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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 2-6- ~~19~~ 1864

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd June 1864.

Read the following papers: —

No. 11. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1864, No. 3,000.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 29th April 1864, No. 97:—

1. Adverting to Government Order, 4th instant, No. 562, I have the honor to submit the enclosed replies expressing the views of the writers* on the subject of the proposed experimental Tea garden at Ootacamund.

* Messrs. Gordon, Boosey and Minchin.

2. I addressed several other gentlemen, but have not heard from them again.

3. It will be observed that the writers of the enclosed letters are all clearly in favor of the establishment of the experimental garden, and I beg to express my own opinion that it will be very useful indeed to the public.

ENCLOSURE. No. 1.

From J. GORDON, Esq, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Perandatye Vitry, 13th April 1864.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours, No. 1,169 of 8th idem, requiring my opinion on the question of Government opening a small Tea Plantation on the Neilgherries for furnishing seed and giving instruction to Planters, and the measure appears to me both just and beneficial.

2. "*To supply Tea seed on payment. The price fixed will include a profit.*" I have proved by experience that Tea seed brought from a distance seldom germinates, hence if the cultivation of the plant is to be largely extended in this part of India it becomes an absolute necessity that seed sufficient for the requirements of the Planters be raised in the District. I consider then that the Government would only be fulfilling a duty to the public by giving efficient aid, as far as it is done without interfering with a fair market for private producers, or competing with them at a loss.

3. "*To experiment on the best method of Tea culture*" would be a boon to the many now desirous of investing capital in it, and would re-pay the Government for such outlay, by the enhanced value of the waste lands and the increase of cultivation.

4. Tea being altogether a new culture in Southern India, if it has been undertaken by private individuals without assistance from Government, it is but just they should reap the benefit of their venture in the monopoly they must for some time hold of the local market for seed and leaf; but not for "*all time*," and if they have accepted assistance in any way from the Government they have no cause of complaint that others should receive assistance also.

ENCLOSURE. No. 2.

From J. BOOSEY, Esq., to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Adelaide Estate, Vitry, 14th April 1864.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, requesting my opinion as to the desirability of establishing a Government Tea Plantation at Ootacamund, with the view of affording assistance to Planters by supplying them with seed, and for furnishing instruction in the best methods of cultivation when experience has been gained.

2. I am of opinion that such an establishment is highly desirable, and would prove of the greatest benefit to Planters generally, and for the following reasons:—

First.—Tea cultivation in the Neilgherries can scarcely be said to have advanced beyond the form of mere experiment, there being (as I believe) only two small seed producing gardens;

and if Planters have to depend entirely upon these for stock the extension of cultivation will be extremely slow.

Second.—The high rates at which plants are at present selling doubtless deters many Planters from taking up the cultivation; at the present advertised prices it would cost Rupees 300 per Acre for plants alone, exclusive of carriage and the risk of failure.

Third.—The seed sent from Bengal is from some cause (probably the length of time it is kept out of the ground) useless here, and an establishment where plants and seeds of local growth could be obtained at reasonable prices is greatly needed.

Fourth.—The higher ranges in Wynad, the Coondans and the Neilgherries are admirably suited for the growth of the Tea plant; and were plants, and experience in the cultivation to be obtained at hand, would doubtless soon be studded with Tea plantations.

ENCLOSURE. No. 3.

From J. N. MINCHIN, Esq., to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated 24th April 1864.

1. In answer to your letter, No. 1,170 of 8th April, on the subject of the Tea garden proposed to be established by Government at Ootacamund, I would wish to record my hearty satisfaction at such a scheme.

2. The difficulty in obtaining plants or good seed almost precludes the cultivation of Tea to private individuals, at present, and the difficulty in preparing the leaves eventually for consumption, from the want of hands acquainted with the process, was the great risk to be run in the undertaking.

