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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 23-12-~~19~~1863

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No. 393. 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, 11th December 1863, No. 111:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to enclose the Botanical Garden and Chinchona Plantations, Budget Estimate for 1864-65, which I trust will meet the approval of Government.

2. This Estimate in consequence of 150 additional Acres of land to be brought into cultivation shows an increase* of Rupees 10,645 over the Budget of 1863-64. It has also been necessary to estimate an increase of pay from 6 to 7 Rupees per mensem to 130 Under-gardeners, as 7 Rupees is now the prevailing rate of pay throughout the District for good workmen, and in order to enable us to keep up our Establishment it is necessary that we pay the usual rate.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* Increase on salaries.	2,930	0	0
,, Establishment.	4,296	0	0
,, Allowances.	1,095	0	0
,, Contingencies.	1,521	0	0
,, Buildings.	800	0	0
Total increase.	10,645	0	0

3. I would also solicit the favor of Government being pleased to allow the same advantages to the First Assistant Superintendent at Neddivuttum, as secured to Mr. Lyall† by the Secretary of State, viz., that his salary be increased at the rate of £10 per annum for five years. This rate of increase has been estimated in the present Budget.

† Letter from Under Secretary of State, dated India Office, London, 3rd March 1862, recorded in G. O. 1st April 1862, No. 714.

No. 393A. 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, 21st December 1863, No. 116.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum No. 267 of the 15th instant, I have the honor to submit the Estimate cost of the formation of a Tea Plantation of 30 Acres. This extent will, I think, be sufficient to produce enough of seeds to meet the demand, but should the Government deem it expedient to increase or reduce the extent, the Estimate will of course be increased or reduced accordingly.

2. Should these Estimates meet the approval of Government it will be necessary to add to my Budget Estimate of 1864-65, a monthly expenditure of Rupees 50 for an Overseer for the Tea plantation, and 200 Rupees per mensem for 30 Under-gardeners to plant and keep up the plantation and nurseries for the year.

No. 394. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1863, No. 2,362.

1. With this letter the Superintendent of the Government Botanical Gardens and Chinchona Plantations on the Neilgherries submits his Budget Estimate for 1864-65. Mr. McIvor has made a mistake in entering in the column of Estimate of 1863-64, the sums originally given in his Budget for that year instead of the sums sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 8th January 1863, No. 33, though he has made the comparison in his letter correctly. The sums authorized for 1863-64, and the sums now proposed by Mr. McIvor and passed by Government for 1864-65 are given below:—

	1863-64.	1864-65.	Difference.	Passed by Government.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Salaries	9,470	12,400	+ 2,930	12,400
Establishment	26,100	30,396	+ 4,296	30,400
Saderwarid and Contingencies	.....	6,994	+ 6,994	2,000
Working charges	31,070	21,609	— 9,470	21,600
Buildings	.....	4,800	+ 4,800	4,800
Travelling allowance to the Superintendent...	.....	1,095	+ 1,095	1,100
Total Chinchona Plantations	66,640	77,285	+ 10,645	72,300
Allowance to Horticultural Gardens ...	1,200	1,200	.....	1,200
	67,840	78,485	.....	.....

Of the increase under "Salaries" Rupees 1,400 consists of the higher salary to Mr. McIvor recommended to the Secretary of State, and the annual additional allowances to which some of his

Govt Chinchona Plantations

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Assistants will be entitled under the terms of their Covenants. The provision of Rupees 6,994 for Saderwarid and Contingencies seems to be much more than can be necessary. The actual expenditure in 1862-63 was only Rupees 700 and making allowance for the extension of operations since, 2,000 Rupees must be ample. The Chinchona Budget reduced to Rupees 72,300 is passed, and will be transmitted to the Acting Accountant General.

