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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th August 1862.

No. 404. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1862, No. 4,028 :—

Read the following letter from Dr. D. McPHERSON, Inspector General of Hospitals, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 13th June 1862.

SIR,

1. I take the liberty to address you for the information of the Board of Revenue, relative to their published Proceedings on the introduction of Tea into the higher ranges of Southern India.

2. I have gone over extensive fields of Tea in the Dutch Colony of Java, and witnessed its manufacture there on a large scale, and in company with Dr. Jamieson, the Government Superintendent in Upper India, I have gone over the Government Tea Plantations and others, in the Dayra Doon, paying much attention to the manufacture of the leaf, and I am persuaded that it is worse than useless for inexperienced hands to attempt to produce a marketable article from Tea grown on the Neilgherries and Shevaroy Hills.

3. I am acquainted with Mr. Mann's and Mr. Fischer's Plantations at these places, and am persuaded that a correct system of manufacture is alone necessary to render the former equal, if not superior, to that grown on the lower ranges of the Himalayas.

4. I send specimens of both, from which the Board will observe the imperfect manufacture of the one compared with the other. The leaf of Mr. Mann's Tea has evidently not passed through that essential early process, without which every other part of its delicate manipulations, before it becomes a marketable article, is futile, and the acridity perceptible in its infusion, is another proof that the first process of triturating and rolling the leaf, after its first scorching has been neglected.

5. The Tea otherwise excells either Himalaya or Assam, and judging from what I have observed elsewhere, on both the ranges mentioned above in Coorg; on the Pulneys and on Gallikonda also there are vast spaces where the plant may be propagated successfully.

6. A Tea plantation is a far more certain return to the Planter than any Coffee concern can be. For with Tea, grass lands on slopes, shaded by fruit trees or capable of irrigation are available for its cultivation, whereby the destruction and expense of removing Forest as in Coffee is avoided, and the leaf, which is alone consumed in tea, is a much more certain return than the Coffee Berry.

7. It is utterly impossible, however, satisfactorily to carry out the several parts of the process of preparing the Tea for market by description alone. Every thing relating to it is simple when acquired. The character of our Hills for the growth of the plant will be injured, if an article such as Mr. Mann's has manufactured be sent to market in Europe. Permit me, therefore, to urge a re-consideration of the decision arrived at by the Board, and again to go up to Government with their recommendation that the small cost of introducing skilled laborers be incurred, who would speedily impart their knowledge to others and render us independent.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the consideration of Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 4th April 1862, No. 2,215.

2. The Board's reason for declining to support the proposal to procure skilled manipulators from Bengal was that, so far as they are aware, there is little or no produce fit for them to work on at present. Dr. McPherson speaks of Mr. Mann's manufacture, but the Board are not aware that that gentleman has ever manufactured the leaf for the market, or done more than prepare very partially small samples for individual trial.

3. But apart from these considerations, the Board do not see why Government should provide manipulators for the Tea growers of this Presidency, who are perfectly well able to meet this requirement without Government aid.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 405.

MEMORANDUM.

1. Mr. Mann's Tea Plantation at Coonoor was commenced about eleven or twelve years ago. It was formed from seedlings brought in Wardian cases from China and seeds from the same, all these having been selected (I believe) by Mr. Fortune in some of the best Tea districts of the country.

2. The present state of the Plantation as far as I can ascertain, is this:—

2,400	Plants, age about 11 years.		
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20,400	say at 1,200 per acre 17 acres.		

The later cultivation has been from seeds produced by the early trees.

3. From February to June (the crop season) of this year, Tea has been prepared from the crop of leaves picked, to the amount of 2,000 lbs. weight.

4. It has thus been established, that the real Tea plant of commerce will grow, fruit, mature seed, and supply a crop of leaves, at Coonoor. At Ootacamund the shrub also grows, and seeds; and, thus succeeding in these two climates of the Hills, their general surface, in suitable soil and situation, may be deemed equally adapted to the favorable growth of the plant. I may observe that I believe Mr. Mann was induced to select Coonoor for *his* experimental cultivation, because it had been pointed out by the late Dr. Turnbull Christie, an eminent Naturalist, as the most likely climate for its success.

