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No. 51. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D. Superintendent Botanical Gardens; to Secretary to the Government Revenue Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras 23d November 1857, No. 204.

SIR,

With reference to the 8th para. of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 8th September 1857, No. 1264, in which I am required to report as to its being advisable to continue the supervision of the Ootacamund Government Garden by a local Committee, I beg to state that as Government in the same para. direct me "to consider the plantations and gardens, &c., immediately "under my control," the continuance of such a body seems to be unnecessary.

2. With a Superintendent of Mr. McIvor's qualifications, considerable latitude should be allowed to him in the management of the affairs of the garden, the condition of which will always affect his professional reputation, and it is chiefly in matters of finance, that supervision seems to be required. Hitherto, it has been customary for Mr. McIvor to send his monthly accounts to the Collector's office at Coimbatore. In the event of Government deeming it advisable to dissolve the local Committee, these may be transmitted direct to Madras to my office, to be audited in the same way as those of the other Botanical Gardens. This would appear to accord with the wishes expressed by the Honorable Court of Directors in their despatch dated 5th August, No. 51 of 1857, para. 41, recorded in Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, 1st October No. 1397 of 1857.

3. From the difficulty which would be experienced at Madras in checking the working expenditure of a garden at Ootacamund, (the same difficulty must now exist in the Collector's office at Coimbatore,) I would beg to suggest that a public officer, stationed there should be appointed to examine and attach his initials to Mr. McIvor's monthly accounts prior to its being forwarded to Madras.

4. This arrangement would not involve any intermediate control between myself and the Superintendent of the garden, but would be a satisfaction to him and an assistance to me, and as the time occupied would be very trifling, I believe, I should have no difficulty in arranging for the performance of this duty by an officer of Government resident on the hills. I would have named the Collector of the district, if he had been a permanent Resident at Ootacamund.

5. I propose following the same course with reference to the garden at Bangalore, where under the sanction of the Commissioner, the accounts are now and will continue to be checked by Dr. Kirkpatrick on my behalf. I have also arranged with the Committee of the Agri-Horticultural Society here, that a copy of their monthly accounts initialed by their Secretary shall be sent to my office.

6. From these accounts, and from the monthly returns of plants and seeds distributed by each of these gardens, I shall possess full information as to the state of the three gardens, and shall thus be able to present to Government an annual summary of the aggregate results to the country.

7. Having recently alluded to the very great interest taken by Mr. Thomas, the present Collector of Coimbatore, in all matters connected with planting and improving the hills, and especially the progress of the garden at Ootacamund, it is unnecessary for me to reiterate my opinion on that subject, but in complying with the instructions of Government, to assume the unreserved control of the garden, I would beg to be permitted again to notice the exertions of the President and Members of the Local Committee.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 1265; dated 7th December 1857.

The Government approve the proposal of the Conservator of Forests to nominate one of the Public officers resident on the Hills to check the accounts of Mr. McIvor, Superintendent of the Government gardens at Ootacamund; and are of opinion that Dr. Mackay, the Senior Medical officer at that station might, with advantage, be requested to undertake the work.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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24 Nov/57

My dear Mr Forbes

If the account Sr
letter is opened by Genl, the party
whom I wd have to charge Mr
M Dow's account, is D Mackay,
Senior Med Officer. Calcd.
Mr Thomas is unable at Cirencester.
Mr Batchelor, (on acct of the
late trial) is not on good terms
with Mr Dow.
Dr Mackay is a quiet steady
man who would do very well,
having no bias for or against

Yours truly

H C Clayhills

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Madras

No 264. Office of Conservator of Forests
23d November 1857.

Read.

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F.C. Cleghorn Esqr. M.D.
Superintendent Botanical Gardens

To,

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Revenue Department
Fort St. George

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Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

H. Higham

Supt. Botanical Gardens -

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From
The Supt. Botanical Gardens
To
The Secretary to Govert
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Dated 23d } November 1857.
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Enclosure hereto.
From the Conservator of Forests to
No 30 from
Submitting observations
as to its being unnecessary to
continue the Superintendence of the
Ootacamund Government Gardens
by a Local Committee.

Write answer
No 1265. 7th December

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