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17th February 1863.*

No. 266. Read the following Endorsement of the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort William, the 3rd February 1863, No. 811:—

Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M.D., Conservator of Forests Madras, on special duty, Punjab, to A. M. MONTEATH, Esq., Under Secretary to Government of India, dated Lahore, 19th January 1863.

Sir,

1. With reference to my letter of 6th October last, I have the honor to enclose a copy of correspondence with Dr. Jameson, Superintendent of Botanical Gardens, North-Western Provinces, regarding the Tea Manipulators wanted* for the Neilgherry Hills. You will observe that he considers four necessary (instead of two), and that he has engaged accordingly four Natives, stated to be well conducted, active, expert and ready for service in any part of the Madras Presidency.

2. The Bonds of Security for good behaviour and Agreement to serve faithfully for two years are enclosed for transmission to the Madras Government.

3. Dr. Jameson's absence on a tour of inspection in the North-Western Provinces, whilst I was in the Trans-Indus territories, has occasioned some delay in carrying out the wishes of Government, but immediately on his return to Saharunpore he concluded the necessary Agreement, and I have recommended that the men start as soon as possible.

Copy of the above, and the Security Bonds in original forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George in continuation of Endorsement No. 5,719, dated the 15th of October 1862.

(By Order.)

(Signed.) A. M. MONTEATH,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

We are Mutchel, Luljoo, Dubbee and Chabo the Tea Planters employed in the Tea Garden of the Circar of Kolaghiri.

Whereas we four persons are employed on a salary of 16 Rupees each by the Illustrious employer, Doctor Jameson, Sahib Bahadoor, for the purpose of planting Tea on his account in the Tea Garden of Doctor Cleghorn, Sahib Bahadoor at Madras, and we proceed thither in accordance with his order, we bind ourselves in the following engagement that we four persons will in obedience to the order of that gentleman and with our own accord serve for two years without making any excuse or pretence, and that when we will wish to return to our houses by order of the said gentleman, we shall give a notice of it or offer resignation six months' previous to the expiration of two years, so that no inconvenience may be experienced, and that if any theft or embezzlement will occur on our part we shall be liable to punishment according to the Rules of the Circar. However all and every business will be managed in direct adherence of his terms agreed.

Wherefore these few words have been written and given by way of an Agreement to be used as a voucher when it will be required. Written on the 4th day of January 1863.

The servant of God

Mutchel.

The servant of God

Dubbee.

Witnessed.

Muram, Choudharee of Tea Planters.

The servant of God

Luljoo.

The servant of God

Chabo.

Witnessed.

Syed Hasun Moonshee, employed
in the Tea Garden of Kolaghiri.

Witnessed.

Jien, Peon employed in the Tea Garden of Kolaghiri.

Translated by S. M. Zakir Sahib, Translator.

We are Muram, Choudharee of Tea Planters, Sookha Bhavolee Daben, the Tea Planters employed in the Tea Garden of the Circar of Kolaghiri.

Whereas Luljoo, Dubbee, Mutchel and Chabo the Tea Planters and servants employed in the Tea Garden of the Circar of Kolaghiri, are going to plant Tea in the Plantation of Doctor Cleghorn, Sahib Bahadoor at Madras, with reference to the order of the Illustrious employer Doctor Jameson, Sahib Bahadoor, for the purpose of planting Tea on his account for the period of two years on a salary of 16 Rupees each by executing an Agreement. As a security was required in addition to the Agreement of those four persons therefore we have become the security of those persons, and do hereby declare and give in writing that should they run away any where or conduct themselves irregularly in any matter we will be held liable to any punishment that may be awarded until they shall be produced by us, and should we fail to produce them we shall be

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subjected to punishment according to the Rule of the Circar. Wherefore these few words have been written and given by way of security to be used as a voucher when it will be required.
Written on the 4th day of January 1863.

The servant of God
Muram, Choudharee.

Witnessed.
Chamee, employed in the Tea Garden.

Witnessed on the confidence of the parties Syed Hasan Moonshee, employed in the Tea Garden of Kolaghiri.

Witnessed.
Bhavolee Daben.

The servant of God
Sookha, Tea planter.

Witnessed.
Jien, Peon employed in the Tea Garden.

Translated by S. M. Zakir Sahib, Translator.

No. 267.

ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1863, No. 355.

Resolved that copies and translations of the Agreement and Security Bond received with this Endorsement be forwarded to the Collector of Coimbatore and the Civil Paymaster in continuation of the Order of Government dated 12th instant, No. 327, and that the original documents be lodged in the iron Chest in the Record Office.

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

We are Mutehet, Laljoo, Dabee and
Chuba the Peon planters employed in
the Tea garden of the Circar of Kolaghiri.

