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No. 354. Read the following letter from Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd December 1860, No. 301.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of Government the following proposition :—

1. In a letter written some time ago by Dr. Livingstone to the late Major Vardon mention is made of certain pills being an infallible cure for Jungle fever. Again in a letter addressed to Rawson W. Rawson, Esq., Zambesi, 26th March 1860, which appears in the "Madras Athenæum" 22nd December 1860. Dr. Livingstone writes "we spent twenty-three days down in the Mangrove swamps (which are believed to be the hot beds of fever) in the most unhealthy period of the year. We had touches of the complaint, but the mode of treatment we adopt renders the fever not more formidable than a common cold. This is one of the benefits our expedition has to show, and to Dr. Kirk and myself it seems not a small one."

2. It is very evident from the above that Drs. Livingstone and Kirk are in possession of some specific capable of warding off the worst fevers.

3. In the Forest Department the great drawback is jungle fever and its after effects : could we by some simple preventive ward off jungle fever, then would the jungle be robbed of half its terrors, and great gain accrue to Government.

4. Were His Excellency the Governor to request Drs. Livingstone and Kirk to sell or reveal their secret we might almost be independent of the Cinchona plant, which is now being introduced at so much cost.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 355. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Colonial Secretary, Cape of Good Hope, dated 25th January 1861, No. 178.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to this Government by the Conservator of Forests in this Presidency, dated 22nd December last, having reference to a remedy against Fever, believed to be in the possession of Dr. Livingstone, and a notice of which has found its way into the local Newspapers.

2. You will observe that Mr. Rawson, a gentleman apparently resident in Cape Town is mentioned in connection with the medicine; and should any information on the subject be obtainable either from him or in any other quarter, I am to request that it may, with the permission of His Excellency Sir G. Grey, be furnished to this Government.

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