5. With all the conditions of its favorable growth as a plant established, there has still remained to be determined, whether its produce was really a merchantable article, whether in fact the climate of the Neilgherries admitted of the Tea leaf carrying the flavour of good consumable Tea. Repeated rough trials seemed to speak unfavorably on this point. About twenty-five years ago Mr. Sullivan, then Collector of Coimbatore, sent some prepared Tea leaves, taken from a shrub at Ootacamund to Madras; but the infusion from them was pronounced execrable. Subsequent trials had pretty much the same result, and even when the leaves were taken from the better plants of Mr. Mann's plantation and prepared with more care and a little more knowledge, the least unfavorable opinion that could be pronounced upon the Tea by Dr. Cleghorn was, that it was "not palatable." Such results have sufficed to deter others from embarking in the adventure. Mr. H. Rae alone having had sufficient confidence in his own judgment to engage (last year) in Tea cultivation at Sholoor. Mr. H. Mann had left Coonoor to settle in Coorg almost immediately after the outset of his Tea Plantation, he considering that what he met with from local authority, was the reverse of encouragement to his costly experiment.

6. But there seems much reason to believe that the Tea prepared from plants growing on the Neilgherries, has been thus unpalatable because of its *defective manipulation*, that the acrid taste so constantly complained of, even when the proper leaves have been selected for the manufacture, has resulted from the want of a right manufacturing apparatus and from an ignorance of the necessity of every particle of moisture being removed from the leaves and of how to effect it. Mr. Mann's native Overseer, Ponnambalum, though he has shown a good deal of skill in his mode of treatment, has been unavoidably ignorant of the correct style of manipulation, and generally his Tea has had a musty smell and an acrid flavour. But on the other hand, when accident (perhaps) has caused one picking to be better prepared than another, tasters have found this passable; his Tea, moreover, has for the past two years found a ready sale at a fair price in the bazar, and partially in a shop at Ootacamund; it has shown decided improvement by being kept; and last year (of which I can speak from personal knowledge, my friend Mr. Mann having asked me to direct matters at his Tea garden for him on his departure for England at the beginning of the year) the result of partial experiments, made in pursuance of instruction gathered from books, was, that some parcels of Tea were so good in flavour and perfume, that I found a pinch added to the ordinary China Tea sold in the Ootacamund market impart to the latter a most agreeable flavour. This apparent *strength* in the Tea if found to be really present, would give it a similarity

to those of Assam, whose value consists in their imparting a flavour to and improving other and ordinary Teas. There is in all this great encouragement to expect that Tea cultivation on the Neilgherries may yet prove an extended and profitable industry.

7. To settle the *one* doubt that remained to impede a confidence in the enterprize, Dr. Cleghorn had been in correspondence with Dr. Jamieson, the Government Superintendent of Tea Plantations in Bengal, to send down a number of Tea manipulators, trained practically under his own eye, and skilled in the work—all in fact was arranged; the men selected who were both to manufacture the Tea and teach the process to others, and their engagement and despatch to the Hills only awaited the Government sanction. The matter, however, at that time fell to the ground. But it remains still the one thing needful.

8. From what I have said at the outset, it will be seen that the fruit-bearing trees on Mr. Mann's plantation at Coonoor leave it more the character of a "Nursery garden" than a "Plantation." The extent barely exceeds five acres. If then it be proved, by scientific manipulation of the leaf, that his costly experiment has *proved* that the *Tea of commerce* can be successfully cultivated on the Neilgherry Hills, the profit therein resulting to himself must be wholly insignificant. The real and extended advantage must accrue to the Government, directly, in the value imparted to the numerous tracts of waste land adapted to the cultivation, and indirectly, in the impetus that is sure to be given to a new and most important industry. It is under this consideration that I venture to submit, that it is both fair and politic, that the whole expense of bringing down and employing Dr. Jamieson's skilled men, both in preparing Tea from Mr. Mann's plants and from any others there may be any where, should be borne by the Government.

9. I have observed, in extracts given from Dr. Jamieson's last annual Report, that the parties trained in Tea manipulation on the Government Plantations are being eagerly and quickly snapped up by private cultivators and Tea Companies. I would, therefore, humbly suggest if the Government should determine to bring a party of such men down, that advantage might be taken of Dr. Cleghorn's presence in Upper India to request his personally arranging the matter with Dr. Jamieson and thus ensuring the acquisition of thoroughly skilled manipulators. The very great interest which both gentlemen take in the introduction of this industry, will be the guarantee of a careful selection. The picking of crop on Mr. Mann's garden lasted in the present year from February to June. Perhaps the men had better arrive at the beginning of January next.

