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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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5th January 1861.*

No. 31. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 31st October 1860, No. 73:—

SIR,

1. I have perused with much interest the Reports by Dr. Cleghorn, the Conservator of Forests, on the growth of the Tea plant in the Neilgherries and other parts of the Madras Presidency, which accompany your letter of the 24th August last (No. 90).

2. It is satisfactorily established that Tea plants will thrive in several different localities; but no attempt appears yet to have been made to convert their produce into a marketable article of commerce. I agree with you that, as a general rule, it is undesirable for Government to step out of its way to aid the efforts of private adventurers. Considering, however, the great success which has attended this branch of culture in Assam and in the Himalayas, and which, it can scarcely be expected, would have been attained, at any rate to the same extent, or in the same time, if the initiatory proceedings had not been taken by the Government, I shall not object, if it should appear that there is little chance of the matter being taken up by private enterprise, to your acting on the recommendation of Dr. Cleghorn, and obtaining the services, for a limited period, of a few skilled Tea manufacturers from the North Western Provinces, which, it appears from the information supplied by Dr. Jameson, might be procured at a very moderate cost.

3. I presume that, under the rules now in force, the difficulties which were apparently experienced by Captain Mann in obtaining land in the Neilgherries suitable for his Tea plantation, will no longer exist.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1861, No. 17.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Conservator of Forests and to the Board of Revenue with reference to the Order 24th August 1860, No. 1,425.

2. The Government have recently made a grant of land on liberal terms to Mr. Rae for Tea cultivation, and the advantage of their now affording assistance in this important experiment may be lessened by the fact of its having been thus undertaken by a private individual. The Board will, however, consult the Collector of Coimbatore and some of the residents of the Hills on the subject.

(Signed) J. D. SIM
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Under date the 5th ^{January} December 1861

Read the following dispatch from the Right Honble the Secretary of State for India.

Observes that it is satisfactorily established that the plants will thrive in different localities in this Presidency and states that as no attempt appears to have yet been made to convert their produce into a marketable article of Commerce, he will not object to this Govt. acting if necessary on the recommendation of Mr. Clegham, & obtaining a few skilled ^{Indian} manufacturers from the N. W. Provinces.

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Letter from the Hon.
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