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23rd November 1864.

No. 298. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 4th November 1864, No. 93 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 17th April 1863, No. 676, and to your Official Memorandum of the 26th ultimo, No. 155, calling my attention thereto, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Captain H. W. Daly, reporting upon the behaviour of the Tea Manipulators and the progress of the Tea experiment at Mr. Rae's plantation at Sholoor, on the Neilgherries.

2. I have not yet received the report which I have called for Mr. Mann's Plantation at Coonoor ; so soon as it is received, it will also be submitted for the information of Government.

From Captain H. W. DALY, to P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Neilgherries, 2nd November 1864.

SIR,

1. In the absence of Mr. Rae in England I have to acknowledge your letter of the 28th ultimo, to his address, calling attention to your several letters, asking to be furnished with quarterly reports of the behaviour of the Tea Manipulators, and the progress of the Tea experiment at this place.

2. Since Mr. Rae's hurried departure in April last, in consequence of ill health, the above communication on these points is the only one that has been received.

3. The behaviour of the Tea Manipulators since last April has been quite satisfactory. Regarding their previous conduct I am not in a position to report.

4. About one hundred acres of the plantation are in cultivation, containing between 12,000 and 15,000 four year old Tea plants, and about 3 or 3½ lacs of plants aged two and three years ; scarcity of labour and Mr. Rae's unavoidable absence have prevented a larger area being opened out. There are also extensive nurseries, but what may be the out-turn of seedlings from them next season, it is difficult to estimate. Samples of Tea taken home by Mr. Rae have been highly approved of by Tea brokers in London.

5. For further information regarding the progress of the Tea experiment, I must refer you to Mr. Rae himself, whose return to the Neilgherries may be expected before the end of the year.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT, *Collector.*

No. 299. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1864, No. 2,152.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to Dr. Jameson for his information.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To Dr. Jameson.
To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Forwarding Copy
Capt H. St. Dalyell re-
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of the Sea Manipulators
& the progress of the Sea
experiment at Dr
Rae's Plantation

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