2. The allowance of Rupees 1,200 to the Horticultural Gardens is passed.

3. Mr. McIvor should bring forward separately his proposal to raise the salary of the First Assistant Superintendent at Neddivattum. The Assistant's name, the terms on which he was engaged, his length of service and such other particulars as will enable Government to come to a correct conclusion, should be given.

4. The entry of Rupees 2,800 is for a small Tea Plantation (30 acres) on the Neilgherries. Very great difficulty is now experienced in procuring seed. Drs. Jamieson and Cleghorn have greatly aided the Government, and sent seed from Northern India on several occasions; much of the seed, however, had lost its germinating character ere it reached its destination. Private planters have not these means of procuring seed, and have no security that what they do obtain by other than Government agency is of approved kinds. There can be no doubt that Tea planting will succeed well on the Neilgherries, and probably also on the other hill ranges of this Presidency but the difficulty, delay and expense of obtaining good seed is a serious obstacle to the extension of Tea planting. The local supply is entirely in the hands of two individuals who cannot reasonably be expected to give up the profits which a large demand creates. Under these circumstances, Government have determined on opening a small plantation, solely with the object of supplying fresh seed of the best varieties. The plantation will be under Mr. McIvor's management, and the seed will be sold at prime cost *plus* a fair profit, so as not to interfere with private enterprise.

The total sums now passed are,

	Rs.
Cinchona Plantations on Neilgherries...	72,300
Horticultural Gardens at Ootacamund...	1,200
Tea Plantations at do.	2,800
Total.....	76,300

(True Extract.)

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

To Acting Accountant General.
Financial Department.
Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations.
Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Estimated Cost of a Tea Plantation of 30 Acres to be formed on a portion of the Site of the Chinchona plantation near Kodabilla Neilgher

No	Particulars	Rate	Per	Amount	Total
	Clearing 30 Acres of land	15	per Acre	450	
	Pitting do do	15	do	450	
	Manuring and filling in the pits preparatory to planting	7	do	210	
	Preparation of Nurseries for 80,000 plants			750	
					1860
	Contingencies at 10 per cent				186
					2046

