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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th November 1863.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 50. From Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 19th October 1863, No. 723:—

SIR,

I perceive that Mr. McIvor, the Superintendent of Chinchona Plantations, has advertised for tenders* for the purchase of the wood in two Sholas close to •Vide "Neilgherry Excelsior" October 15th. Ootacamund required by him for planting Chinchona. It appears to me that the sale of the wood should be conducted by the Forest Department, and I would suggest that when Mr. McIvor requires a Shola in the vicinity of Ootacamund, the Forest Department should fell and stack the timber before the Shola is handed over.

No. 51. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 27th October 1863, No. 73.

SIR,

In view of saving time I beg to transmit copy of a letter with its enclosure addressed by me this day to the Board of Revenue.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 27th October 1863, No. 198.

SIR,

I beg to enclose copy of a letter addressed by me this day to Mr. W. G. McIvor, Superintendent of Government Chinchona Plantation.

NOTICE.

Sale of Firewood.

The Superintendent of Government Chinchona Plantations, will receive tenders until the 1st of November 1863 for the purchase of two Sholals situated between Snowdon and Doddabetta, subject to the limitations and conditions, which will appear in hand-bills, and can be had on application at the Office of the Superintendent Government Gardens, Ootacamund.

Ootacamund, 14th October 1863.

enclosure direct to Government. A Copy of the Notice in the "Neilgherry Excelsior" is annexed.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent of the Government Gardens and Chinchona Plantation, Neilgherries, dated Coimbatore, 27th October 1863, No. 546.

SIR,

When upon the hills lately, complaints were preferred to me by certain Burghers that you had enclosed and taken possession of some of their lands on the north side of the Doddabetta Range adjacent to the Government Gardens. On personal reference to the Tahsildar I was told that the Burghers' statement was correct. My time on the hills was very limited, and as I had to visit the Orange Valley and Goodaloor, the extreme eastern and western boundaries of the Neilgherries, I had only time to pay a hurried visit to the land about which the Burghers complained. I confess I was much astonished at the extensive operations you had carried out, and I could not help regretting in my own mind, that you had not given me previous intimation that you wished to carry out Chinchona planting in the locality in question, in order that enquiries into any existing rights in the land might have been instituted and the sanction of Government for the appropriation of the land for that purpose obtained. The Tahsildar was directed to report on the Burghers' claims, his report has not yet been received, as I believe his attention has been directed to other pressing matters in connection with the late heavy rains and storm on the hills. As however I observe in the "Neilgherry Excelsior" a Notice by you informing the public that the two Sholals between Snowdon and Doddabetta will be sold for firewood on November 1st, I am

constrained to write requesting that all proceedings may be stayed pending the orders of Government on the subject. You must be aware that I am in charge of all Government land in this District, and that without the direct sanction of Government or unless acting in accordance with the rules laid down for my guidance, I cannot allow it to be appropriated without compromising or laying myself open to their severe censure. I am sorry to be obliged, knowing the great interest that Government takes in the Chinchona plantation now being carried out under your superintendence, to write to you thus, but I fear that if the Sholahs are sold as you propose, you may cause a complication in connection with the Government Firewood Contracts, which it will be well to avoid. A copy of this letter shall be forwarded by this day's post to Government.

No. 52. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 1863.

Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 27th October 1863, No. 108, forwarding copy of a letter addressed by him to Mr. McIvor, Superintendent of Government Chinchona Plantations, and requesting that immediate orders may be issued to him to stop all proceedings on certain land and Sholahs till further information has been obtained regarding them.

(In Cons. 30th October 1863, No. 7,014.)

As Mr. Grant has submitted copy of his letter direct to Government, the Board will only add that in their opinion, Mr. McIvor should be prohibited from occupying new land without the sanction of the Collector. If he gives timely notice of his requirements, this rule need not entail any delay in the prosecution of his important Chinchona operations.

No. 53. From W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, Ootacamund, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 30th October 1863, No. 101.

SIR,

• Notice of the sale of firewood.
Letter to the Collector of Coimbatore from the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, dated 30th October 1863, No. 100.
Extract from H. Cleghorn, Esq., dated 20th September 1860, No. 177.
Extract from G. O. dated 28th September 1860, No. 1,430.

1. I have the honor to submit for the considerations of Government the enclosed communications,* with reference to the Collector of Coimbatore's letter of the 27th instant, No. 546.

2. On investigation I believe that it will be established that I have done the utmost that could be accomplished doing this I have shown no disrespect to the authority of the Collector, as the boundary mark indicating the whole extent of land reserved for the Dodabetta Chinchona Plantations was marked out in accordance with the Collector's instructions, to select "from 1,500 to 2,000 Acres" of land, and as operations had been commenced on a portion of this land two or three years ago, I did not suppose it could have been considered disrespect my not having submitted their extension for the consideration and approval of the Collector.

