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Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to Government of India, dated Fort William, the 15th October 1862, No. 5,719:—

No. 99. Read the following letter from A. M. MONTEATH, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India (Home Department), to Dr. H. CLEGHORN, Punjab, dated Fort William, the 23rd September 1862, No. 5,158.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 6 of the Resolution of the Government of Madras, No. 1,841, dated the 29th ultimo, a copy of which is stated to have been forwarded to you, I am directed to request that you will have the goodness to hasten the submission to this Department of any suggestions you may wish to offer on the subject of the selection of persons to be employed in the Neilgherry Hills as Tea manipulators.

From Dr. H. CLEGHORN, M.D., Conservator of Forests, Madras, on Special duty, to A. M. MONTEATH, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William, dated Lahore, 6th October 1862.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 23rd ultimo, No. 5,158, directing me to hasten the submission of suggestions regarding the selection of persons to be employed in the Neilgherry Hills as Tea manipulators.

2. In reply I have the honor to forward copy of a letter despatched this day to the Superintendent Government Gardens, Saharunpore, with whom I had been in correspondence on the subject in 1859, on receipt of his reply I shall address you again regarding the Tea makers.

From Dr. H. CLEGHORN, M.D., Conservator of Forests, Madras, on Special duty, to W. JAMESON, Esq., Superintendent, Botanical Garden, Saharunpore, dated Lahore, 6th October 1862.

SIR,

1. I beg to enclose copy of Resolution of Madras Government, dated 29th August, No. 1,841, authorizing the engagement of two experienced Tea manipulators, to carry out the several parts of the manufacture, and test the merchantable quality of the Neilgherry Tea.

2. Having been requested (paragraph 6) to communicate to the Government of India any suggestions about this important matter and time being short I give you the leading facts.

3. You will observe that the services of these men on arrival will be placed at the disposal of Mr. Mann, whose plantation near Coonoor formed the subject of a correspondence with you in August 1859.

4. The picking of crop is stated to commence in February and last till June. This year 2,000 pounds of leaves (or 400 pounds per acre) were gathered, and a larger outturn is expected.

5. Mr. H. D. Rae has a Tea plantation within twenty miles, and other settlers have a small number of seedlings, generally from two to five years old.

6. It seems to me that the main points for your consideration are:—

I. Are you able to transfer or supply two Chinamen, or expert Natives of the North Western Provinces (if Chinamen are not available) for this particular service?

II. What would be the probable charges to be incurred on account of these Tea makers (if engaged under an agreement say for two years or such time as you think necessary), including travelling expenses to Madras, the supply of necessary implements and a suitable quantity of fresh seed?

7. There is no allusion in the Order of Government to the erection of a building for carrying on the various processes of manufacture, and I am not aware that any exists. I presume the construction of a small factory would be indispensable, and should be glad to know the size and plan you would recommend for a plantation, yielding this year probably 3,000 pounds.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. CLEGHORN,
Conservator of Forests.

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Copy of the foregoing papers forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information, with reference to letter therefrom, No. 1,842, dated 29th of August.

(By Order.)

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 100.

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Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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