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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of November 1859.

No. 109. Read the following letter from Lieutenant General W. CULLEN; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George; dated Oodaghirry, 27th October 1859.

Adverting to the correspondence recently published on the introduction of the Tea Plant at Coonoor, it may not be without interest to the Government to know that the tree thrives well in the Travancore territory, both at the level of the sea, and at altitudes of 1800 and 3,200 feet.

2. I first met with it in the Coffee Plantations of Mr. Huxham, in the year 1841, on the route from Quilon to Courtallum, at a farm called Caldoorty about 40 miles inland and 6 or 700 feet above the sea. There were some 10 or 15 trees, from 20 to 25 and 30 feet high. They were I believe introduced during the Government of Mr. Lushington, who I believe also introduced those formerly at Kaitee on the Neilgherries.

3. I procured plants from Mr. Huxham and put them down in an experimental spice Garden which I had established some 12 years ago, at 1,800 feet, on a hill in the South of Travancore near Oodaghirry. They are now trees of 20 to 30 feet high, growing vigorously; and I have about 400 plants, procured from their seed; growing on another hill near the Tinnevelly frontier, at an elevation of 3,200 feet. There can be no doubt therefore of the facility of its introduction, although from the moderate altitudes and great atmospheric moisture of the localities hitherto selected, they may possibly be considered to grow more luxuriantly than is desirable; but which, if a defect at all, can probably be easily remedied by selecting ground more to the eastward, at greater altitudes, and with a less humid climate.

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5. I allude more particularly to the "Cardamom hills of Travancore," a tract of high land, from 50 to 60 miles in length from North to South and 10 to 25 miles in breadth from East to West, a region to which I had the honor to draw the attention of Government in a report No. 17 of 5th May 1846 when submitting an address from the Mercantile community of Cochin on the heavy British duties on the produce of these States.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1859, No. 1531.

Resolved that the best acknowledgments of Government be offered to General Cullen for his interesting letter.

2. The paper will be communicated to the Conservator of Forests and the subject commended to his special attention. The Government would wish Dr. Cleghorn to take an opportunity to visit the report on the Tea plantations mentioned by General Cullen; and it is desirable that he should consider and report for general information, what tracts are likely to be found suited to the growth of the Tea plant.

3. The paper will also be communicated to the Agri-Horticultural Society and laid on the Editor's table.

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

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

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Exd. H. M. Elliot.

Codaghirry 27th October 1859.

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