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No. 231. Read the following letter from Captain H. MACKENZIE, Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Nagpore, 6th August 1863, No. 3,462 :—

SIR,

1. The Officiating Chief Commissioner is anxious to try an experiment in reference to the cultivation of the Chinchona plant in these Provinces. Seedlings, he believes, are procurable at Ootacamund in the Neilgherry Hills. But he also learns that they cannot be procured without a special order from the Government of Madras. That is to say, private applications have been lodged to such an extent that further applications, without the authority of Government, could not be complied with for some time to come.

2. An opportunity now offers whereby there would be every chance afforded to a case of seedlings reaching Nagpore in good condition. Major Tod, Paymaster of the Nagpore Force, now on leave at Ootacamund, offers to take charge of such a case if it were made over to him there, and to bring it under his own care to Nagpore. He would, probably, leave Ootacamund in the middle of September.

3. If the Government would give instructions for the preparation of a case of Chinchona plants, and for their delivery to Major Tod before the 10th proximo, the Officiating Chief Commissioner would be much obliged. There is every reason to believe that the plant would flourish in the higher parts of the Santpoora ranges, south of the Nerbudda river.

No. 232. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1863, No. 1,549.

Communicated to the Superintendent of the Chinchona Plantations, who will be instructed to comply, if possible, with the requisition made in this letter. Mr. McIvor will afford Major Tod every opportunity of becoming acquainted with the culture and propagation of the plant.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent Chinchona Plantations.
To Major A. Tod, Ooty.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