Whereas we four persons are employed
on a salary of 16 Rs each by the illustrious employer Doctor Jameson
Sahib Bahadur for the purpose of
planting Tea on his account in the
Tea garden of Doctor Chykhon Sahib
Bahadur at Madras; and we proceed
thither in accordance with his order we
bind ourselves in the following Engage-
ment that we four persons will in obe-
dience to the order of that gentleman and
with our own accord serve for two years
without making any excuse or pre-
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to return to our houses by order of
the

the said gentleman we shall give a
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we shall be liable to punishment ac-
cording to the Rules of the Circus. However
all and every business will be managed
in direct adherence of his terms agreed.

Wherefore these few words have been
written and given by way of an agree-
ment to be used as a voucher when it
will be required. Written on the 11th
day of January 1863.

The servant of God. The servant of God

The servant of God. The servant of God

Dubber

Metnefred
Munim Choudhury
of Sea Planters

Metnefred
Syed Hasun Broomka
employed in the
Sea garden of Kolajhiri

Metnefred
Jien Peon employed
in the Sea garden of
Kolajhiri

Translated by S. M. Zahir
sahib Grant

We are Muzam Choudhary of Sea
Planters, Sooliha Bhavalee Daboo the
Sea Planters employed in the Sea garden
of the Circle of Kolaghere -

Whereas Suljo, Dabee, Mitchell &
Chaba the Sea Planters & servants
employed in the Sea garden of the Circle
of Kolaghere are going to plant Sea in
the Plantation of Doctor Chikhon
Sahib Bahadur at Madras with refer-
ence to the order of the illustrious
employer Doctor Jamison Sahib Baha-
dur for the purpose of planting Sea
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on a salary of 16 Rs. each by executing
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and do hereby declare & give in writing
that should they run away anywhere
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punishment that may be awarded
until they shall be produced by us &
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Wherefore these few words have been
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used as a voucher when it will be required

Written on the 4th day of January
1863-

The servant of God The servant of God
Muran Choudhary Soekha Tea
Planter.

Witnessed
Kamee employed
in the Tea garden

Witnessed
Jiv Rao employed
in the Tea garden

Witnessed

From H. Cleghorn Esq. M. D.
Conservator of Forests. Madras
on special duty Punjab

To A. M. Montecath Esq.
Under Secretary to Govt. of India

Sir,

With reference to my letter of 6th October last,
I have the honor to enclose a copy of correspondence with
Dr. Jameson, Superintendent Botanical Gardens, North
Western Provinces, regarding the Tea Manipulators' wants
for the Neilgherry Hills. You will observe that he considers
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accordingly four natives, stated to be well conducted, active,
expert and ready for service in any part of the Madras
Presidency.

2 The bonds of security for good behaviour and
Agreement to serve faithfully for two years are enclosed
for transmission to the Madras Government.

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in the N. W. Provinces, whilst I was in the Trans Hind
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the wishes of Government, but immediately on his
return to Saharunpore he concluded the necessary agree-
ment and I have recommended that the men start
as soon as possible.

Sahore
19th January 1863

I have the honor to be Sir
H. Cleghorn M. D.
On special duty Punjab

From

From H. Cleghorn. M.D.
Conservator of Forests - Madras. On special duty,
To W. Jamieson Esq.
Superintendent Botanical Garden
Saharanpore
Dated Lahore 6th October 1862.

Sir,
I beg to enclose copy of resolution of Madras Government dated 29th August 1861, Authorizing the engagement of two experienced Tea Manipulators to carry out the several parts of the manufacture and test the merchantable quality of the Neilgherry Tea.

2. Having been requested (para. 1) to communicate to the Government of India any suggestions about this important matter, and time being short, I give you the leading facts.

3. You will observe that the services of these men on arrival will be placed at the disposal of Mr. Mann, whose plantation near Coonoor formed the subject of a correspondence with you in August 1859.

4. The picking of crop is stated to commence in February and to last till June. This year 2000 pounds of leaves (or 4000 pounds per acre) were gathered and a larger out-turn is expected.

5. Mr. H. D. Rae has a Tea plantation within twenty miles and other settlers have a small No. of seedlings, generally from 2 to 5 years old.

6. It seems to me that the main points for your consideration are:

I. Are you able to transfer or supply two Chinamen or expert natives of the N.W. Provinces (if Chinamen are not available) for this particular service?

II. What would be the probable charges to be incurred on account of these Tea makers (if engaged under an agreement day for two years or such time as you think necessary) including travelling expenses to Madras - the supply of necessary implements - and a suitable quantity of fresh seed?

There is no allusion in the order of Govt. to the erection of building for carrying on the various processes of manufacture - and I am not aware that any exists. I presume the construction of a small factory would be indispensable and should be glad to know the size and plan you would recommend for a plantation yielding this year probably 3000 pounds.

Yr H. Cleghorn M.D.
Conservator of Forests Madras.

N^o 15 of 1863

From W. Jamieson Esq. Surgeon Major
Supt. Botanical Garden N.W. Prov.

To H. Cleghorn Esq. M.D.
Conservator of Forests Madras
on special duty Punjab
Botanical Garden Saharanpore
7th January 1863.