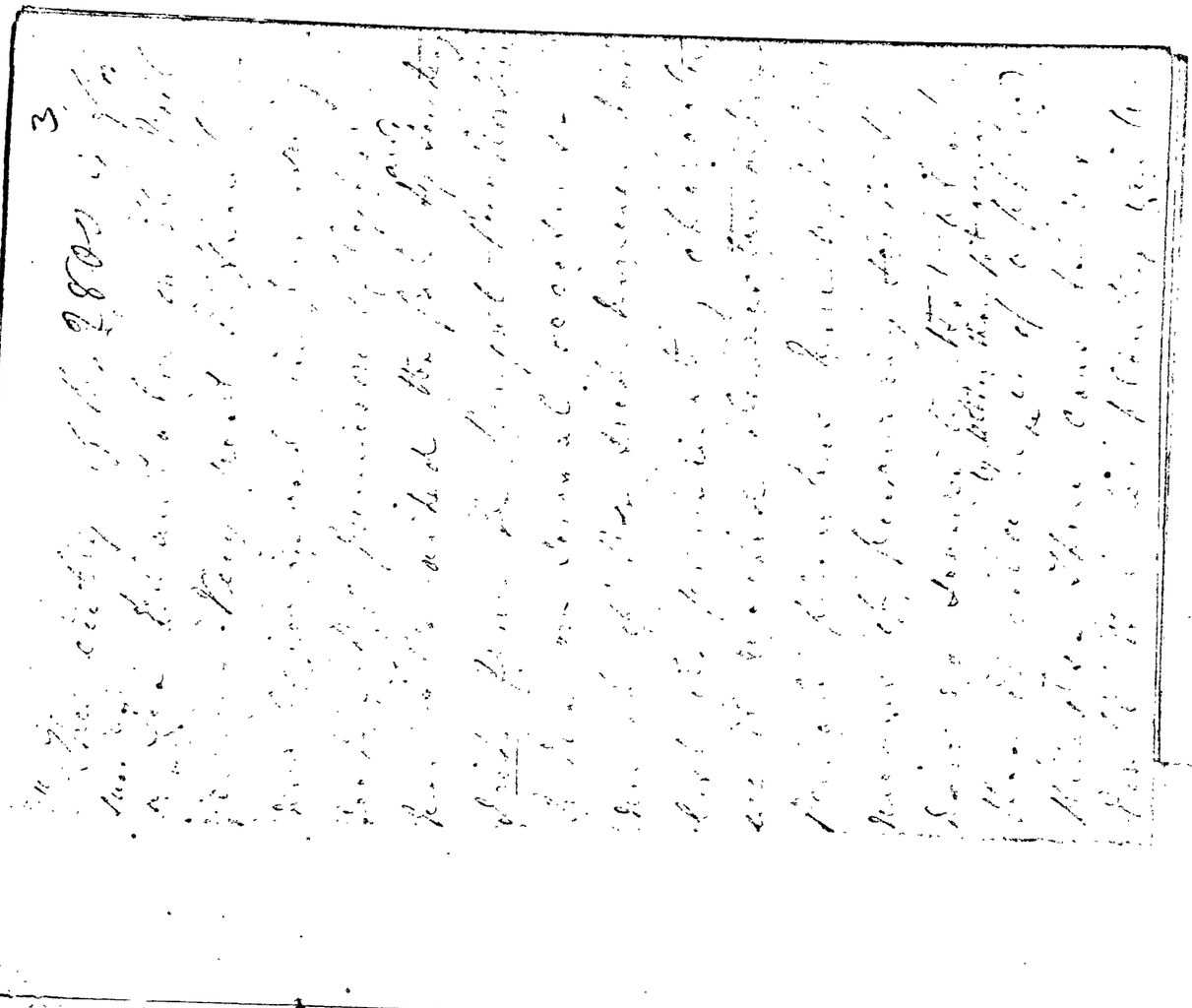
Establishment.

1	Overseer from 1st February to 30th April	50	per Mensem	150	
2	Under Gardeners do do	6 8	do	526 8	
3	do do do do	8	do	72	748 8

Total Rupees 2794-8

Government Gardens
Ootacamund
21st December 1863

J. McIvor
Superintendent
Govt Chinchona Plants

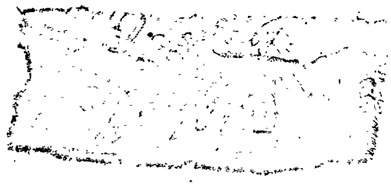


Rev. Deptt.

In a letter from the Supt. Govt Chinchona Plantations
To the Secretary to Govt. Madras
Dated 21st December 1863. No 116.

Estimated cost of the formation
of Chinchona Plantations of 30 acres

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Government Gardens
Ootacamund
21st December 1863

From

W. S. McIvor Esqre
Superintendent Government
Chinchona Plantations Ootacamund

To

C. Innes Esqre
Secretary to Govt Rev. Dept.
Fort St George Madras

Sir,

With reference to your Official Memo. No 2107

of the 15th Instant, I have the honor to submit the
Estimated cost of the formation of a Tea plantation
of 50 Acres. This extent will I think be sufficient
to produce enough of seed to meet the demand, but
should the Government deem it expedient to increase
or reduce the extent the Estimate will of course
be increased or reduced accordingly.-

2. Should these Estimates meet the
approval of Government it will be necessary to
add to my Budget Estimate of 1864-5 a monthly
expenditure of Rupees 50/- for an Overseer for the
Tea plantation, and 200/- Rupees per mensem for

30

30 under gardeners to plant and keep up the
Plantation and Nurseries for the year.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant

[illegible]
Superintendent
Govt. Cinchona Plant.n

Pro. of Govt for December
Pro. No. 3146.

To The Superintendent
Govt Chinchona Plantns
Ootacamund.

