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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th July 1867.*

No. 92. Read the following letter from the Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal, (Revenue—Forests,) to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 1st May 1867, No. 1,803:—

I am directed to forward, for the consideration and orders of the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, a copy of a letter No. 136, dated the 21st ultimo, from the Superintendent of the Botanic Gardens, and to request that instructions may be issued to the authorities at Vizagapatam, with a view to eliciting information on the points mentioned by Dr. Anderson, concerning the existence and growth of the Mahogany tree in that district.

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From T. ANDERSON, Esq., M. D., Superintendent, Botanic Gardens, to the Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—(No. 136, dated the 21st April 1867.)

With reference to your endorsement No. 218, dated 19th January 1867, I have the honour to state that information on the growth of Mahogany might be sought for in Bengal generally through the Commissioners under the heads I shall mention at the end of this letter. Mahogany trees have from time to time been sent to many of the large stations, such as Kishnagur, Dinagpore, Rungpore, Gowalpara, Gowhatty, &c., &c. The trees will probably be found in the gardens of Indigo Planters in Nuddea, Rungpore, Purneah and Tirhoot Districts. Ten plants of Mahogany were sent to the Resident at Khatmandoo in 1818, also two to Rungpore in the same year; six were sent to the Commissioner of Kumaon at Almorah in 1823; two to Vizagapatam in 1827; eight to Tenasserim in 1837; two to Assam in 1838; four to Akyab in 1838, and the same number again in 1843; and six to Rangoon in 1856.

The principal Civil authorities in those places might also be requested to furnish information on the points mentioned below.

The Superintendent of the Barrackpore Park, where many trees of Mahogany still exist, will probably be able to supply valuable information.

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Points concerning the growth of Mahogany trees distributed at various periods from the Botanical Gardens on which it is desirable to obtain information.

If any Mahogany trees are discovered in your district, information on the following points, and as accurate measurements as possible, should be supplied:—

1st.—The places should be accurately indicated where the trees are growing, so that they may be afterwards easily recognized.

2nd.—The soil in which the trees are growing should be mentioned, and any peculiarity of position which may have affected the development of the tree should be noticed, such as proximity to a tank or to a nullah.

3rd.—The date of planting and the source from which the trees were obtained should be mentioned.

4th.—The measurement of the tree round the trunk near the ground, and at 4, 5, and 6 feet above the ground.

5th.—The height of the tree to the summit of the foliage.

6th.—Do any of the trees produce seed; and if they do, what amount of seeds are collected annually.

7th.—Have any trees of Mahogany grown in your district ever been felled, or been blown down by storms; and if so, has the timber of such trees been sold or worked into furniture or in any way made use of.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. JONES,
Asst. Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Board of Revenue will instruct the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam to furnish all the information he may be able to obtain regarding the any plants said to have been sent to that district in 1827, with full details of their present condition, if they can be traced.

They will also cause search to be made in their records for any information the subject of the experimental growth of the tree in this Presidency.

It is observed from the report of Dr. Anderson, published in the Supplement to the Gazette of India of 9th March 1867, that in 1796 a few young plants were sent by Dr. Roxburgh to Mr. Fallowfield of Madras, who planted them in his garden and that three years later they were "thriving well." If these trees are still existing they may probably be discovered.

Further distribution of plants to Madras appears to have been made in 1819, and 1859, and inquiry may elicit some information as to these plants.

The Conservator of Forests and the Agri-Horticultural Society will also be requested to furnish any information on the subject that they may possess or be able to collect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Board of Revenue.

Conservator of Forests.

Temporary Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society.

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No. 1803.

FROM H. L. HARRISON, Esq.,

Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

TO THE SECY. TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Fort William, the 1st May 1867

REVENUE.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. M. M. M.

Junior Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

F. P.

Revenue Department

No. 1500.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 5th July 1867

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