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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	16th September 1857.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 10th to 16th September 1859.*

No. 37. Read the following Official Memorandum from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated 10th August 1859.

With reference to the Official Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, dated 5th August 1859, the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to observe that as noticed in a note in the margin of para. 1 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 29th April 1851, No. 413 R. D. no formal "convention" appears to have been executed between the British and French Governments for the exemption from duty of articles of goods required by the native population. The word, was used in the Board's Proceedings of 22nd July 1859, as expressing the agreement concluded on the correspondence held on the subject at different times, since 1819.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1859, No. 1235.
Ordered that the foregoing Memorandum be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

*Secretary to Government
Revenue Department*

Official Memorandum

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rum from the Secretary to Government, dated 5th Au-
-gust 1859, the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Re-
-venue has the honor to observe that as noticed
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Board's C.O. B. Vol. II Minutes Consultation, dated 24th April 1857,
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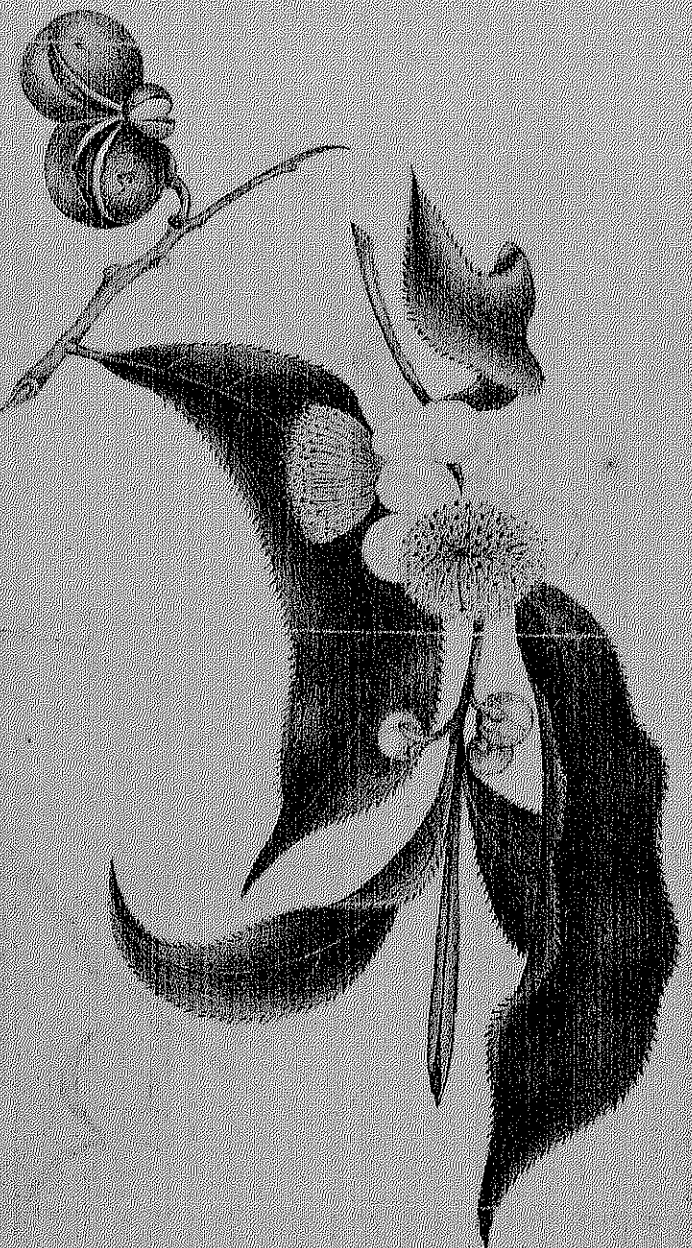
Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
10th August 1859.

By order,

J. A. L. L. L.
Sub-Secretary

To J. D. Bourdillon Esq
Secretary to Government
Revenue Depart^t

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Dear Sir
 I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the
 11th inst. in relation to the
 purchase of the land for the
 purpose of building a school
 house for the use of the
 colored people of this
 city. I am glad to hear
 that you are so interested
 in the cause of education
 and that you are so anxious
 to see it carried out. I
 will do all in my power
 to assist you in your
 noble undertaking. I am,
 Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. M. Smith

Dated 10th 3
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Learning with reference
 to the official correspondence
 from the Secretary to your office
 of August 1897, that no formal
 arrangement appeared to have been
 concluded between the British
 and French Governments for
 the complete transfer of
 notices of goods required by
 the Home Colonies -

Copy in the North wing
of the State House

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Extract of a Letter from Captain Linney dated
1st August 1857.