10. I may, in conclusion, draw attention to the fact, that the 2,000 lbs. of Tea picked this year from Mr. Mann's garden were so from scarcely over five acres of cultivation, and that there would probably have been much more, but for the failure of rain at a particular time. The quantity actually picked, however, averages 400 lbs. per acre, which is a very favorable return if the Tea prove of the quality that there seems some show of reason in anticipating. And I may mention that I know visitors from Bengal in late years—Civilians, Military Officers, and merchants, officially connected with Tea cultivation or directly interested in it—to have expressed strong and decided opinions as to various parts of the Neilgherry Hills being well adapted and very promising for the same cultivation.

(Signed) J. OUCHTERLONY.

KOTAGERY,
29th July 1862.

No. 406. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1862, No. 1,841.

1. The Secretary of State in noticing in his Despatch, dated 31st October 1860, No. 73, the reports of Dr. Cleghorn on the growth of the Tea plant on the Neilgherries and other parts of the Madras Presidency authorized this Government to obtain the services for a limited period, of a few skilled Tea manufacturers from the North Western Provinces should it appear that there is little chance of the matter being taken up by private enterprize. The Board of Revenue were requested by Government to consult the Collector of Coimbatore and some of the residents of the Hills on the subject.

Order 5th January 1862, No. 17.

The Secretary of State again drew the attention of this Government to the subject in his Despatch dated 16th October 1861, No. 66.

2. The Board of Revenue after consulting the Collector of Coimbatore and other gentlemen on the Hills reported, in their Proceedings dated 4th April 1862, No. 2,215, that there are but very few if any Tea plants at the present time in this Presidency sufficiently advanced, or not too much neglected to produce leaves fit for manipulating, and as those few could only be obtained from Mr. Mann who has not replied to their reference on the subject they considered it would be premature to send for any skilled manufacturers yet at the Government expense, and the Government resolved accordingly. (Proceedings dated 26th May 1862, No. 1,166.)

3. But the papers above recorded show that the opinion formed by the Board is not applicable to all the Tea Plantations on the Hills, and that work can be found there for Tea manipulators and that they can be usefully employed. The first of these papers is an extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, with which they submit a letter from the Inspector General of Hospitals, requesting a re-consideration of the decision already arrived at. Dr. McPherson, who has paid much attention to Tea planting and manufacturing in different parts of the country, states that he is acquainted with Mr. Mann's and Mr. Fischer's Plantations on the Neilgherries and the Shevaroys respectively, and that a correct system of manufacture is alone necessary to render the produce of the former equal if not superior, to the Tea grown in the lower ranges of the Himalayas. The second paper is a Memorandum drawn up by Mr. J. Ouchterlony, who has been managing Captain Mann's plantations after his departure for England in the beginning of the year. This paper supports the view taken by Dr. McPherson of the character of Mr. Mann's plantations. The picking of crop on these plantations is stated to have lasted in the present year from February to June, and the quantity picked was 2,000 lbs at an average of 400 lbs per acre. Mr. Ouchterlony is of opinion that the favorable growth of the Tea plant on the Hills is established, but that its merchantable character has yet to be ascertained by the employment of skilled manufacturers; Mr. Ouchterlony explains that there is every reason to believe that the unpalatable quality of the Neilgherry Tea, is the result of defective manipulation, and therefore suggests that experienced manipulators be procured. Captain Mann's absence sufficiently accounts for the omission on his part to furnish a reply to the Board on the subject. His Excellency the Governor while on his tour has seen the samples of Tea prepared at Mr. Mann's plantation. These samples are found to have been subjected to but little skilful manipulation, in consequence of the absence of any competent workmen. The presence of qualified Tea manipulators would, the Governor is informed, be a most welcome addition to this estate, as a means of ascertaining the real value of the Tea grown there, before any extension of this plantation is made, which would be attended with great expense. As remarked by Mr. Ouchterlony in his paper on the subject, if this *one* doubt is removed and if the quality of the Tea grown on the Neilgherries, when properly manipulated, is ascertained to be, as there is good reason to believe, similar to that of the Teas of Assam, the cultivation of the plant on the Neilgherries will be rapidly extended and become a profitable and thriving industry. In this respect the presence of the Tea manipulators on Mr. Mann's estate where the experiments can best be tried will be of considerable public benefit.

