligi, Hadgalli and Harpanhalli where no sufficiently compact block near the cusbah could be found. Seeds of margosa, tamarind, yepi and babul were broadcast. A doubt is entertained, however, as to whether the whole of the seeds so sown successfully reached the ground or were impeded in consequence of the thick growth of the prickly-pear. This much, however, is certain that, compared with the quantity of seed sown, only a small proportion of seedlings came up. In the Ráyadrug taluk particularly a single seedling could not be seen through the cactus, but seedlings may nevertheless exist and will not be visible till they top the pear.

4. The following statement shows the cost and the area sown and the villages in which the experiment was conducted:—

Taluk.	Village where seed was sown.	Extent of land sown.	Number of seedlings already in existence.	Kind of seed.	Cost of collecting and sowing.	Date of sowing.
Alúr ..	Hattibellagall	1 0 0	Nil.	Tamarind and margosa.	Rs. A. P. ..	October 1884.
	Kumbalanur	1 20 0	"			8th September 1884.
	Matur	1 0 0	"			9th " "
	Kudatherhal	1 20 0	"			11th " "
	Nagalapur	2 0 0	"			12th " "
	Kullubhavi	0 10 0	"			17th " "
Adóni ..	Narainapur	0 3 0	"	Tamarind, margosa, babul and yepi.	1 8 0	18th " "
	Kadithola	1 20 0	"			18th " "
	Mandigeri	0 20 0	"			18th " "
	Kapati	0 21 0	"			18th " "
	Kotakal	0 11 0	"			20th " "
Hospot ..	Kampli	0 10 0	"	Margosa, babul and yepi.	0 10 0	29th October "

Taluk.	Village where seed was sown.	Extent of land sown.	Number of seedlings already in existence.	Kind of seed.	Cost of collecting and sowing.	Date of sowing.
Bellary ..	Kolur	2 0 0	Nil.	Margosa, tamarind and babul.	Rs. A. P.	23rd August 1884.
	Moka	2 0 0	"		0 5 4	23rd " "
	Kurugodu ..	2 0 0	"		0 5 4	23rd " "
	Narabigundlahalli ..	0 6 0	"		0 5 4	23rd " "
	Vyaparalli ..	0 7 0	"		0 5 0	20th October "
	Nagireddihalli ..	0 6 0	"		0 6 0	21st " "
	Hossur	0 20 0	"		0 5 0	22nd " "
	Bennakallu ..	0 10 0	"		0 2 0	October 1884. "
	Benakanahalli ..	0 10 0	"		0 1 0	" " "
	Bunduru	0 10 0	"		0 1 0	" " "
	Yelanthe	0 10 0	"		0 1 0	" " "
	Banapuram ..	0 10 0	"		0 1 0	" " "
	Kudlur	0 20 0	"		0 1 0	" " "
	Woddehalu ..	0 20 0	"		0 2 0	" " "
Rayadrug ..	Kolaganahalli ..	0 10 0	"		0 2 0	" " "
	Muradi	0 20 0	"		0 1 0	" " "
	Wothakallu ..	0 20 0	"		0 2 0	" " "
	Yerragunta ..	0 19 0	"		0 2 0	" " "
	Bramasamudram ..	0 6 0	"		0 6 0	December, "
	Singanahalli ..	0 10 0	"		0 4 0	" " "
	Bellary	1 0 0	"		0 6 0	" " "
	Kappagal	1 0 0	"		0 3 0	29th October 1885.
	Rupengudi ..	1 0 0	"		0 2 0	6th November "
	Kolagal	1 0 0	"		0 2 0	6th " "
Bellary ..	Gonahal	1 0 0	"		0 2 0	6th " "
	Kuditani ..	1 0 0	"		0 2 0	6th " "

RESOLUTION—dated 25th March 1886, No. 732
FOREST 143.

Submitted to Government in reference to G.O., No. 883, dated 19th July 1883.

2. The Board agree with the Collector that, under the circumstances, the experiment was not likely to prove successful, and approve of the instructions which he has issued for its retrial.

(True Copies and Extract.)

[Signature]
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

" " Conservator of Forests, in charge of Northern Division.

" " " of Southern "

" " Examiner of Forest Accounts.

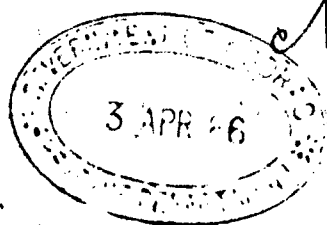
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Board of Revenue,

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Submitting to Government letter from the Collector of Bellary forwarding copy of a note from the District Forest officer showing the result of the experiment conducted with *prickly-pear* as a *protector of saplings*; and approving of the instructions issued for the retrial of the experiment.

To the Board of Examiners Dec. 13. 5. 86