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Recording letter from the Govt of India
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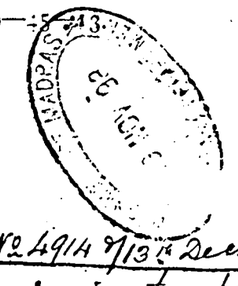
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ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

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Sir

I am directed to forward to the Board of Revenue C.R. 8155 for information.

Dept
15.12.98.

SUBJECT.

Forwards copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State regarding sugar cane disease in Madras. Asks to be informed if the disease occurs in any province and as to the remedial measures adopted and their success.

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12.12.98.

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No. 19—45—13.

FROM

E. MACONOCHIE, Esq., I.C.S.,
Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

All Local Governments and Administrations..

Dept. of Rev. & Agri.
Agriculture.

Simla, the 18th November 1898.

SIR,

I am directed to invite attention to the Agricultural Ledger on sugar-cane disease (*Trichosphæria Sacchari*) which is now being distributed by the Reporter on Economic Products, and to forward for ~~the information of the Government of India~~ ~~and in connection with the Famine Commission~~ X, a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 83 (Revenue), dated the 5th May 1898 (with its first enclosure), regarding the sugar-cane disease reported from Madras and the remedial measures recommended by the authorities of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. Copies of the Kew Bulletin referred to in the despatch are not available, but the relevant information contained in them has been included in the Ledger referred to above.

2. I am to add that the Government of India will be glad of any information as to the occurrence of the fungus in ———————, the remedial measures (if any) adopted and the degree of success which has attended them.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. MACONOCHIE,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
" " " " " Bengal.
" " " " " the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.
" " " " " the Punjab.
" " " " " Burma.
" Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.
" " " " Assam.
" " " " Ajmere-Merwara.
Secretary for Berar to Resident at Hyderabad.

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X will be supplied by this Office.

No. 19—45—13.

COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras for information in continuation of this Department's letter No. 1150—45-5, dated the 3rd June 1898.

By order,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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INDIA OFFICE,

London, 5th May 1898.

Revenue,

No. 83.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,

From Director, Royal Kew Gardens, letter dated 11th April 1898.
Kew Bulletin bound volume 1893.
Do. for March 1894.
Do. „ May „
Do. „ June „
Do. April and May 1895.
Do. May and June 1896.

I forward, for such action as Your Excellency may see fit, copy of a letter from Kew with pamphlets concerning the sugarcane disease reported from Madras, and concerning the remedial measures recommended by the authorities of the Royal Botanical Gardens. It is claimed that these measures have resulted in a great decrease, if not in the extirpation of the pest in Barbadoes and in British Guiana.

I desire to be informed hereafter whether your experts identify the disease as being due to the fungus described by Mr. Thiselton Dyer; how far the remedial measures advised by him have been or may be tried in India; and with what success.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

GEORGE HAMILTON.

Letter from the Director, Royal Gardens, Kew, dated the 11th April 1898, to Sir Charles E. Bernard, K.C.S.I.

I have the honour to acknowledge a copy of the Proceedings of the Government of Madras (G. O. Nos. 127, 127 (*a*), 3rd March 1898) respecting sugarcane disease.

2. Reports have reached Kew that this is very rife in India and is likely to do much mischief.

3. If Dr. Bourne is correct in identifying the disease with *Trichosphæria sacchari*, it may be hoped that the trouble may be only temporary. The identification is not improbable though the inspection of actual specimens would be required for its technical confirmation. Its presence in 1892 in North-West India has been ascertained (Kew Bulletin, 1894, p. 83).

4. Great pains were bestowed on the investigation of the fungus at Kew. Five years ago it menaced the sugarcane crops in Barbadoes with destruction and the population which is wholly dependent on them with famine. I enclose a series of numbers of the Kew Bulletin which give the whole history of the subject. Fortunately the method of treatment suggested as the result of the study of the disease at Kew proved successful (Kew Bulletin, 1895, page 88), and I now learn that it is practically under control. I have no doubt that a similar result might be attained in India.

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