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5th November 1863.*

No. 61. Read the following letter from W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 10th October 1863, No. 96:—

SIR,

1. The Government in their Order of the 12th September 1863, No. 1,687, being unable to accede to my proposal, and having been pleased to express their intention to recommend to the Secretary of State that I be allowed to draw pay at the rate of Rupees 500 per mensem from the 1st January 1864, I would most respectfully solicit the favor of this communication together with my letter of the 13th August 1863, being forwarded for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India with the recommendation abovementioned.

2. I beg to bring to the notice of Government, that the conduct of the Chinchona operations shall always have my best exertions and utmost care without reference to pay, as in fact any remuneration the Government can allow me, is but a small reward compared to the gratification conveyed to my mind, by the daily development of the correctness of all that I have advanced with reference to the treatment of the plants, combined with the great success of our operations, and the consciousness that our labors will confer great benefit to the present and to future generations.

3. The reason for bringing the subject of my pay under the consideration of your Honorable Government, was because the sum hitherto allowed me has scarcely met the additional expenditure imposed upon me by the direction of the Chinchona operations, and I felt confident the Government would not wish this to exist in the present state of the undertaking. Besides other expenses, the plantations being a great distance apart necessitates the keep of additional servants and three horses in order to enable me frequently to visit them, as well as the selected sites for the purpose of making observations.

4. I respectfully submit that the value of my services, and the direct saving I have effected to the State, are well known to Government; I therefore feel it sufficient, briefly to observe for the information of the Secretary of State, that, having been trained from my youth to the treatment of plants, and possessing an intimate knowledge of this climate and its effects on vegetation, together with a natural talent for the management of labor and the direction of operations, has enabled me to produce for the Government results in this important undertaking which have never been equalled. In order to form an idea of what we have accomplished a comparison is necessary, and I select for this the cultivation of the plants in their "proper home in the moist region of Darjeeling," under the superintendence of Dr. Anderson.

5. Dr. Anderson commenced the cultivation of Chinchonas in the Calcutta Botanical Gardens in the early part of 1861, and by the end of February of that year had raised "about 80 seedlings" or a greater number by 15 plants than we had on the Neilgherries at that date. Dr. Anderson received a subsequent supply of plants and seed from Java, and 554 plants were supplied to that gentleman from our Nurseries. His Report of the 3rd August 1863 gives the expenditure on the plants at Darjeeling to the 30th of April last, at Rupees 11,639-2-6. The number of plants on the 30th April are not given, but the Report shows the number on the 1st of that month to be (deducting the worthless species *Pahudiana*) 919, add to this number 570 the maximum increase which could have been obtained in April, makes the total number of plants on the 30th of April, 1,489: thus the actual cost of each plant to the Bengal Government is Rupees 7-12-7.

without reference to pay, as in

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6. The cost of our Propagation and Nursery departments from the commencement up to the same date (30th April 1863) being as follows:—

Deputy Surveyor.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Deputy Superintendent's salary	...	...	...
Permanent Establishment	...	...	...
Saderwarid and Contingencies	...	...	...
Add. interest at 10 per cent. for 1½ years on Rupees 3,370	2,497	15	3
expended on permanent buildings in 1861-62	2,882	0	0
Do. do. for one year on Rupees 2,522 expended on permanent buildings in 1862-63	1,607	0	0
Total expenditure to the 30th April 1863	505	8	0
Our number of plants on the 30th April last (deducting the worthless species <i>Pahudiensis</i> of our plants)	252	3	2
	7,744	10	5

Our number of plants on the 30th April last (deducting the worthless species Pahudiana) was 1,59,907, making the cost of our plants to Government 9th of a Pie or about one Penny each, while had our plants been produced at the rate at Darjeeling the cost to Government of 1,59,907 plants would be Rupees 12,45,109-3-1 from which deducting our expenditure of Gives a net saving

Gives a net saving to Government on the Propagating and Nursery departments alone of Rupees ...
 addition to this large saving of ...

Nursery departments alone of Rupees	7,744	10	5
and in addition to this large saving of upwards of one hundred and twenty-three thousand Pounds sterling, the saving in time may be considered as even more important.	12,373	64	8 8

7. In order to avoid delay I undertook the construction of Plantations and Propagating departments.

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8. I am unable to give a comparison of the saving effected on the Engineer's estimates. However that the above facts are sufficient to secure the favorable consideration of my claim to the increase of salary solicited in my letter of the 13th August last.

ORDER THEREON, 5th Nov.

1. The Government...

No. 62.

ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1863, No. 1,993.

1. The Government consider that Mr. McIvor has a fair claim to travelling allowance, and resolve to grant him the same rate as is drawn by Deputy Collectors and Magistrates of the First Class, viz., 3 Rupees per diem. Mr. McIvor will draw this throughout the year.

2. The above Order will be reported to the Home Government in continuation of the Despatch, dated 12th September 1863, No. 97.

(True Extract)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

" Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

allowance for travelling expenses in a falling bill together
for calculation of savings. See in a falling bill together

The letter are put in the hands of the boys where reporting on travelling allowance which is done so often.

Government House
 Richmond
 10th October 1843.

W. H. H. Esquire
Superintendent Government
Chincha & Islands - Callao and

J. D. Van Esquire
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George - Madras.

The Government in their order of the 22nd September 1866 & 1867 being amiable to accede to my proposal, and having been pleased to express their intention to recommend to the Secretary of State that I be allowed to draw pay at the rate of Rupees 500 per mensem from the 1st January 1868, I would most respectfully solicit the favor of this communication together with my letter of the 22nd August 1868 being forwarded for the consideration of the Right Hon^{ble} the Secretary of State for India with the recommendation above mentioned.

2. I beg to bring to the notice of Government, that the conduct of the Chinese operations shall always have my best exertions, and utmost care, without reference to pay, or in-

fact, any remuneration the Government can allow me, is but a small reward compared to the gratification conveyed to my mind, by the daily development of the correctness of all that I have advanced with reference to the treatment of the plants; combined with the great success of my operations, and the consciousness that our labors will confer great benefit to the present, and to future generations.

The reason for bringing the subject of my pay under the consideration of your Honorable Government, was because the sum hitherto allowed me has scarcely met the additional expenditures imposed upon me by the direction of the Chinchona operations, and I felt confident the Government would not wish this to exist in the present state of the undertaking. Besides other expenses, the Plantations being a great distance apart necessitates the keeping of additional servants and horses in order to enable me frequently to visit them, as well as the selected sites for the purpose of making observations.

I respectfully submit that the value of my services, and the direct savings I have effected to the State, are well known to Government; therefore I feel it sufficient, briefly to observe for the information of the Secretary of State, that, having been trained from my youth to the treatment of plants, and possessing an intimate knowledge of this climate and its effects on vegetation, together with a natural talent for the management of labor and the

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I am unable to give a comparison of the savings effected in the formation of our plantations; as, elsewhere this stage has not been attained in the cultivation of the plants; but, however, that the above facts are sufficient to secure the favorable consideration of my claim to the increase of salary alluded in my letter of the 15th August last.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

W. H. L.

Supt. Inst. Chinchona Plantations

Dec. 12th 1863

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