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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1353 Press ~~Mrs.~~

433. 434

Dated 27. 7. 1864.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th July 1864.

No. 433. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th July 1864.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 27th June 1864, No. 150 :—

SIR,

1. The past season has been one of unusual sickness in Wynad, and the great sufferings of the people have impressed me very strongly with the urgent necessity of taking all possible steps to alleviate the disastrous effects of future sickly seasons, which in all probability will occasionally recur. I believe the Natives have no effective remedy for fever. It is most important to put one within their reach.

2. I do not know that this can be better done than by taking active steps to spread the Chinchona, not only in a few large plantations, but widely in the gardens and small holdings of the people.

3. The generality of the Native agriculturists can hardly be expected to go to the expense of purchasing Chinchona plants, especially at this early stage, whilst the cultivation is partly experimental; but they undoubtedly are sufficiently alive to the immense importance of raising any thing that will tend to ward off or alleviate fever, to give attention to the culture of plants distributed to them.

4. I beg, therefore, that a supply of 500 plants in a suitable stage of growth may be sanctioned from the Government Chinchona Gardens; and that a sum of Rupees 150* may be allowed for the cost of baskets, cooly hire, &c., required for distribution.

* Can be met from the sum of Rupees 1,000 provided for "Other Items" under "1. Land Revenue" "Miscellaneous" in the Budget for 1864-65.

5. *Every care* will be taken to distribute the young plants pretty evenly through the Talook, and as far as may be to select persons who will do them justice. Lists will be kept of the recipients, and all endeavour used by the officials to excite and keep up interest in the cultivation.

6. I advocate the gratuitous distribution now purely from a sanitary point of view. From this point of view we cannot afford to wait till private enterprize disseminate the plant. But I may add that from the experiments already made in Wynad, there seems no reason to doubt the success of Chinchona cultivation there, which may be looked upon as already established in one or two Estates.

7. I believe if what I have proposed is sanctioned, a great benefit will be conferred on Wynad, and if, as I hope, Government are pleased to allow the plants, I beg early orders so that they may be disseminated during the rains.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.
2. The case is altogether exceptional.

No. 434. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1864, No. 1,333.

Miscellaneous.

1. In his letter submitted with the foregoing Proceedings, the Collector of Malabar, referring to the occasional prevalence of fever in Wynad, applies for a supply of 500 Chinchona plants for gratuitous distribution among Native agriculturists in that Talook, who, that Officer observes, "can hardly be expected to go to the expense of purchasing" the same.

2. The Government see no reason why Wynad alone should be thus treated. It is not the only tract in which fever prevails, and is certainly richer than other feverish tracts. The price of Chinchonas, moreover, is extremely small; and when obtained by purchase, there is some assurance that endeavours will be made for their being duly cared for. But were the plants distributed gratuitously, as now suggested, it is to be feared that, if not neglected, they would be destroyed by being stripped of their leaves and bark on occasions of attacks of fever. Mr. Ballard's proposal does not therefore seem expedient, and the Government must decline to accede to it.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

For Orders The Cinchonas are now old for 4 annas Cost about a days carriage - The Wynaad Cinchonas lies at the foot of the hills on which the first plantations are situated & side of course hereafter drawn supplies of Quinine from the Plantations there altho as well as in Wynaad. The 500 plants given Malabar cost by Rs 5 years be simply hoisted and there is no reason why Wynaad alone

should be Van. Diemens. It
is not the only tract in which
fever prevails & is certainly
richer than Mrs Jeremiah
Tract. Remember Quinine &c.
not grow on the trees like fruit.
Pray give them. if unable
& they plant at 4 an: - to
manufacture the Quinine? they
will in fact strip the trees
of leaves & bark - whereas the
fuel harvest than ordinary & the
Trees will live -

J. D. H.

Rec'd 1862. July.
Rec'd from Govt 19th July 1760.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 5th
Desp'd 5th
Rec'd 6th } July 1804

No Cult. 1333. 27 July.

No.

Submitting, for favorable con-
= sideration, Letter from the Collr.
of Malabar requesting that an
Supply of 500 Cinchona plants may
be sanctioned & a sum of Rs. 150
be allowed for the cost of baskets
&c. for their distribution —

No. 2433.

28 July 1804 Rec'd 11 Aug.

I doubt whether the proposed pre-
-cautions described in this letter will be
found necessary —
The Letter should be sent for
Opn
— I am of the same opinion & would
for these reasons not recommend the
purchase — The price is extremely
small & there is some chance
that purchasers may be met with by the
care of the plants, which after-
wards proved very well plants
to be neglected &c

5. Every care will be taken to dis=
=tribute the young plants pretty evenly through
the Estate and as far as may be to settle per=
=sons who will do them justice. Lists will be
kept of the recipients and all endeavour used
by the officials to excite and keep up interest
in the cultivation.

6. I understand the gratuitous distribu=
=tion arose purely from a Sanitary point of
view. From this point of view we cannot af=
=ford to wait till favorable Watershige Seasons
=make the plants. But I may add that
from the experience already made
I feel assured these issues are certain to result
in the success of our future cultivation there which
may be looked upon as already established
in one or two estates.

7. I believe if what I have pro=
=posed as sanctioned a great benefit will
be conferred on Ceylon, and if, as I hope,
Government are pleased to allow the plants
I beg early notice so that they may be dis=
=tributed during the Rains.

I have &c.
(Signd) G. A Ballard
Collector

Mullaitivu Collector's Office
Cutchery 27th June 1874

Noted
Ordered

Indorsed to be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

The case is altogether exceptional

[A true Copy & Extract]

Secretary

To,

F. D. Ince Esqr.

Secretary to Government B.D

No. 1333.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 22nd September 1854.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submits for favorable consideration Letter from the Collr. Co-Operation of Madras requesting the Govt. to supply 500 cinchona plants to enable him to carry out experiments for the cure of Dysentery

The allowance for the cost of Gunnies &c. &c. Rupees 50 for the present distribution.

Ordered that the Collr. be informed that the Govt. will defray the cost of Gunnies &c. &c. Rupees 50 for the present distribution.

to go to the expense of
procuring the same
2. That the Govt. see
no reason to lay aside
a measure which
tends to the
encouragement of the only trade in which
power prevails, and is
certainly richer than
other powerful trades.
The price of Cinchona,
however is extremely
low at present, and there
is every reason to
suppose that it will
be for some time
after the seeds
are sown. But more
the plants distributed
the better, as some
may perish, it is to be
feared that, if not,
neglected, they would
be washed by heavy
rains of the Ghauts
and

and Coorg in consequence
of attacks of fever.
Mr. Ballard proposed
that not more than
expedient, and the
Govt must decline
to accede to it.

To
The Board of Revenue Ocotacamund
" Superintendent Govt
Cinchona Plantations

Revenue 1864 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for July
No: 1333.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
of 27th July 1864.

Reading Rudolph
the Reconstructed Collector of Masulipatam
declares 500 Pounds
Silver & value Trade
current & Native Coin
collected

No 4334.