"As regards the Tea Plants I saw
at Captain Mann's near Coonoo, I can but
reiterate what I have already said, viz. that
I was wonderfully struck with the healthy
appearance, luxuriant growth and with the
quantity of seed the Plants bore - and that
I consider this plantation to be an earnest
or guarantee of what might be accomplished
by the proper and careful cultivation of this
plant.

"I send for your perusal a letter written
by an old Coffee Planter, in answer to a series of
questions proposed by Mr. Smith who evidently doub-
ed the probability of realizing equal returns (at
'6000 feet') to those acquired by the Steam and Cash
Concerns."

The plantation
Coonoo
H.C.

(True Extract)

H. H. H.
Conservator of Forests.

Extract of a Letter from H. Mann Esq^r dated 30th April 1858 to H. Cleghorn Esq^r, Conservator of Forests.

"When I was about to leave China in February 1854, with the intention of coming to the Neilgherries I thought it a good opportunity to introduce the tea tree to Southern India. I was then at Shanghai and an old friend of mine Mr. Fortune who was sent out by the Board of Directors to introduce the tea plants to the N. W. Provinces had just returned from the great tea growing district with a quantity of plants and seeds. From him I got a good quantity of the latter, which he assured me were of the very best description of tea and collected from the finest plantations in the Country; these I brought round with me in earth in glass cases and by the time they arrived at Madras, they were all above the ground and looking well. I sent one half of them to the Shevaroy Hills where from want of care they all I believe died out. The other half I took with me to Ootacamund, but in consequence of not being able to get a piece of ground to plant them out for several months the greater part of these also died in the cases. At last I determined to send down the few I had left to my Coffee plantation on the Western side of the Hills where with great care they recovered themselves a little, and in November 1856 having obtained the piece of

^{Some remain}
H.C.

Ceylon is left to 25th 1854
any that will 1850

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In a letter from the Com^r
Conservator of Forests

Dated 27th August 1859

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H. Mann Esq^r

Conservator of Forests

This specimen of the
Tea plant belonging to
Capt. Mann of Madras

land at Broomer I brought them up and planted out
in the grass land not having any forest land ready,
in all about 1500 plants.

In April 1855 I got another small supply of seed
from China brought round in the same way which I
put down in my nursery at Broomer immediately they
arrived and scarcely lost a single plant. About 2000 of
these I planted out (though still very small) in the For-
est land in November of the same year and the re-
mainder about 800 remained in the nursery till Novem-
ber 1856. I was convinced from the way these plants
came on that the tea plant would grow well there and
applied through the Collector to the Government for
a suitable piece of Forest land for a tea plantation,
which if they had granted me, I would at once have
returned to China and brought over a large quantity
of seed, but ^{I could get nothing but} poor grass land on which nothing
would grow without being heavily manured and to my
repeated solicitations they at last sanctioned two
Cawmies of forest land subject to all kinds of
restrictions, so I gave the thing up and went on with
the Roffee, though I still think if given fair
play the tea plant would not only grow well on the
Neilgherries but pay well too.

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To

Henry Munn Esq^r

Dear Sir,

I have lately visited your Tea Plant-
ation near Broomer, and was glad to find it in full
bearing, although left very much to Nature. The experi-
ment has so far succeeded, and there is a good quanti-
ty of seed now falling from the bushes which ought
not to be lost. As you do not seem to be extending your
operations, I trust you will not take it amiss in my
inquiring what are your views in regard to it? The experi-
ment is one in which I take a very great interest. You
are aware that I specially brought it to the notice of
Government last year, and that they considered it very
creditable to your enterprise, and desired me to keep
them acquainted with its progress.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
H. C. Cleghorn

Comdr of Forests

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To

Henry Munn Esq^r

Sir,

I have again visited your Plantation in com-
pany

Botacumund 25th July 1854.

Botacumund 6th August 1854.

pany with an officer who is familiar with Tea Cultures in the Himalayas, and he thinks as I do, that your plants are vigorous, and that your attempt to introduce this valuable shrub has succeeded well, for this, you deserve great credit and it will be my duty and pleasure again to bring the fact to the notice of Government with an expression of opinion that your exertions should receive some special acknowledgment.

2. I am happy to observe that you have acted on my letter of 25th ultimo, and that your new Superintendent is collecting the seed carefully with a view to establish a large nursery.

