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Dated 17—11— 1860.

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301. Read the following letter from W. HUXHAM, Esq., to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 27th October 1860 :—

SIR,

1. A short time since I read Dr. Cleghorn's letter to Government dated 11th August regarding Tea plantations. In noticing those in Travancore, which he did not visit, two hree material errors appear, and should be corrected.

2. The elevation of Caldoorty is stated at "6,700 feet;" whereas it is but 700 feet at t. The average annual fall of rain during a period of six years, from 1843 to 1848, was 127 inches, instead of "150 or 200 inches" as represented. These facts can be oborated by General Cullen, who, when Resident in Travancore, took much interest in e matters.

3. The Tea Nursery at Caldoorty was formed in 1839 and 1840, from seeds and plants to me by Government through Drs. Wallich and Wight from Assam and China in glazed es.

4. My intention at that time (labor being cheap in Travancore) was to form extensive tations of Tea; and with this view I suffered the plants to grow in a natural manner in er to obtain seed instead of dwarfing them for leaves. In two or three years after being out, I had trees growing from 20 to 30 feet in height. In December 1840 some of the es were 10 inches long and 3½ inches wide; specimens of which I forwarded to Government he time.

5. I obtained one Tea plant in 1839 from the Government Experimental Farm at Kaitty the Nilgiris; several were introduced there by Colonel Crewe and attended to by Perrottet the French Botanist, in 1836 and 1838. His report of 10th April 1839 was sent me by Government; the perfect correctness of it I can affirm, having personally inspected plants when the French Governor General de St. Simon was residing there in 1837. The t I received although stunted at first, bore flowers and seed in 1840, and gradually attained rge size.

6. The Tea trees in the Government Experimental Spice Gardens near Courtallum in nevelly, mentioned by Dr. Cleghorn, were, I understand, got from Assam, and planted by Wight's order in 1839.

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302. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1860, No. 2,167.

The Government return their acknowledgments to Mr. Huxham for the useful information tained in this letter. The letter will be laid on the Editor's table, and communicated to the e parties to whom Dr. Cleghorn's letter was sent, and a copy will also be forwarded to ghorn.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

303. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Chief Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Rájá of Mysore, dated 17th November 1860, No. 2,168.

SIR,

I am directed to forward to you a copy of a letter* *ated 27th October* 1860. from Mr. Huxham containing some useful information regarding the Tea plantation at Caldoorty in Travancore, ed by Dr. Cleghorn in his Report dated 11th August last No. 96, transmitted to you Mr. Secretary Bourdillon's letter of the 24th idem No. 1,426.

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size.

5. The Ten Trees cultivated
Gov Experimentally
Bruce Chinese Arrack
Cocoa Cocoa
Mercury Granadilla
Cocoa Plantain
Cucumber Cotton
Arbuscula Cotton Islander
Cocoa Plants
in 1839.

Have the honor to
Your Obt Servt
H. H. Hackman

Rev Dept

No 2168.

To

The Chief Commissioner for the Govt of
the Territories of Her Highness
the Rajah of Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to for-
ward to you a copy of a
letter from Mr Stephens
containing some useful
information regarding the
Tea plantation at Caldoor
in Travancore, noticed by
Dr Cleghorn in his report
dated 11 August last No 96
transmitted to you with
my letter of the 24 returned
No 426.

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From W. Stephens Esq
Collector, Quilon
To
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 2168 of the 27th ultimo, and in reply to state that I have not been able to obtain any information regarding the Tea plantation at Caldoor, beyond what is contained in Dr Cleghorn's report, which I have already forwarded to Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant
W. Stephens
Collector

Quilon 6th Nov 1860

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Collector of Quilon
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To The Chief Commissioner for the Govt of the Territories of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore.

D/ 14th November 1860.

Forwarding copy of a letter from Mr Huchan containing some useful information regarding Tea Plantation at Celedoorty in Travancore.

No 303.

To The Chief Commr Mysore

24th August 1860

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