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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
11th October 1867.*

No. 107. Read the following letter from the Officiating Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bangalore, 3rd October 1867, No. 3626-23.

In reply to your letter, No. 1218, of 1st instant, intimating the course which His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council proposes to take, with a view to instituting, as suggested by the Government of India, a thorough investigation into the circumstances connected with the devastations caused by the Borer in the Coffee Districts, I have the honor to state that, as the object of the inquiry is one in which this Province and Coorg are necessarily much interested, the proposal that the expenses to be incurred in the employment of an Officer to conduct the investigation should be equally shared by the Mysore State and the Madras Government, has, subject to the approval of His Excellency the Viceroy in Council, my entire assent.

2. The application I submitted for the services of Colonel C. P. Taylor was made in furtherance of the instructions received from the Supreme Government. Although I have no reason to believe that that Officer would have done otherwise than credit to the Government at whose instance he was nominated, by the manner in which he would have conducted the duty entrusted to him, I am undoubtedly of opinion that it would be highly advantageous that the Officer who may be deputed to carry out the investigation should possess the special knowledge which would qualify him to offer a satisfactory and conclusive opinion on the subject; and, if the scope of the inquiry is to be confined to an investigation into the habits of the Borer or other pests which have proved so obnoxious to the coffee plant, the gentleman whose services it is proposed to secure appears well fitted to conduct that inquiry to a practical issue. I would desire, however, to suggest, for the consideration of His Excellency in Council, that Assistant Surgeon Bidie, M. B., who has been lately engaged in an inspection of some parts of the Coffee Districts in Coorg, and who gave, I understand, much attention to the condition of the coffee plantations, might, with advantage, be consulted as to the nature of the investigation to be set on foot. I have reason to believe that the opinion of that Officer is in favor of the belief that the decay which has been noticed among coffee plants of late years is primarily due to some defects in the mode of cultivation, and, if such be the case, it may be well worth while considering whether the scope of the present inquiry should not be extended, so as to embrace other than the entomological aspect of the question.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1867, No. 1262.

The Governor in Council will be glad to receive any suggestions which Dr. Bidie may be able to offer with reference to the inquiry which it is proposed to institute regarding the devastations of coffee plantations by the Borer insect. A telegram has already been despatched to Mr. Thwaites, requesting him to ascertain whether Mr. Nietner would undertake the inquiry, and, if so, on what terms.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating Commissioner of Mysore.
To Assistant Surgeon George Bidie, M. B.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

General No 3626 } 1867/68. Mysore Commissioners Office
Public No 23 }

From

The Offg Commissioner for the
Government of the Territories
of His Highness the Maharaja
of Mysore.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Dated Bangalore 3rd October 1867.

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From The Office of the
To The Chief Secy to Government
Hon. St. George
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In reply to 8:1218 of the
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of His Excellency the Right Hon.
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of an officer to report upon the
state of the River should be
equally borne by this and the
Governor as Government and enjoys
certain other observations.

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