3. In a further consideration of the course which it seems desirable to adopt in reference to your Tea Plantations, I am inclined to recommend to Government that one or two Chinese manufacturers be brought down from the N. W. Provinces at the public expense for the purpose of testing the actual qualities of the Teas produced upon those Hills.

4. I presume that this course would meet your wishes, whilst it would also enable Government to determine satisfactorily whether Tea Cultivation is practicable on a large scale upon the Neilgherries? No doubt some satisfactory arrangement would readily be come to, by which Government would obtain what they would consider an equivalent for their risk in the experimental

manufacture. I cannot pledge the Government to any special course, but personally I should think that if you would enable the Government to form a nursery from seed from your plantation, they would be satisfied, bearing in mind the great expense you have incurred in bringing your plantation to its present state.

5. So far as I can judge, you have proved that the Tea plants may be raised successfully, it remains only to show that a merchantable article can be produced from them.

6. As I leave the Hills at an early date, and as it is important that Government should be placed in a position to take up the matter of Tea Cultivation, I hope you will favour me with a reply without delay, or if equally convenient, that you will arrange to meet me to discuss the matter personally.

Yours faithfully
J. C. Oglehorn
Const. of Forests.

Meerut 10th August 1859.

Dear Dr. Oglehorn.

"I feel greatly obliged for the kind interest you take in my little tea garden. I have quite neglected it myself for a long time past and indeed ceased to take any interest in it."

"I brought the seedlings myself from Shanghai with great trouble care and expense in glass covered cases by way of Calcutta and Madras to the Nilgheeries.

"I got the piece of ground I now have near Coonoor and planted out the miserable remains of my second importation of seedlings; they appeared to me to thrive as well as any I had seen in the tea plantations in China and I then pledged myself to return to China and bring with me a large quantity of seeds and seedlings from the finest tea districts if Government would grant me a piece of forest land to plant them in; the piece I applied for was about 5 miles from Coonoor which I could never ascertain was likely to be turned to any account whatever.

"I am fully persuaded that the whole of the upper slopes of the Nilgheeries might be turned into flourishing tea plantations that would yield as good and abundant crops as most of those in China. I shall be very happy to do any thing that you may suggest to meet the views of Government though I am not now in a position to carry them out as both my time and Capital is entirely taken up here in Coffee Cultivation.

* The flavour of this
crude article is not
very palatable.

"The month hence I should be very glad to arrange to meet you there if you could make it convenient to come up at any time. I am sending you by this day's banghy a small package of tea made from my shrubs at Coonoor; the man who dried it knew nothing whatever about the manufacture of tea. I find he has plucked the old as well as the young leaves and of course made a coarse kind of tea something between a green and a black, but the flavour after tasting it a few times with milk and sugar is rather agreeable.

"As you have taken the matter up and appear to attach to it the importance I think it deserves, I hope we shall now be able to decide the question as to the quality of the tea produced; that the shrub will grow well I think has already been proved. Should the tea produced turn out a fine quality, my little garden and nurseries might form the nucleus of large plantations and I suppose in that case the Government would not then refuse a plot of waste forest land on reasonable terms. I have at present only spent a great deal of money without the slightest chance apparently of any return. Your report has partly revived the great interest I once took in this speculation and I should like much to see my views carried out and Nilgheery tea some day figuring at the head

of the tea quotations in the price current"

Yours very sincerely

Wm. Henry Mann

(True Extracts and Copies)

H. C. Lusham

Conservator of Forests.

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Cotacamund 5th August 1859

(To Jameson)

Sup^t. Botanic Garden

Saharanpore.

Dear Sir,

There is a Tea plantation belonging to a private gentleman at Coonoor on the Nilgiris raised from seed given to the proprietor by Mr. Fortune in 1856. Vide Para 35 of my Forest report dated 1st May 1858 N^o 3377 which gives great promise of the possibility of our being able to establish Tea Manufacture in Southern India, following your most successful example in the N. W. Provinces. The plants are in excellent condition, the oldest of 5 years growth well bushed and bearing flowers and fruit abundantly. Major Spracey, Hon^{ble} Mr. Ricketts and other Bengal officers residing here have seen the plantation, and agree with me that it is in a very satisfactory state. It appears to me that all that is now necessary is to test by actual experiment what quality of Tea the leaves are capable of producing? I am consequently anxious to get a small body of skilled Tea manufacturers to make the attempt. Before applying to Government, however,

I am desirous of hearing from you whether you are
in a position to transfer either permanently or tempo-
rarily one or two Chinamen, or such number as you would
recommend and could spare? As I understand that
some of the natives of the North West are being in-
structed, perhaps a gang of manipulators might be
completed from them, if the services of Chinamen
are not available. In replying to this letter, you will
kindly give details as to salaries &c such as will in-
duce the manufacturers to come cheerfully, and also in-
able me to place the matter before my Government
at once in a definite shape.