3. I do not think the inconvenience that may accrue to the Tea Planters objecting to the garden should influence the Government in carrying out an arrangement which must greatly increase the demand for their waste lands.

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.

No. 12. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 16th May 1864, No. 31.

SIR,

In reply to the Proceedings of Government and their Order thereon, dated 4th April 1864, No. 562, calling on me to ascertain the sentiments of the Planters on the Neilgherries, regarding the proposed establishment of a small Government Tea Plantation for the purpose of supplying the public with Tea Plants and seed at a moderate cost, I beg to transmit in original the replies received from the different gentlemen addressed, with one exception, Mr. Groves, all are decidedly in favour of the Government Plantation. It may militate against Mr. Rae's interests, but undoubtedly the Hill community in general look forward with satisfaction to the prospect of being able to procure Tea seed and plants from the Government Plantation at reasonable prices.

No. 13. From the Collector of Madura.

Informing that there are no Tea Planters in the District. (Here enter 9th May 1864.)

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1864, No. 939.

Miscellaneous.

The Government observe that the gentlemen consulted by the Collectors of Coimbatore and Malabar are, with one exception, in favour of the establishment of a Government Plantation on the principles laid down in G. O. 23rd December 1863,

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd June 1864.

No. 2,362. Application will be made to Dr. Cleghorn for further supplies of fresh seed of approved varieties for the plantation and also for distribution to private individuals.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Coimbatore.
„ „ of Malabar.
To Dr. Cleghorn.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 342

Madras 9th April 1864

From

E. St. George Esqre
Collector of Madura

To

J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

In obedience to the orders of Government dated 4th April 1864 No 562, para 3, I have the honor to inform that there are no Tea planters in this District.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

E. St. George
Collector

Recd 13th

Coonoor 16 April 1864

To
A. D. Ward Esqr
Collector &
Coimbatore.

Sir I have the honor to forward herewith a Memorial of the Planters of the Neilgherries addressed to the Government, requesting that an order may be issued by Government, authorising the Planters to employ Peons for the purpose of apprehending and bringing to punishment any Coolies who may abscond from their employ without having discharged their debts.

I am Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
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Rev 1864 Deptt
No 952.
From the Collector of
Madura
To the Secretary to Govt
Fort St George
Madras
Dated 9th April 1864
Rec'd 14th do
No. 342

Informing that there
are no Tea planters
in this District.

S. O No. 939 2d June

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No 13.

Mr. Gilbert Mann
Mann & Mann
Attorneys at Law
Rue 1 - 1800 Block
Antioch, Illinois

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Collector
Courthouse
Chicago, Illinois

1864 Dep.t

In a Letter to the Secy.
to Govt. dated 16th Jany
1864 No. 31
From.
I. Hunter Esqr.
To the Chairman of
Commissioners
Rev=1315/64.

Gives his opinion as
to the Establishment of
Govt. Tea plantations
on the Hills

Copy

Letter from Secy. to Govt.
Dr. (Dept. of Revenue)
dated Fort St. George the
15th January 1864.

Refers to Report of Commissioners
for Inquiry in the Tea
Districts, & transmits Copy of
Minutes
Directs, that Copies of the
Letter & Minutes be sent to
the Chairman of the Board
of Revenue, for the opinion of
the Board thereon, particularly
as to
1. Feasibility of
2. Expediency of
Establishing Experimental
Tea Plantations
under Government Superintendence
Agency & Expenditure
Answered by the Chairman of the Board

but [illegible] speculation
simply to foster & develop
an Expensive & otherwise
private speculation
sought to be [illegible]
Tea - as in the case of
Cinchona Cinc. & the Coal
Tea Plantations in Bengal
3. As soon as possible the
Experiment fairly tried
a fact, & succeeding by
private parties, attempt
will be made to [illegible]
the post progressively to seem
Telegraphic
able climate, & reduce
aid, & lead private

Planters, & address [illegible]
Seed Information, as
Public Corp. All who
desire such assistance
& [illegible] Sirca both the Govt
Season in future private
effort - 4. It is totally
different from a Mercantile
speculation, where Govt
interference is undesirable
Trade there to be,
But [illegible] object Secret
L. B. Medical Cate M.C.S.
In charge of Cinchona Office
Ootacamund
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Hon. W. S. Thomas
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Dated 16th & April
Rec'd 18th & 1864

1864 Dept.

In a letter to the Secy to Govt dated 16th May 1864 No. 31

From.

