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No. 40. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 23rd December 1863, No. 2362.

Passing, with certain alterations, the Botanical garden and Chinchona plantations Budget Estimate for 1864-65. } (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 23rd December 1863, Nos. 393—394.)

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1864, No. 24.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd December 1863.

No. 393. Read the following letter from W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 11th December 1863, No. 111 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to enclose the Botanical Garden and Chinchona Plantations, Budget Estimate for 1864-65, which I trust will meet the approval of Government.

2. This Estimate in consequence of 150 additional Acres of land to be brought into cultivation shows an increase* of Rupees 10,645 over the Budget of 1863-64. It has also been necessary to estimate an increase of pay from 6 to 7 Rupees per mensem to 130 Under-gardeners, as 7 Rupees is now the prevailing rate of pay throughout the District for good workmen, and in order to enable us to keep up our Establishment it is necessary that we pay the usual rate.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* Increase on salaries.	2,930	0	0
,, Establishment.	4,296	0	0
,, Allowances.	1,095	0	0
,, Contingencies.	1,524	0	0
,, Buildings.	800	0	0
Total increase.	10,645	0	0

3. I would also solicit the favor of Government being pleased to allow the same advantages to the First Assistant Superintendent at Neddivuttum, as secured to Mr. Lyall† by the Secretary of State, viz., that his salary be increased at the rate of £10 per annum for five years. This rate of increase has been estimated in the present Budget.

† Letter from Under Secretary of State, dated India Office, London, 3rd March 1862, recorded in G. O. 1st April 1862, No. 714.

No. 393A. From W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, Ootacamund, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 21st December 1863, No. 116.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum No. 267 of the 15th instant, I have the honor to submit the Estimate cost of the formation of a Tea Plantation of 30 Acres. This extent will, I think, be sufficient to produce enough of seeds to meet the demand, but should the Government deem it expedient to increase or reduce the extent, the Estimate will of course be increased or reduced accordingly.

2. Should these Estimates meet the approval of Government it will be necessary to add to my Budget Estimate of 1864-65, a monthly expenditure of Rupees 50 for an Overseer for the Tea plantation, and 200 Rupees per mensem for 30 Under-gardeners to plant and keep up the plantation and nurseries for the year.

No. 394. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1863, No. 2,362.

1. With this letter the Superintendent of the Government Botanical Gardens and Chinchona Plantations on the Neilgherries submits his Budget Estimate for 1864-65. Mr. McIvor has made a mistake in entering in the column of Estimate of 1863-64, the sums originally given in his Budget for that year instead of the sums sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 8th January 1863, No. 38, though he has made the comparison in his letter correctly. The sums authorized for 1863-64, and the sums now proposed by Mr. McIvor and passed by Government for 1864-65 are given below :—

	1863-64.	1864-65.	Difference.	Passed by Government.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Salaries	9,470	12,400	+ 2,930	12,400
Establishment	26,100	30,396	+ 4,296	30,400
Saderwarid and Contingencies	.....	6,994	+ 6,994	2,000
Working charges	31,070	21,600	— 9,470	21,600
Buildings	.....	4,800	+ 4,800	4,800
Travelling allowance to the Superintendent...	.....	1,095	+ 1,095	1,100
Total Chinchona Plantations	66,640	77,285	+ 10,645	72,300
Allowance to Horticultural Gardens ...	1,200	1,200	.....	1,200
	67,840	78,485	.....	.....

Of the increase under "Salaries" Rupees 1,400 consists of the higher salary to Mr. McIvor recommended to the Secretary of State, and the annual additional allowances to which some of his

Assistants will be entitled under the terms of their Covenants. The provision of Rupees 6,994 for Saderwarid and Contingencies seems to be much more than can be necessary. The actual expenditure in 1862-63 was only Rupees 700 and making allowance for the extension of operations since, 2,000 Rupees must be ample. The Chinchona Budget reduced to Rupees 72,300 is passed, and will be transmitted to the Acting Accountant General.

2. The allowance of Rupees 1,200 to the Horticultural Gardens is passed.

3. Mr. McIvor should bring forward separately his proposal to raise the salary of the First Assistant Superintendent at Neddivattum. The Assistant's name, the terms on which he was engaged, his length of service and such other particulars as will enable Government to come to a correct conclusion, should be given.

4. The entry of Rupees 2,800 is for a small Tea Plantation (30 acres) on the Neilgherries. Very great difficulty is now experienced in procuring seed. Drs. Jamieson and Cleghorn have greatly aided the Government, and sent seed from Northern India on several occasions; much of the seed, however, had lost its germinating character ere it reached its destination. Private planters have not these means of procuring seed, and have no security that what they do obtain by other than Government agency is of approved kinds. There can be no doubt that Tea planting will succeed well on the Neilgherries, and probably also on the other hill ranges of this Presidency but the difficulty, delay and expense of obtaining good seed is a serious obstacle to the extension of Tea planting. The local supply is entirely in the hands of two individuals who cannot reasonably be expected to give up the profits which a large demand creates. Under these circumstances, Government have determined on opening a small plantation, solely with the object of supplying fresh seed of the best varieties. The plantation will be under Mr. McIvor's management, and the seed will be sold at prime cost *plus* a fair profit, so as not to interfere with private enterprise.

The total sums now passed are,

	Rs.
Cinchona Plantations on Neilgherries...	72,300
Horticultural Gardens at Ootacamund...	1,200
Tea Plantations at do.	2,800
Total.....	76,300

(True Extract)

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Accountant General.
" Financial Department.
" Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations.
" Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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