Yours faithfully

Edmund H. Chisholm

Conservator of Forests.

True Copy

H. Chisholm

Conservator of Forests.

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Is a letter from the London
order of Thos. G. Smith, dated
27 August 1869. W. J. B.

John

To, Mr. Jameson
Capt. Boston Harbor
Cantonment -

Expresses his anxiety
to test his notebook experiment
and quality of the the leaves
are equal to if for many at
Lemon, & represents the actual
- Since to present a small
copy of labelled. So therefore
- desired to make the attempt.

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Cornwall 21st August 1854.

From,

H. Cleghorn Esq. M.P.
Conservator of Forests.

To,

J. D. Bourdillon Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Port S. George

Sir,

I had the pleasure of bringing to the notice of Government, in my last Annual Report (Para 35) the successful attempt of a private individual (Henry Mann Esq.) to introduce into the Neilgherry Hills the Tea Plant of China by seeds imported from Shanghai. I was thereupon directed to keep Government acquainted with the progress of an experiment so interesting and so creditable to Mr. Mann.

2.

Having lately reached the Hills in course of my Forest tour, I proceeded to inspect the Tea plantation at Coonoor and have been fortunate in

obtaining the opinion of several gentlemen, who are acquainted with Tea Culture in the Home
Humble H. Russell
Mr. Stanforth B.C.S.
Major R. Stacey, B.M. Esq.
Capt. R. Sempay, B.M. Esq.
Rajah.

Received of the Hon. Secy. to Govt. 17/12/54.

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3. The plantation is situated about 2½ miles Extent of
from Boonoor, at an elevation of 6000 feet with an exposure Plantation
to the North East, and contains ^{about} 6,000 plants. Of these
1500 were planted in 1854 on grass land, and 4,500 in 1855
on Forest land, which a few years ago was an Ilex and
Rhododendron jungle.

4. The distance from stem to stem is 4 feet; the usual
interval in the Himalayas, varies I believe from 4½
to 6 feet.

5. The ground occupied by the plants is about four
acres, the soil contains a considerable quantity of ve-
getable matter, and no water lodges about the roots ^{of the plants}, as it
is on a slope.

6. There is a large nursery of young plants both
seedlings and suckers, sufficient to extend the cultivation
at once over a large tract of Country.

7. There are obviously several varieties of the plant
intermixed, the seeds of which should be carefully
collected and kept separate.

8. The original plants sown upon grass land are Appearance
not so fine as those raised from their seed grown of Plants
at Boonoor, but as the latter are planted in For-
est land, the nature of the soil may have pro-
duced this effect. Still it is satisfactory to see
that the acclimated plants are fully as vigorous
as those obtained from seed got direct from China.

9. Captain Incey, Bengal Engineers, lately
at Darjeeling has favored me, at my request, with
a separate Memorandum (Appendix A) and I can
well solicit particular attention to it, as it repre-
sents my own opinion, but is more valuable be-
cause of the writer being familiar with the Tea Plant-
ations of the Tibetan Himalayas.

10. It being proved that the Tea shrub grows
well, it only remains to test the fitness of the
leaf for commercial purposes. To accomplish
this, it appeared to me that the most suitable
course would be for Government to bring to
Boonoor a small gang of Tea makers for a limited
period. Before making any definite proposal
to Government, I thought it desirable to address
Mr. Mann, as the owner of the Tea plantation,
and Dr. Jameson of Saharunpore, in charge of
the Tea Plantations of the N. W. Provinces, from
whom I supposed that I might be able to procure
skilled manufacturers. It will be seen by the
extract of Mr. Mann's letter dated 10th August 1859 that
he appears to be willing to meet any reasonable views
of Government in this matter, and to be desirous of
extending his own plantations. I have not received an
answer from Dr. Jameson.