E. B. Thomas Esqr

To The Collector Coimbatoor

Rev=1315/64

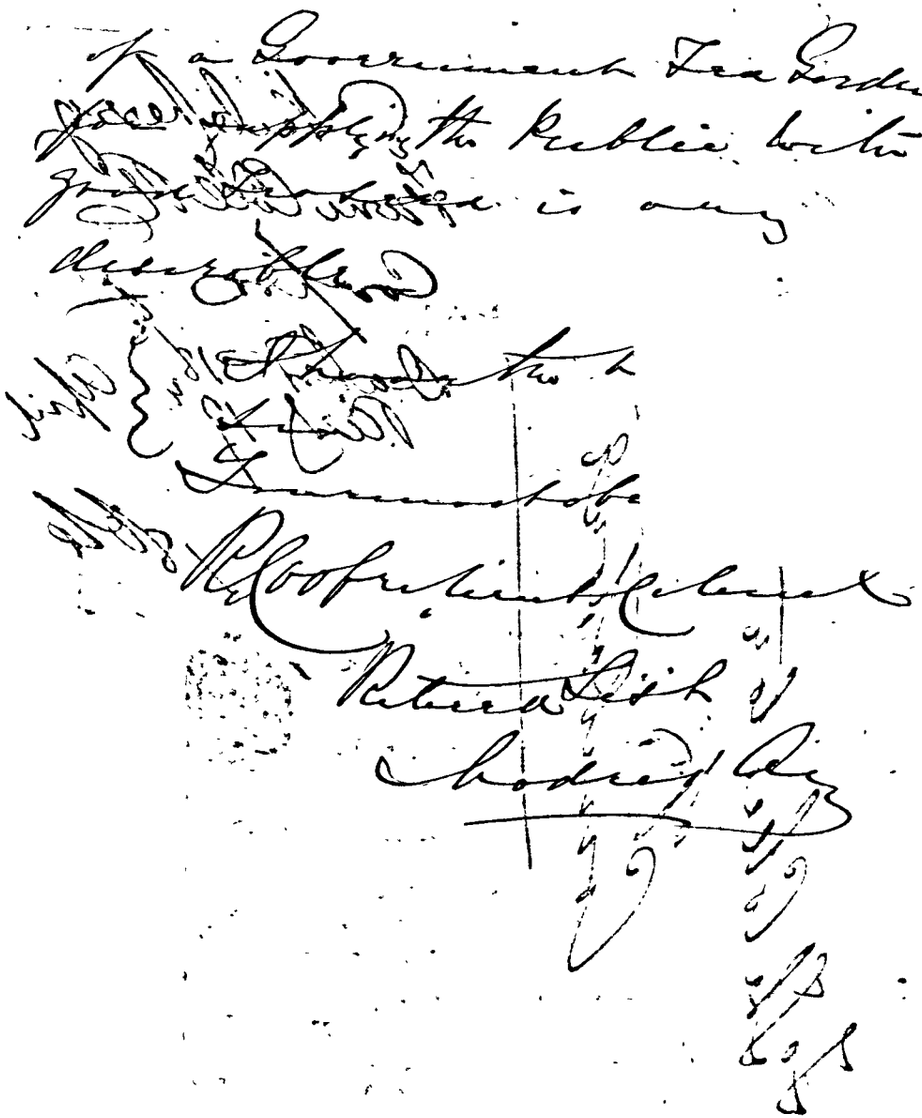
Gives his opinion as to the Establishment of a Govt Tea Plantation on the Nilgiris

