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No. 213. Read the following letter from W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Ootacamund 12th March 1862, No. 103:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government dated 17th ultimo, No. 344, I have the honor to inform you that I received from the Collector of Sea Customs on the 4th instant, in good condition, the packet containing the seeds of Chinchona Condaminea and C. Crespilla.

2. It affords me much pleasure to be able to acquaint you for the information of Government, that a few of the same batch of seeds, which I received in a letter from Mr. Markham on the 16th ultimo, are germinating freely. On the 16th day after sowing, I found that twelve seeds had germinated and to-day being the 23rd day upwards of 200 seedlings have germinated, or over 50 per cent. of the total number of perfect seeds received. Judging from this result, I have little doubt, that we will be able to rear nearly the whole of the seeds received on the 4th instant.

3. The Government will observe that in this sowing of seeds the time in which the first seeds germinated has been reduced from 62 to 16 days, and that within the 23rd day a larger proportion of the seeds have vegitated than was previously effected in three months. I mention this fact, as perhaps no stronger one could be given, to show the daily improvement we are making in attaining a more perfect knowledge of the nature and treatment of these plants.

No. 214. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1862, No. 2,213.

The Government are much gratified at the decided success which is attending Mr. McIvor's exertions.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Govt Gardens,
Ootacamund,
12th March 1862

No 103.

From

W. G. McIvor, Esqr.,
Supt. Govt Cinchona Plantations.

To

I. D. Sim, Esqr.,
Secy. to Government
Madras.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most humble & obedient Servant

W. G. McIvor

Supt. Govt Cinchona Plantations

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From Mr. M. G.
Mr Govr Supt. Govt
Cinchona Plantations

Dated 12th March
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Ordered to be brought
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From Sir W. George
20th Oct. 1862

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Plantations Darjeeling

C.O. March 1820