Appendix B

Appendix C

13. I may also notice that Mr. Linn
has shown me in the Botanical garden
several varieties of the Tea shrub.

in northern India the manufacture of the steel had begun to be commercialized until it was transferred from

are made if generally known
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 and in our 12th Mo 1873

The Tea Shrub. Mr. Fortune, &c.

stating up land
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Copy in a Letter to England
of 24th Aug. 1860 No. 90.
No 1865

Minute by His Ex: the Commr
in Chief
of 14th Sept/59

Suggesting that the
assistance of Govt in the
manufacture of Tea in
India may be restricted to
forming Tea plant Nur-
series & distributing seed.

No 1866
Minute by the Hon. Mr. Morehead
of 14th Sept/59.

Concurring in the
views of the President in
regard to the manufacture
of Tea in India.

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Proc of Govt 23rd Sept

No 1612

From the Conservator of Forests
to the Secretary to Govt. Rev. Dep
Fort St. Geo.

Of 27th Sept
Recd. 3rd Sept/59.

Enclos. & 1 drawing.

Reporting on the progress
of the experimental Tea Plantation
at Conoor, belonging to H. Almon, Esq.
and offers suggestions for its extension.
Reports also the distribution of small
packets of the seed to the Bahabroodan
Palmy and Channally hills, and
also to the Rajah of Tipranagum.

No 1864
Minute by the Honorable
the Governor.

of 13th Sept/59.
Observing that there is
no necessity for the industry
in manufacturing Tea in
India, passing through the
hands of a Govt establish-
ment.

No 1272 of 21st Sept

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No 1272

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date 21st September 1859

Read the following
papers

From the Conservator of Forests.

Reporting on the progress of
Mr. Almon's experimental Tea
plantation at Chinnai, with sug-
gestions for its extension with aid
from Government.

Minute by the Hon. the Govt. 10th Sept. 1859
" H. C. the Govt. 14th "
" The Hon. Mr. Morehead 14th "

5th Aug 1858 No 1866 p. 20.

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See his letter above
recorded, the Conservator of
Forests reports to Government,
pursuant to the order speci-
fied in the margin, on the
progress of the private ex-
perimental Tea plantation
near Chinnai on the Nilgiri
hills referred to in para 20
of his last annual report.
The Government learn there-
from that he has confirmed the

the growth of the plant, the experiment has been quite successful, but that nothing has yet been done towards testing the fitness of the leaf for commercial purposes.

2 This part of the experiment, Dr. Cleghorn recommends should be undertaken by Government. He proposes that a small body of skilled manufacturers should be got, for a limited period, from the North & West Provinces, and employed on the Kinnir plantation, the product of which might be ^{mainly} required, he is ^{thinking} to furnish Government in return with a supply of seed seedlings, towards the establishment of a Government nursery, from which to supply plants to private persons.

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3 On this proposition the Honourable the Governor in Council observes that the experiment of growing and manufacturing Tea has been commenced at Kinnir as a mercantile undertaking, which is the only wholesome and sound footing on which such enterprises can be conducted. The manufacture of Tea in India has ^{been} proved to be a profitable business, and ample experience has been acquired in it. All that private undertakers have now to do, is to avail themselves of the advanced state of the art, with such modifications as the circumstances of the ^{cult} of India may require, and this they will be likely to do with much greater zeal and activity, if they

They know that the Govern-
ment will not do it for
them. His Excellency in
Council does not see any
necessity, therefore, why this
industry, in this part of
India, should pass through
the phase of a Government
establishment, and he ac-
cordingly declines to sanc-
tion Dr. Cleghorn's proposal.
That gentleman's in-
teresting report however, &
will be made public, together
with its enclosures, and
if there are any restrictions
on the taking of land in the
Nilgiris, calculated to deter in-
dividuals from engaging in this
branch of industry, the Go-
vernment will be prepared
to consider the propriety of
relaxing them in favour
of such persons as wish to be
obtained however that,

so far as it appears, the
only restrictions refer to green
land, but Dr. Cleghorn ex-
presses the decided opinion
(para 8) that the better
grass lands will be found
excellently suited to the
culture of tea, and such
lands may now be obtained
on freehold tenure, with no
other restriction than that
spots selected shall be
sold by auction.

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These papers
should be laid
before the
Board of Revenue

11 Copies
of

The Conservatory Forests Bill 1882

6 " Board of Revenue for information

Copy in a Letter to Eng
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Proc. Madras Govt.
D/24th September/57.

On the private experi-
mental tea plantation
at Kunnur in the Nilgiri
hills.

at 35 at 37.

of 1859