3. No claim whatever can be established to the land in question, either by Burghers or any one else, had there existed any doubt on this subject, I never would have commenced operations.

4. The firewood offered for sale will no doubt realize 3,000 or 4,000 Rupees, and if not sold it must necessarily be lopped and burned, which will entail an expenditure of about 3,000 Rupees, and thus cause a total loss to Government of about 7,000 Rupees. The Government in communication with the Conservator of Forests in the beginning of operations on this site having authorized me to allot and dispose of the firewood, I did not consider I would have been justified in troubling the Government further on the subject.

From W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, to P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 30th October 1863, No. 100.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, No. 546, and as you have laid the subject before Government, I shall only make a few remarks; as your communication is so opposed to the spirit and intention of the orders of Government, your own instructions, and that of your predecessor, that I am at a loss to understand its intent.

2. I observe with much regret that you suppose I have shown disrespect to your authority as Collector of this District, I disclaim all intention of having done so; in fact in doing what you complain of, I was only carrying out your own instructions, and that of the Government, inasmuch as you directed me to secure and mark out from 1,500 to 2,000 Acres of land for the Chinchona Plantations, and this extent I am endeavoring to bring into cultivation at the rate of 150 Acres annually.

3. Whatever may have been the complaints made to you, I unhesitatingly assert that no Burgher or any other claim can be established to the land in question, as previous to my commencing operations it was immemorial waste, the greater part impenetrable jungle and brushwood. You have visited the spot and must have been convinced of this fact. Operations have been in progress on portion of this land nearest the garden for some years, and on that immediately in question from the 1st May last. On receipt of your instructions above alluded to, I threw a trench around the whole of the land intended for the Dodabetta Chinchona Plantation, still no claim was advanced by the Burghers on any portion of it, until a tract of land adjoining that marked out by me, and lying nearer to the Burgher Villages and cultivation, was applied for by Captain Jennings. The Burghers fearing they would be cut off from the pasture of the Dodabetta Range advanced claim first on that applied for by Captain Jennings, and then on a portion of that I had reserved. You investigated and overruled the claims the Burghers advanced on the land applied for by Captain Jennings, you at the same time visited the land I had reserved, and apparently did not then think the claims worth inquiring into. When I accidentally heard of the Burghers' claim, I asked the Tahsildar on two different occasions to meet me on the spot with the Burghers, this he did not do, but one day in returning from Captain Jennings' land he called at the gardens with some Burghers, and when I enquired as to the nature of their claims, they said they had been accustomed to graze their cattle on the small portion of grass land enclosed, and that now gentlemen were taking up land on all sides of them, and where would they be able to find grazing land for their cattle.

4. One morning in the month of May I had the honor to meet you near the land in question, when I informed you I was bringing it under cultivation, and you raised no objection; had any then been raised, I could have stayed all proceedings without much risk, but as I have at this time upwards of 150 men employed on the land in question and between 30 and 40,000 young Chinchona plants in the nursery; to stay as you request all proceedings at a moment's notice, would cause an injury which I am certain that upon reflection you would not wish to be sustained by Government, on account of any unfounded assertion which may be advanced either by the Tahsildar or any one else.

5. I however with much pleasure meet your views and suspend the sale of firewood, as a short delay in this matter is not of so much importance. At the beginning of the Chinchona operations it was sanctioned by Government in conjunction with the Forest Conservancy Department that the wood which could be made available for sale was to be sold by me. Extract of these Proceedings are enclosed for your information; I am not aware that the Government have any firewood contract on the hills, it is true the Conservancy Department sold a portion of the Deva Shola to two Natives, who I believe have resolved to prevent my selling the wood, when I

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sent the notice to be tom-tomed in the bazaar, the Tahsildar raised objections to this notice being given. I submit, however, that it is plain although it may be to the advantage of the purchasers of the Deva Shola that I be prevented from selling the Sholas in question, I am confident that such can have no weight with the Government who must be anxious to make a necessary of life more plentiful in Ootacamund; and especially when this can be accomplished with advantage; for, if the firewood is not sold, the ground must nevertheless be cleared, and the wood must therefore of necessity be lopped and burned at a cost to the Government, or in other words much money must be expended in destroying a commodity which would, if correctly applied, realize a large sum.

No. 54. From W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 2nd November 1863, No. 102.
SIR,

1. In continuation of my letter of the 30th ultimo, and with reference to your Telegram No. 47 of the same date, I have the honor to annex for the consideration of Government, a list of the tenders made for the purchase of the two Sholals on the Dodabetta Chinchona Plantation.
2. In accordance with the Government Telegram, the letter of the Collector of Coimbatore of the 27th ultimo, and the 8th clause of the conditions of sale, none of the tenders have been accepted pending the instructions of Government.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1863, No. 1,990.