4. The Governor in Council therefore, after a careful consideration of all the papers before him, is convinced of the necessity of Government assisting the Tea Planters in ascertaining the merchantable quality of the Tea produced in this Presidency, and is of opinion that the time has arrived for doing so. He therefore resolves in supersession of the Government Order dated 26th May 1862, No. 1,166, to request the Government of India to send to this Presidency two experienced manipulators, the cost of their passage and salaries to be defrayed by this Government. The services of these men will, as soon as they arrive, be placed at the disposal of Mr. Mann. The attention of the Government of India will be requested to the necessity of sending these men in time to arrive at Madras at the beginning of next year (at latest), as they will have to proceed to the Hills and make all the necessary preparations previous to the commencement of the picking season in February.

5. On the receipt from the Government of India of a Memorandum of the probable charges to be incurred on account of these manipulators, measures will be adopted to provide the necessary funds.

6. Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Dr. Cleghorn, in view to his communicating to the Government of India any suggestions he may wish to offer about the Tea manipulators to be sent to Madras.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 407. From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 29th August 1862, No. 1,842.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward, for submission to the Government of India, copy of Government Proceedings of this day's date, No. 1,841, on the subject of the Tea Manipulators required on the Neilgherry Hills, with a view to improving the manufacture of the Tea cultivated there, and to the determination of its merchantable value.

2. I am further directed to request that orders may be given for sending, to this Presidency from the North Western Provinces, two qualified workmen of this description. This Government will bear the cost of their passage and salaries, and as soon as they receive a Memorandum of what the entire cost per annum is likely to be, steps will be taken to provide the required funds. These persons should, for the present, be bound by agreement to serve in this Presidency for three years.

3. I am also to request that they may be sent in time to arrive here at the beginning of next year. They will have to proceed to the Hills, and make all the necessary preparations previous to the commencement of the picking season, which commences in February.

4. Dr. Cleghorn, at present temporarily employed under the orders of the Government of India, has paid much attention to Tea Plantations in this Presidency, and has therefore been requested to submit to the Government of India any suggestions he may wish to offer, on the subject of the selection of persons to be employed on the Neilgherry Hills as Tea Manipulators.

Memo.

I forward for orders a Memo &
Minute — with Copies — on Mr
Mannis Tea Plantation at
Coonoor — It will be seen that
Mr R Coomer proposes that
application may be made to
the Govt of India for two experienced
Manipulators whose services
should be placed at his disposal
of Govt for Mr Mann —

Previous correspondence

on the subject is just ch.

6 Aug.

JPS

- I concur in the course proposed by the President of applying for 2 experienced manipulators -

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Memorandum

On my way from Coonoor to Kolagherry I visited Mr Mann's Plantation and had some conversation with the Manager. He told me that he had made already 2000 lbs of Tea from the existing Trees and showed me a number of seedlings ready to Plant out he intended if clearing land & adding to his Plantation — I asked to see some of his Tea which had been prepared from leaves shown me on my last visit. Tea which had evidently been subjected to but little manipulation — recollecting that when Mr Low[e] applied to Mr Mann for the purpose of ascertaining whether it would be of any advantage to him to have his services upon a skilled manipulation, no answer was returned

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I spoke to Mr Dunbleton
who has been acting
for Mr Mann in the
same subject and
received from him
the accompanying
letter -
Under the circumstances
above detailed & with
reference to the facts
stated & opinions ex=
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I entirely concur Mr
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to Dr Clapham seems
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 29th August 1862
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at by the Board on the proposal
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From J. Ouchterlony, Esqre
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On Tea Plantation.

Revenue 1862 Deptt.
Pro: of Govt for August

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
D/ 29th August 1862.

Endorsement from the Secy to the
Govt of India D/ 16th October 62
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Board's Proceedings of the
subject of Tea Manipulators
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To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

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Fort St. George
29th August 1862

Copy in a Letter to England
Dated 12th Septr No. 62 of 1862

To Government of India
On tea plantation.

Revenue 1862 Septr
Pro: of Govt for August

No. 1842

To
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Dt 29th Augt 62.

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