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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st July 1864.

No. 349. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests, on special duty, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Simla, 1st July 1864, No. 167 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 695 of 22nd April, and also the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 939 of 2nd ultimo, enclosing Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the subject of Tea cultivation,

No. 2,661 2nd May.
„ 2,850 12th „

and requesting me to take early measures for procuring further supplies of fresh seed of approved varieties, for the Government Plantation, and also for distribution to private individuals.

2. On receipt of your letter, I wrote to Dr. Jameson, Superintendent Government Tea Plantations, who has supplied almost all the seed stock to the Planters of the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab. I annexed a copy of the letter under acknowledgment, and requested him to render every assistance in complying with the wishes of the Madras Government. Dr. Jameson I believe receives application for more seed than he can supply ; but I feel sure that he will transmit to Southern India the small quantity of seed solicited, as the object is of great interest and importance to Government.

3. Having seen the Tea plant under cultivation from Dehra Dún, in the Meerut Division, to Hazara upon the Indus, I may state that I observed no specific difference in the plants. All the varieties are derived from a single botanical species, and the variations depend upon diversity of soil and culture. There seems to be no permanent variety capable of propagation by seed. Seedlings raised from Assam seed for instance, soon lose their luxuriant habit in the dry climate of the Punjab.

4. The aspect of Tea plantations varies as much as that of Coffe gardens, and is owing in both cases partly to soil, partly to the skill, capital, and energy of the settler. While it is clear that, amelioration of the plant is effected by trenching, weeding and improved modes of cultivation ; comparatively, little seems due to selection of seed, as in this part of India, nearly all the seeds have been obtained from the same source, viz., the Government Plantations.

5. To convey an idea of the general appearance of Tea gardens in the Punjab, I transmit* a Photograph, giving a panoramic view of the Government Plantations at Holta (600 Acres), and also a picture of the highly cultivated estate of Captain Fitzgerald in the Kangra Valley.

* In separate cover.

6. In conclusion, I may mention that the plant is now coming into flower, and seeds will be procurable in two or three months. It will give me pleasure to meet the wishes of Government by arranging with Dr. Jameson for the transmission of seeds ; but it will save time (which is of the *first* importance) if the Collectors of Districts enumerated by the Board of Revenue, communicate with "Dr. Jameson, Superintendent Government Tea Plantations, Saharunpore," and the packets be despatched direct to the several Districts. There is a great demand for seed, and early application is desirable. Private planters should also apply to him, naming an Agent in Calcutta, to whom the packages may be consigned.

No. 350. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1864, No. 1,291.

Miscellaneous.

Referring to paragraph 6 of this letter, the Government resolve to request Dr. Cleghorn to arrange with Dr. Jameson for the transmission of 4 lbs. of the seed direct to the Collector of Ganjam, and for the remaining quantity being sent to this Office.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To Dr. Cleghorn.
To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Ganjam.
„ the Editor's Table.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed^t Serv^t

H. Leghorn
Conservator of Forests
On Special duty.

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Conservator of Forests
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To J. D. Inns Esquire
Secy to Govt of Madras.
Revenue Department

Dated 1st July 1864
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From H Cleghorn Esqr Conservr
of Forests 30 July 1864 No 1879
From do 6 No 242
Submits his opinion that
future supplies of Tea seed
be sent direct from the Saharunpur
Gardens to the respective Districts
& transmits two photographs
of Tea Plantations in the
Punjab
Nos 1249-51 Prod.
Noted on Order.

No 1291.
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Fort St George
21st July 1864

1 Dr Cleghorn Despatch 30 July
11 D. & Revenue
1 Collector of Kangra

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