Coimbatoor 18th April 1864

Lt. Colonel

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular dated 2nd April 1864, and beg to inform you that the Collectors procuring Govt Tea Seed and the high price asked for young Plants we doubt Planters from profitably entering into the cultivation of Tea on the Nilgiris. I have little doubt that if Government Tea Gardens were established



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Ins a letter to the Secy to
Govt dated 16 May 1844 No 31

From

Lieut Colonel R Cooper

To

The Collector of
Coimbatore

Rec^d 13/5/44

Gives his opinion as to
the Establishment of a
Govt Tea plantation on
the Hills

From Lieut Col. C. Wordsworth
Commr
To P. Grant Esq^r Collector &
Combatore

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your Circular dated 9th
Inst. with an extract from an Order
of Govt annexed and requesting
my opinion of the advisability or
otherwise, of Government forming a small
Tea garden at Ootacamund for
certain objects therein specified.

In reply I have no hesitation in
saying that it appears to me desirable
desirable that the intentions of Govt should
be carried into effect, as well calcula
ted to facilitate the spread of a new,
and very valuable, article of cultiva
tion in this, and the other Hill Ranges of
our Presidency, and that, under the
restrictions laid down, without doubt,

unduly interfering with the legitimate profits of private enterprise.

Government have already given Mr. Rae a great advantage over the competitors in this line by granting him a very valuable tract of land on unusual, and most advantageous, terms: to which he should have been entitled to have stated his objections to the method now proposed for effecting them.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Offley Wakeman

Colonial Office

18th April 1846

Received from Colonial Office

Date 18th April 1846

Read 19th April 1846

1864 Dept

Inc a letter to the Sec'y
to Govt Dated 18th May
1864 No 31

From
Col. C. Woodfall
Coonoor
To The Collr of Coimbatore
Rev=1315-/64

Gives his opinion
as to the Establishment
of a Govt Tea plant
ation on the Hills

Hortl Estb
18 April 1864 -

D Grant Esq
Collr of Coimbatore

Sir

I have recd a circular
from you relative to a proposed
Sea garden by Govt at Ootaca-
-mund dated 9 April 1864 -
In giving my opinion on this
matter I do so as individual
uninfluenced by the opinions of
others & am ~~therefore~~ quite
unaware what others in this
Neighbourhood may consider
the Salubri

I have written under the circumstances of the present high price of seeds & the difficulty of procuring them. Not sure that it is any use in the proposal to establish a seed garden. The cultivators in general do not forget that to keep seed pure requires a year without any wish to change. To have it of the best to any extent is a matter of great importance.

Seeds in plant & the rate W. Rat charges it to a substantial help in this line could think of purchasing extensively at such a rate.

Here the honour to be
Your most obedient servant
W. Steinbeck

Telegram
from Mr Mc
Hain Lancaster
Date 18th
Rec'd 21st April
1864

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Gallatin

To Simon Cameron

1864 Sept.

Re a letter forwarding Rec'd Secy to Govt dated 16th May 1864 No 31 From R. H. Skinbank Esq To The Collector Hornibrook Rev=1315/64

Give his opinion as to the establishment of a Govt Tea Plantation on the Hills.

To P Grant Esq
Collectors &c Coimbatore

Sir In reply to the particulars from Govt relative to the undertaking establishing a tea garden at Vellacadu I regret my opinion My own impression is that the Govt ought to relinquish the garden & not attempt to undertake the general cultivation of tea by Govt agency but that individuals are capable to take that up

2d I think that a small Govt garden might be useful for the purpose of supplying the public with the requisite quantity of the plant & seed for planting out & distributing proper plants at such rates, as should not be a discouragement to private enterprize

3d Considering the evidence of Europeans employed & entering deeply into the subject which

