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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th September 1863.*

No. 368. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 16th September 1863, No. 103:—

SIR,

Dated 12th May 1863, No. 103, Revenue Department.

Dated 10th September 1863, No. 197, Revenue Department.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge Government Order, dated 20th April 1863, No. 691, and Official Memoranda noted marginally.

2. I regret I have not been able to trace on my records any comprehensive reports on the Conolly Teak Plantations of Nelambúr.

* Dated 17th November 1860, submitted to Government with Captain Morgan's Report, dated 16th May 1861, No. 469.
Vide G. O. dated 5th August 1861, No. 1,553, Revenue Department.

A Memorandum* drawn up in 1860 by Mr. MacGregor while Head Assistant Collector of the District, on the working of the Plantations, is all that is forthcoming. This is already before Government.

3. I submit, however, a statement exhibiting the areas covered with the Plantations of different years' growth, with the number of trees planted in each year.

Enclosure 1.

The areas given are only approximate as no survey of the forests has as yet been made.

Enclosure 2.

4. I enclose also an account showing the total amount expended on the Plantations up to official year 1861-62, with the rates of monthly pay disbursed to the fixed Establishment of Coolies, and the average rates of daily wages paid to the Coolies temporarily employed.

The former rates, it will be observed, vary from 1½ to 6 Rupees per month, and the latter from Pice 4½ to Annas 6 and Pice 5 per day per Cooly.

5. The aggregate expenditure to the end of 1861-62, including cost of superintendence, &c., is Rupees 72,374-6-1.

The revenues derived from the Plantations to the same period amount to Rupees 23,093-11-9. The realization of income revenue has not been the object. But the annual returns henceforth will probably be considerably greater than hitherto and will, I anticipate, more than cover the expenditure.

The total number of trees planted are estimated, it will be seen, at 14,73,759, covering an area of 1,471 Acres. The prospective revenues are consequently enormous.

Enclosures 3 and 4, dated 15th August 1844 and 23rd October 1857, with two accompaniments.

6. To place before Government as much useful information as possible in reference to the Plantations, I append two papers describing the process observed in

sowing and raising the Teak seed and the mode of planting, &c.

They tally in the main with the directions for planting furnished by Captain Beddome in his letter to Government, dated 10th April 1863, No. 491, embodied in the Government Order under acknowledgment, and give in detail the method of operations generally in these Plantations.

† Enclosures 1 and 2.

To Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, 25th February 1863, No. 917, contained in G. O. dated 25th March 1863, No. 577, Revenue Department.

7. I trust the above papers and the statements† now submitted will, in some measure, answer the object of the Government of India, as expressed in their communication noted. I forward a copy of the sketch map of the Plantations as required by them in paragraph 3.

No. 369. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1863, No. 1,785.

Resolved that a copy of this letter and the papers received with it as also a copy of the letter from the Acting Conservator of Forests, dated 10th April 1863, No. 491, be forwarded to the Government of India as requested in an Office Memorandum from the Officiating Secretary Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. Beadle, dated 25th February 1863, No. 917.

(True Extract.)

To the Collector of Malabar.

To the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

The total number of Trees planted are estimated, it will be seen, at 14,73,759, covering an area of 1471 acres. The prospective revenues are consequently enormous.

b. To place before Government as much useful information as possible in reference to the Plantations, I append two Papers describing the process observed in sowing and raising, the Tree's seeds, and the mode of planting them.

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7. I trust the above papers and the statements now submitted will in some measure answer the object of the Government of India, as expressed in their communication noted. I forward a copy of the sketch Map of the Plantations as required by them in Para 3.

I have the honor to be
Yr. most obedient Servant
D. Ballantyne
Collector.

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15 August 1864 - and
23 October 1867 with
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To Secretary to Govt.
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5th August/72 No. 57-52
 25th March/83 - 262-263.
 20 April - in 177-178.

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