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No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 21st November 1867, No. 2757.

Passing orders on the Budget Estimates for 1868-69 of the Superintendent of the Government Chinchona Plantations and the Government Quinologist. (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 21st November 1867, Nos. 379—381).

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1867, No. 556.

To be recorded.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st November 1867.

Read the following letters:—

No. 379. From the Acting Superintendent of the Government Chinchona Plantations, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 17th October 1867, No. 134.

1. In accordance with the instruction of the Accountant General, I have the honor to forward herewith the Budget Estimate of this department for the official year 1868-69.

2. I have (pending the sanction of Government) increased the salary of one Overseer on the permanent establishment from Rupees 40, as entered in last year's Budget, to Rupees 50. This increase is proposed on account of long service, and I trust Government may be pleased to pass the same.

3. The decrease shewn is principally on account of working charges, a considerable amount of the oldest planted portions of the plantations being now so much advanced as to require but little attention.

No. 380. From J. BROUGHTON, Esq., Quinologist to Government, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 28th October 1867.

1. According to directions received by telegraph on the 24th instant, I have the honor to forward Budget Estimate for the year 1868-69. It is necessarily anticipatory of the probable issue of my present labors.

2. From my own observation, aided by repeated experience in the preparation of alkaloids from the Chinchona barks of these Government plantations, I am decidedly led to the belief that the direct utilization of at least a portion of the barks produced on these hills will be found both practicable and expedient. The supply of febrifuge alkaloids in a convenient form to the Hospitals and Dispensaries of this country is so important and desirable a consequence of the success of Chinchona cultivation, that an attempt at their manufacture must inevitably be made at some period even were the conditions less favorable than they at present appear. The circumstance of being required to estimate for the chemical work of the plantations a year and a half in advance, has therefore led me to submit, for the provisional sanction of Government, the details of cost for the erection and working of a small experimental manufactory. I have no hesitation in affirming that in a year from the present time such an establishment will be found most desirable.

3. By commencing such an undertaking on a comparatively small scale, experience will be obtained for its eventual extension in the mode best suited to this country. The serious errors that might arise at a later period by the erection of a more extensive manufactory on the European plan will thus be avoided.

4. In an early and in subsequent reports I shall be able to justify by specific details the opinions that circumstances have led me now to express.

No. 381. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1867, No. 2,757.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Budgets of the Superintendent of the Chinchona Plantations and the Quinologist for 1868-69 are submitted with the letters above recorded.

2. The Acting Superintendent estimates the proceeds of the sale of Chinchona and Tea plants in the next year at Rupees 12,500 against the estimate of

Rupees 10,000 for 1867-68, and Rupees 456, the actual receipts of 1866-67. Mr. Batcock does not state his grounds for raising the estimate. The actuals of the last three years do not justify such a step, and taking the average of those years, the probable sale proceeds in 1868-69 cannot be fixed at a higher figure than Rupees 5,000. The estimate will be revised accordingly.

	Rs.
1864-65	11,200
1865-66	2,234
1866-67	456

3. The Budgets of charges amount together to Rupees 84,942 against Rupees 81,000, the estimate for the current year, and Rupees 75,834, the actual of 1866-67 (eleven months). The chief items in the Budgets are shewn in the subjoined table :—

Chinchona Plantations.	Actual of 1866-67.	Estimate for 1867-68.	Estimate for 1868-69.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Salaries and Allowances	11,830	12,800	14,300
Establishments	15,337	16,764	16,884
Temporary do.	10,328	7,012	6,744
Jail Department	5,679	10,648	11,248
Miscellaneous	31,560	19,220	13,500
	74,734	66,444	62,676
Tea Plantations	.....	1,356	1,356
Donation to Botanical Gardens	1,100	1,200	1,200
Quinologist	.....	12,000	19,710
Grand Total...	75,834	81,000	84,942

4. The estimate for the Chinchona plantations alone is, on the whole, less than the estimate for the current year by Rupees 3,768, and the actual of the last year by Rupees 12,058. The decrease occurs under "Temporary Establishments" and "Miscellaneous," in consequence chiefly of the older plantations requiring but little attention. There is, however, an increase under "Salaries and Allowances" and "Establishments" which cannot be passed. The inclusion of Rupees 1,500 in the Budget for the current year for a new Superintendent, on the salary of Rupees 125 per mensem, was disallowed in the absence of any explanation on the subject. This explanation has not been submitted, and the charge cannot be admitted into the present Budget. The proposition to increase the salary of one Overseer in the permanent establishment from Rupees 40 to Rupees 50, at an additional charge of Rupees 120 per annum, must be submitted separately and distinctly from the Budget, with the necessary particulars as to his service, &c. The estimate for the Jail at Neddivuttum amounts to Rupees 11,248 against Rupees 10,648. In passing the latter sum the Government remarked* that the provision differed from the scale approved in the Order of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 23rd March 1866, No. 425, and called upon Mr. McIvor to submit an explanation on the subject. This requisition has not been complied with, and the Acting Superintendent will be called upon to supply the omission without delay. The increase of Rupees 600 over the estimate for 1867-68 is the monthly allowance of Rupees

Order dated 13th December 1866, No. 3,356, paragraph 7.

* Order dated 13th December 1866, No. 3,356.

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50 to the Superintendent of the Jail, sanctioned in the Order of Government dated 26th March 1866, No. 753, but not entered in the Budget for that year. The estimate of Rupees 11,200, in round numbers, will however be passed provisionally. The revised estimate for the plantations alone amounts to Rupees 61,000.

5. The estimates of Rupees 1,356 for the "Tea Plantations" and that of Rupees 1,200 for the donation to the Botanical Gardens, need no remark, and are passed. The former will, however, be reduced to the round sum of Rupees 1,300, and the small difference can be met from savings if necessary.

6. The estimate of the Quinologist, viz., Rupees 19,710, exceeds the Budget for the current year by Rupees 7,710. That portion of the estimate which relates to existing operations amounts to only Rupees 13,099, the addition of Rupees 6,611 being made for the prospective additions to the establishment which Mr. Broughton considers may be found necessary in the course of the year. The former sum includes 84 Rupees for an additional cooly, and Rupees 500 for cost of apparatus and chemicals to be procured from England. Both these items will be struck out, the former not having received the necessary sanction, and the latter being one for which payment will have to be made in England. The round sum of Rupees 12,500 is passed for the present establishment.

7. Mr. Broughton explains that the supply of febrifuge alkaloids in a convenient form to the Hospitals and Dispensaries of this country is so important and desirable a consequence of the success of Chinchona cultivation, that an attempt at their manufacture will have to be made, and he has, therefore, provided for the prospective erection and working of a small experimental manufactory. He adds that he has "no hesitation in affirming that in a year from the present time such an establishment will be found most desirable," and has provided for the necessary servants for six months. Under these circumstances, the Government will pass the round sum of Rupees 6,500 provisionally, and Mr. Broughton will be requested to address them at the proper time as to the steps to be taken for establishing the manufactory. The total estimate passed for the Quinologist amounts to Rupees 19,000.

8. The Budgets, as now revised, will be transmitted to the Accountant General. They amount together to Rupees 82,500, as follows :—

	Rs.
Chinchona Plantations	61,000
Tea Plantations	1,300
Botanical Gardens	1,200
Quinologist	19,000
	82,500

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General, with Budget Estimates.
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