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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th April 1864.*

No. 58. Read the following letter from Captain H. W. DALY, Ootacamund, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Ootacamund, February 1864:—

Sir,

1. It has lately come to my knowledge that Government contemplated having a Tea Plantation here for the purpose of raising seeds and seedlings for distribution to the public "at cost price, *plus* a fair profit." I would beg respectfully to be allowed to make a few remarks on the subject.

2. Nearly three years since I became convinced of the success of Tea cultivation on these Hills. Until the present time no Governmental aid, such as had for many years been extended to it in Bengal, had been afforded it here; on the contrary, Sir Charles Trevelyan had announced that it would be the policy of the Madras Government not to extend aid to private enterprise when it had taken up a cultivation and was in a position to aid itself. More recently I find that the Government Tea Plantations on the Himalayas were being advertised for sale, the Government of the empire proclaiming that Tea cultivation had been sufficiently rooted in India, no longer to need its fostering care. Not anticipating that at this juncture the Madras Government would enter upon the cultivation, I have been led, lately, to purchase as the nucleus of a Tea Plantation, a property at Kulhatty, consisting of above 17 Acres of land, six of which are under Tea Plants (say 6,000 in number) partly bearing seed; for which, with a house on it valued at 7,000 Rupees, I paid a total of 20,000 Rupees a further sum of 3,000 Rupees has since been expended on the property.

3. As I understand the Madras Government are now procuring seeds from the Northwest for their contemplated Tea Plantation on these Hills, the cost price of which will alone be the expenses of transit, it is clear that the produce of the plants raised from their imported seeds should cost less than the produce of my plants which have already stood me in above 2 Rupees each. The locality of Kulhatty is peculiarly adapted, from the dryness of the climate, for the production of seeds and seedlings; on the growth and sale of which I am chiefly dependent for the success of my venture, Government competition would simply entail ruin on my enterprise.

4. Two hundred Acres of land adjoining my Kulhatty property have been applied for by me, for the purpose of extending my cultivation, and are being advertised for sale at the next auction, in the District Gazette. I have, however, requested the Collector to postpone the sale pending this reference to Government, for under existing circumstances I cannot prosecute my cultivation or increase the scope of my operations, without some assurance from Government on the subject. If Government do not deem it expedient in fairness to private enterprise, to leave it to its own resources, may I humbly beg that Government will relieve me of my venture by purchasing it at cost price.

5. It appears to me that Government cannot have been fully apprised of the existing state of the Tea cultivation on the Neilgherries. There are now twenty-one individuals engaged in it; there are four cultivators in this Presidency who are supplying seeds and seedlings of their own growth to the public, and Mr. Mann and I will be able to do so next year. Tea seed is abundantly available at Calcutta, and is being advertised for sale by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. of Madras. I may further add that several persons here abundantly possess the finest kind of Tea plants, viz., that of the green Tea shrub: and I believe that every known variety is already on the Hills.

6. In conclusion, I trust the Government will pardon my respectfully soliciting a reconsideration of the subject of establishing a Government Tea Plantation on these Hills, and of its injurious bearing on the prospects of myself and others who have already entered upon the cultivation of Tea.

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No. 59.

ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1861, No. 562.

1. The intention of establishing a small Tea Garden at Ootacamund for the supply of Tea seed on payment to Tea Planters, of experimenting on the best mode of culture and ultimately of affording means of instruction to the employes of Planters, was entertained by Government solely for the benefit of the planting community. It was necessary to rule that the price of the seed supplied from the Garden should include a profit, because otherwise private enterprise would be interfered with, but the making of any profit did not influence Government in their decision.

2. The intention has been objected to only by Mr. Rae and Captain Daly. The former gentleman appears also to have brought the subject before the "Neilgherry Planters' Association," but from the report given of the proceedings of the Meeting in the "Neilgherry Excelsior," it appears that the Committee generally dissented from his proposition that the intervention of Government was unnecessary and would be injurious, and that Mr. Rae consequently withdrew his motion to that effect.

3. As already stated the Government have but the interests of the public in view in this matter, and if the Planters generally consider their intervention undesirable, the Government have no wish to maintain the proposed Tea Garden. The Government resolve to call upon the Collectors of Coimbatore, Malabar, Salem and Madura to report on the necessity of Government persevering in the matter, after consulting the leading Planters in their Districts.

4. Captain Daly will be informed that the proposals contained in his letter are inadmissible.

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

I have prepared this Report
with reference to the re-
marks of H.E. the Govt. & the
Honble Mr. Pycroft at a recent
meeting of Council - I enclose
the Excelsior with the report & also
of a meeting of the Neilgherry
Planters on the subject. Mr.
Rae has since written to
the Att. Genl. that he is
indifferent as it appears
that Govt. are not going to supply
the seed gratuitously. I.R.S.

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Mr. Pycroft
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~~The Editor of~~

So Capt Daley
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W. S.

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1 " " Salem 1000
1 " " Madurai 1000
1 " " P. of Rev. 1000
1 " " Capt. H. W. Daley 1000

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De la Roche-Beaucourt.

From the following list of
 property of the College of Medicine
 at the University of the City of New York
 1852.

From the bottle of Camidahan
May 4. 1856. 6-1-1856.
One Callix of Cordua.

Shona. Allahabari, Gahen &
Allahdura called upon to
report on the necessity of
the preservation of a
Tea plantation & Catechu
camellia.

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