To The Secretary to Govt
Fort St George. Madras

No 116

Dated 21st December 1863
Read 24th.

Enclosure sent to the Accts Genl

Submits Estimated cost of a Tea Plantation of 30 acres to be formed near Dodabetta on the Neilgherries.

S.O. No 2362. 23 Dec.

No 393A

Copy in a Letter to England 2/11th January 1864 No 1

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No 2362.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 23d December 1863

Read the following letter from the Superintendent Govt Chinchona Plantations Ootacamund

Submits Budget Estimate for 1864/65 of the Govt Botanical Gardens and Chinchona Plantations.

Submits Estimated cost of a Tea Plantation of 30 acres to be formed near Dodabetta on the Neilgherries

(Here enter 21st Dec 1863 No 116)

(Here enter 11th Dec 1863 No 111)

With three Letters

the Superintendent of the Government Botanical Gardens and Chinchona Plantations on the Neilgherries submits his Budget Estimate for 1864/65. Mr Mc Ivor has made a few trifling alterations in entering on the columns of Estimate of 1863/64 the Statement submitted with this Letter the sums originally shown in his Budget for that year instead of the sums sanctioned

sanctioned by Govt in their order dated 8 January 1863, No 38, though he has made the comparison in his letter correctly. The sums authorized for 1863/64 and the sums now proposed by Mr McIvor for 1864/65 are given below

	1863/64	1864/65	Difference
Salaries	9470	12400	+ 2930
Establishment	26100	30396	+ 4296
Sadderwarid and Contingencies	"	6994	+ 6994
Working charges	31070	21600	- 9470
Buildings	"	4800	+ 4800
Travelling allowance to the Superintendent	"	1095	+ 1095
~~Cost~~ Tea Plantation ~~150 acres~~	66640	77285	+ 10645
Allowances to Horticultural Gardens ~~at Colombo~~	" 1200	2800 ~~1200~~	
	67840	~~78485~~ 81285	

Mr McIvor ascribes the increase of Rs 10645 to the addition of 150 acres to be made to the cultivation in 1864/65. Of the increase under salaries Rs 1400 are for the ~~remuneration~~ of the high salary to Mr McIvor recommended to the Secretary of State and the annual additional allowances to which some of his Assistants will be entitled under the terms of their Covenants. The travelling allowance of Rs 1095 was authorized without reference to the increase in the extent of cultivation. The remainder Rs 8150 is the additional expenditure proposed to be incurred in consequence of the extension of operations and considering the Colonial Treasurer in the order of Govt already alluded to the Govt are satisfied that Mr McIvor's proposed Budget

Rs 9,312 for 50 acres

Budget has been very carefully prepared. The provision of Rs. 6994 for Sadderwarid and contingencies seems however to be much more than could be necessary. The actual expenditure in 1862/63 was only Rs. 700 and making sufficient allowance for the extension of operations since, 2000 Rs. must be ample. With this exception the Estimate ~~The Budget amounting thus reduced~~ to Rs. ~~75700~~ is passed ~~&c~~ will be transmitted to the Ag Accountt General. The allowances of Rs. 1,200 to Horticultural gardens &c passed. Mr. McLeod should bring forward separately his proposal to raise the salary of the Assistant Superintendent at Neel. dhoollung. The Assistants name the terms on which he

Total Rupees ~~80100~~

Deduct out of Saderwarid and Contingencies 5,000

Remainder ~~&c~~

~~75100~~

^ for entry in the Budget under the head "~~Botanical~~ Horticultural Gardens" in "Public Instruction" in Centre Table

at this Council

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J. S.

19/12/63

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The total sums now proposed are

	Rs.
Cinchona Plantations on the Ghepits	12300
Horticultural Gardens at Ootacamund	1200
Tea Plantations at [illegible]	2800
Total	16300

Copy for a Letter to England
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Annexed Budget
Estimate for 1864, 65,
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