Sir,
With reference to your letter dated 6th October last with enclosure regarding experienced Tea Manipulators required in the Madras Presidency - I have the honor to inform you that four Native Tea makers belonging to the Plantations at Nilgiri in the Dehra Dhoon have volunteered to proceed to manufacture

manufacture Tea on the Neilgherries, or in any other locality in the Madras Presidency, where their services may be required; these men have been employed in the Government Factory for many years and are thus experienced Workmen. The terms on which they have agreed to serve Government are-

1. All their travelling expenses from Noolghiri in the Deyrah Dhoom to the Tea plantations in the Madras Presidency to be guaranteed to them.
2. After their engagement has expired a free passage and all travelling expenses, incurred in proceeding to their homes, and diet money at the rate of Rs. 8 per man per mensem to be disbursed.
3. Wages at the rate of Rs. 16 per mensem to be calculated from the date of their departure from Noolghiri in the Deyrah Dhoom and to cease on their discharge from the Neilgherries.
4. Three months wages to be advanced to them prior to starting to enable them to leave a sum of money with their families.
5. Their engagement to remain in force for two years from the date of arrival at Plantations in the Neilgherries and on a desire on their part after the two years have elapsed to resign, six months notice to be given by them of their intention to do so, Government on their part, or the party employing them - giving a similar length of notice prior to discharge.
6. On these terms the parties agree to work honestly and diligently in the Plantations and Factories and have given security for their good behaviour.
7. The above agreement has been made by me

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in the presence of Witnesses and drawn on stamped paper. These men are now ready for service & will start as soon as ordered.

I have engaged four Native Teamsters to proceed to Madras as this number of experienced manipulators is required to work a factory efficiently, and that too on the smallest scale. Pending Government instructions the men are now waiting at Saharunpoor. Tomorrow I shall forward to your address their agreement signed.

I have been
19th W. Jameson Surg. Major
Supt. Bot. Garden N.W.C.

19th 1863.

Sir,
In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to enclose the agreement of the Native Tea Makers.

1. Sulgoo
2. Dabee
3. Chuba
4. Mitchell.

engaged by me on the part of Government to serve as Tea Manipulators in the Tea plantations in the Madras Presidency. The men are now ready to proceed as soon as they receive orders.

I have been
19th W. Jameson Surg. Major
Supt. Bot. Gardens N.W.C.

Service Telegram

14th January 1863

From Lahore
D. T. Cleghorn

To Madras
Secretary to Govt.

Doctor Jameson, Saharunpoor, was applied to

to for the two tea Manipulators, he has engaged four at sixteen rupees per Mensem each, for two years, considering four necessary, shall I ratify the agreement? they await orders to start correspondence forwarded through Supreme Government.

Service Telegram

15th January 1863

From Madras

To Lahore

Secy to Govt.

D. Cleghorn

Engage the manipulators, if really good competent men.

Sir,

I received three days ago your letters of 7th and 8th instant, with bonds of agreement of four Native tea makers engaged by you to proceed to the Neilgherry Hills, and intimating that the men are ready to start for their destination.

1. Sulgoo
2. Dabur
3. Chukba
4. Mutchell

As the printed resolution of the Madras Govt. specified two Teamakers (not four) I communicated with the Secy. of that Govt. and obtained his concurrence as to the alteration, see copy of Telegrams annexed.

It is important that the men start as soon as possible, as the picking begins next month. The best mode of conveyance will be by Bullock train and Railway, occupying about nine days to Calcutta, and thence by Steamer to Madras.

Three months wages to the teamakers in accordance with the agreement, and the travelling Charges should be advanced by you, and will be adjusted hereafter by the Madras Government.

Perhaps

Perhaps you may think it desirable that a set of implements should be taken from Calcutta.

The bonds of agreement and security along with a copy of the correspondence shall be forwarded to the Govt. of India for transmission to Madras.

I have &c.

Lahore
The 16th Jan^y.
1863

W. Cleghorn M.D.
Conservator of Forests Madras
on special duty Punjab.

N^o 811-

Copy of the above, and the security Bonds in original forwarded to the Govt. of Fort St. George in continuation of Endorsement N^o 5419 dated the 15th of October 1862.

By order

Fort William
Home Department
The 3rd February 1863

Alb. Munro

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

Recd 10th March 1862
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From the letter of
Comptroller of
8th April 1862 No 832

Recd 2nd 1863 10/4/63
No 1 of 1863 10/4/63

From the Under
Secretary to the Govt
of India -

Dated 3rd 3rd 1863
Received 13th 3rd 1863.

8th 811
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Transmitting in original
the existing Bonds received
by the 1st Sec. and also engage
for employment in the
Presidency.

No 2668-267

No 355 17th 1863

With an order of

No 395

Resolved that copies

and translations of the agreement
and security bond received with
this endorsement be forwarded to
the Collector of Coimbatore & the Civil
Engineer in continuation of the
order of Govt 3712nd 1862 & that
the original documents be lodged in the
Civil Branch in the Record Office -

Printed & signed
17th 1863



Collector of Coimbatore District
No 10 Civil Engineer District
14th Board of Revenue -
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