1. From Mr. McIvor's explanation it appears that the Collector some time ago desired him to select from 1,500 to 2,000 Acres of lands, to be reserved from the operation of the Waste Land Rules, for future Chinchona Plantations. Mr. McIvor urges this as his authority for annexing two sholas to the Dodabetta Plantation, advertising the wood for sale and commencing operations on them.

2. The Government cannot admit this explanation as at all satisfactory.

3. The Collector is charged with the care of all Government land, and as regards sholas and woods he has to consult the Conservator of Forests before they can be disposed of to any one. It is obvious that instructions to select lands for *reservation* does not convey authority for any other purpose, and further no sanction of the Collector could convey authority to Mr. McIvor to commence a new or extend an existing Chinchona plantation. For this the explicit orders of Government are necessary; but not only has Mr. McIvor made no application for such orders, but the Government are entirely ignorant of the extent of the land taken up, of the source whence funds are to be drawn, of the reasons for enlarging the Dodabetta site, and indeed of every thing except the simple fact that two sholas have been taken possession of.

4. The Government give Mr. McIvor full credit for wishing to do the best for their interests, but they cannot allow him to act in this independent manner, in disregard of standing rules. They also consider the tone of his letter to the Collector to be highly objectionable.

5. Mr. McIvor will furnish full information regarding these sholas, and his reasons for wishing to extend the Chinchona plantation in that direction. Meanwhile, the Collector will immediately enquire into and report on the claims said to be preferred by the Burghers.

6. If the sholas are given over to Mr. McIvor, the Government consider that the felling of the timber and in fact all operations should be entrusted to him. He can, if he thinks it desirable, apply to the Forest Department for aid, but the Government are averse to any division of responsibility. The plan of selling the wood either by tender or by public auction, subject to the necessary conditions, is clearly the best; the full value of the wood will thus be realized, and the money will reach the Government just as if the Forest Department sold the wood.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Office 27th Oct/63

From

Collector of fornicators

Secretary to Government

In view of saving

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with its enclosure addressed by me
this day to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt Servant

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Collector

The Officiating Conservator of Forests.
To Mr. George W. Brown.

Dated 17th Feb 1865

Received 7/1/10

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in or on the Nurseries of Chinchona plants; and
the Contractor will be held responsible for any
damage done in this respect.

The roads and pathways are not to be
impeded and blocked up, all piles of wood are to
be placed by the sides of the roads, and trees falling
on the roads are to be immediately removed, subject
to a penalty of 10 Rs. for each violation of these
conditions.

Each tender must be accompanied by a
deposit of 100 Rs., this amount will be retained with
the accepted tender and returned with such tenders
as are rejected.

The Contractor will be required to pay
monthly beginning in November a sum equivalent
to one fortieth of the full amount of his tender.

The Superintendent of Government Chin-
chona Plantations is not bound to accept the
highest or any tender.

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Superintendent Government
Chinchona Plantations

1880 No 177.

1. The 50 acres allotted to which he consent
for Superintendence should be reserved specially for
the purpose.

2. The clearing of forest might be prepared
immediately in anticipation of Mr. Merkleham's
arrival. The Cart track should also be made. Sir
McDon has Mr. Merkleham's pamphlet and report
and knows what amount of shade should be left.

3. The timber felled should be cutted and sold
by Mr. McDon, the proceeds will be available
for the preparation of the 10 acres. In addition
to this I would suggest a grant of 2000 Rupees
to be accounted for as expenditure.

(Signed) H. Cleghorn
Conservator of Forests

(True Extract)

Superintendent Govt C. P.

H. Q. dated 28th September 1880 at 4th 430

4. In his letter dated 20th August the Conservator
of Forests submits a letter from Mr. McDon
detailing the steps which he proposes to take in
pursuance of the Order of Government dated 18th March.
The Government approve of Mr. Cleghorn's recom-
mendation. The 50 acres selected will accordingly
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be marked out and reserved specially for the Chinese
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towards the expenses. A grant is also sanctioned
of Rupees 2000 to be accounted for when expended.

(True Extract)

Signed P. C. G. G.

Chief Secretary

(True Extract)

P. M. G.

Supt. Govt. Chinese Plantations

on the subject

Have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant

P. M. G.

Superintendent

Govt. Chinese Plantations

List of bids for the purchase of the 2 Sholas on the Doddabetta Chinchona Plantation.

Names	Amount of tender
Nagalingam Pillay	1000
Assen Parakk	1750
Mathias	2125
Doorgappa Row	2100
Thangiah	3120
Prasanna Row	3100
Ponak Goudak	3125
Ch. Subb.	5000
Alley Subb.	No amount

mentioned but an offer of Rs 100 above the highest offer. (tender consequently rejected)

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