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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2383 Press Mis.

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Dated 11-11-19 1862

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No. 107. Read the following letter from W. LEES, Esq., to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, dated Calcutta, 22nd October 1862 :—

SIR,

1. Availing myself of His Excellency's privilege, I forward you a letter this morning received from Captain Elphinstone, a brother-in-law of Sir Bartle Frere's, and my partner in the Chinchona experiments we had hoped to carry out in the Rangra Valley.

2. His Excellency will understand how disappointed we are at this unfortunate result; and I beg you will assure Sir W. Denison that it has not been occasioned by any neglect on our part. Mr. Scott, the head Gardener of the Botanical Gardens, had them in his possession until he placed them on board the up-country Steamer, and the Steam Company Directors issued the strictest injunctions to the Captain to render the Mallies the best assistance he could. The plants drooped at Moongheer about ten days after leaving this, and on reaching Allahabad but ten were alive. Through the kindness of Mr. Harington, arrangements had been made to have them sent on immediately on reaching Allahabad and Agra, and not an hour was lost on the road. Indeed, between this and Jullundhur they were little more than a month en route, though the distance is 1,200 miles, and the Steamer trip is six weeks.

3. By the directions of Mr. Scott the cases were opened and watered every morning, and I am not certain whether this was a good plan or not. Plants in Wardian cases come out the whole way from England without being opened, which I mentioned to Mr. Scott, and which of course he knew, but with the Chinchonas he said it was absolutely necessary that they should be watered.

4. I am afraid to ask His Excellency to try me again : but if, after reading the enclosed he is satisfied that *this* failure—and he will know that *all* experiments are only successful after some failure—has been the result of the cause assigned by Captain Elphinstone, I venture to hope he will sanction my receiving two more cases of plants (somewhat stronger and of more stamina than the last) for which I will be most happy to pay anything that may be required.

5. From the description of the soil* and climate of the proposed plantations Mr. McIvor will be able to judge of the descriptions best suited to our circumstances. My own opinion is that the Succirubra is the most hardy. There is a very fine plant now flourishing in the Botanical Gardens here.

6. With many acknowledgments for his Excellency's previous attention.

* A rich vegetable soil.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1862, No. 2,383.

Resolved that this letter with its enclosures (in original) be transmitted to Mr. McIvor, with instructions to transmit two more cases of Chinchonas to Mr. Lees. Mr. McIvor will be requested to make any remarks he may deem necessary upon the mode of treatment the Chinchonas which were sent to Mr. Lees under the Order of Government, dated 24th May 1862, but which have died, appear to have received in their transmission from Calcutta to Jullundur.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

and leaf beginning

from the description
of the leaf and calyx
of the proposed plant from
Mr. Menzies with the addition
of the description
best suited to our circum-
stances by our opinion
is that the succulent
is the most hardy - the
is a new genus plant (now
flowering) in the Botanic
Col gardens here.

Written acknowledgement for H.E.

a handy —

previous Letter

Lord Auckland

Alex. Hamilton

W. C. Lees

Archibald Lee

R. E. Richmond

J. Wardrop

(We have had Dr. Joseph Davis here - suffering from dysentery; else is quite well -

My dear Archibald.

I send you down a letter from W. Lee of Calcutta -

Mr Gordon sees no objection to letting W. Lees have this piece of Cinchona and thinks it would perhaps be a good plan to send a W. Lees letter to W. Wilson as soon as he may make any remarks having reference upon the mode of treatment the Cinchona (which were sent back to W. Lees & which have since) have received at W. Lees hands -

Oh Lin, in all probability
it [illegible] Lin watched in
the warehouse cave which
caused him death

Yr
Mr Beeby
Ms

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From
W. W. Lees Esqre

Dated 22 Oct 1862
Received 7 Nov 1862

E 4. Sends for Supply of C. Plants
S.O. No 2386. 4 Nov

Applies for two more cases of Cinchona plants saved which are stronger and of more stamina than those sent to him last.

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1 Copy to G. M. McIvor Esqre
Author Melbourne
M. Leo Esqre

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Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dd 11th Nov: 162.

From Supt. Govt Chin.
chona Dd 22 Novr. 162
Cases 3252 lbs

Requisition of Mr.
W. Lees of Calcutta for
two more cases of
Chinchona plants
ordered to be complied
with.

Cinchona Accounts requisition
by Mr. Lees.

No 107 & 108.