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No. 428.

To

THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, COLOMBO.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit the annexed copy of a letter from the Collector of Malabar,

Dated 12th March 1868, No. 33.

stating that the system adopted by Coffee Planters in the Wynaad for pulping Coffee

on their estates seriously contaminates the streams, and is considered to be a pregnant cause of sickness in the district.

2. It is suggested that some process may be adopted in Ceylon tending to obviate a similar nuisance there, and I am to request that this Government may be furnished with any information on the subject which may be procurable in the Island by the Ceylon Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd April 1868.

Chief Secretary.

From the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 12th March 1868, No. 33.

The Government are probably aware that a very large proportion of the Coffee produced in Wynaad is pulped on the estates before the Coffee is sent to the coast. The process of pulping consists in separating the outer pulpy matter of the Coffee berry from the parchment coating which contains the Coffee bean. It is effected by passing the berries with water through machinery, which macerates the pulp and separates it, to a great extent, from the parchment covered bean. The parchment Coffee is then thoroughly washed in cisterns or tanks prepared for the purpose, from which the foul water is passed off; successive supplies of fresh water being introduced till the parchment Coffee has been thoroughly cleaned.

2. The water passing from the cisterns or tanks is very foul and offensive, but it is too often allowed to flow back into the stream from which it has been drawn without any attempt at purification. The consequence is that streams naturally clear and sweet may often, in the pulping season, be seen running black and offensive from the discharges from the tanks above said.

3. It is certainly locally considered, and I share the opinion that this is a pregnant cause of sickness in Wynaad.

4. Notice has been on previous occasions given to the Planters that they must take steps to prevent the return of the foul water to the main streams or their affluents. By proper arrangement, I imagine, the foul water might be made to pass a succession of tanks, so that the pulpy matter should be deposited, and the water returned pure to the streams. But, with a few exceptions, such arrangements are not efficiently made, and there was considerable complaint of the manner in which some of the streams were fouled last season. Notices are being issued now to the Planters generally on the subject, pointing out that the offence is punishable, and calling on them to make proper arrangements before next season. The notices will be repeated in good time.

5. But it has been suggested to me that perhaps some system is adopted in Ceylon which might be profitably made known for general adoption here; and I accordingly bring the subject forward, in case Government may think a reference to Ceylon desirable, or see fit to take any other steps in the matter.

Ed. F. B. Bantleman.

No. 33

Calicut 12th March 1868

FROM

G. A. BALLARD ESQR.

Collector of Malabar.

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The Honble H. S. Ellis. C. B.
Chief Secretary to Government.
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8, 12 March 1868 N. 33.

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For Dec 1868 Department

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N^o 428

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR

TO,

The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Colonial Office,
St. James's Place,
London.

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Dated

12th Jan, 1868

Received

No. 33

N^o 1226

Enclosure.

No 5872

Reports on the manner

in which streams in

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the Officer in Charge &c.

& suggests the instructions

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Wm. L. G. G.
3^d April 1868

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To
The Honorable

The Colonial Secretary
Colonies

Dated 3 April 1888.

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