Notes supplying tea seed from the said garden

in the Restrictions now imposed upon the granting of Lands on the Neilgherries more particularly Thola Land - which I believe if carried into effect would be sufficient to damp all enterprise in that direction - There are almost no tracts of suitable land on the Hills that do not contain Cholas more or less extensive - & of these are excluded which must be taken up at all - as I hear fort are very anxious to encourage the cultivation of the Australian & other trees - I would suggest that in every grant of Land - the Grantee should be required to plant with Australian trees on the higher & more exposed parts of his grant an extent equal to that felled & that the Govt. Conservator should periodically report such Grants to Govt that the Govt interests have been fairly carried out. but if Land in altogether refused will force patches of people in search of fresh the extension of tea or any other cultivation - Granting Cowhouse in every probable instance

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servt

Coonoor
April 13th 64

J Wyvern

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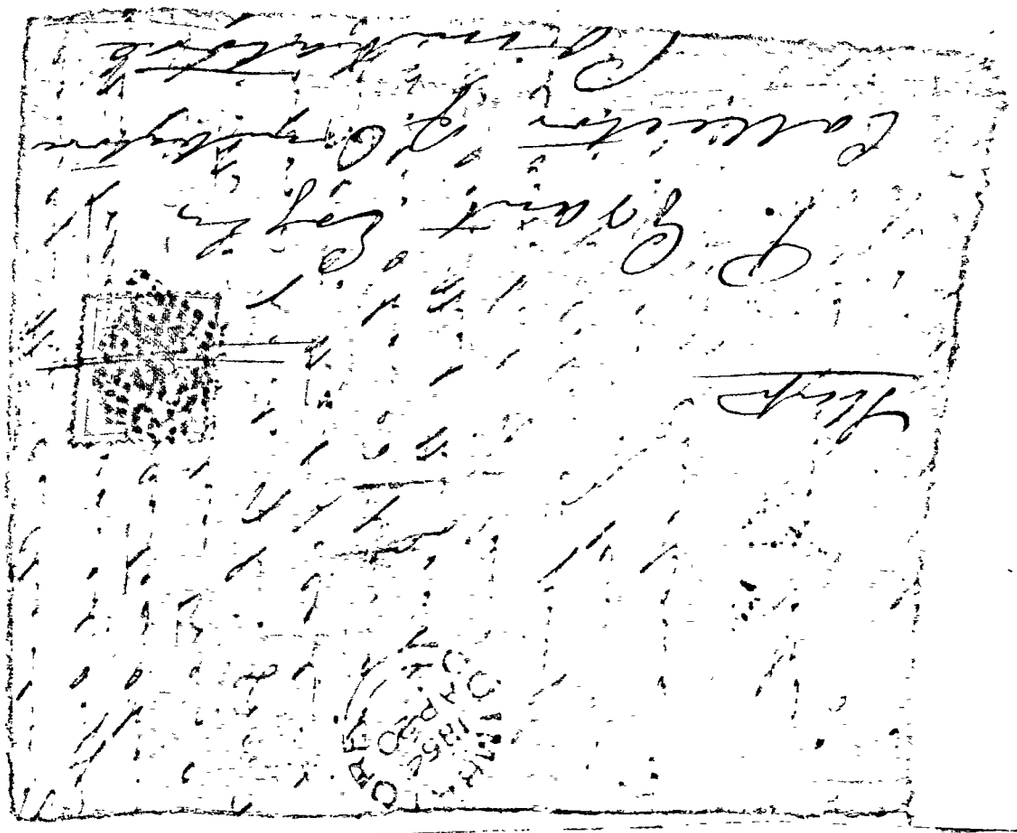

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For a letter to the Secy to Govt. Dated 18th May 1864 No. 31

From

F. A. Groves Esqre

To The Collr of Coimbatore

Rev: 1315/64

Gives his opinion as to the Establishment of a Govt Tea Plantation on the Hills.

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Coonoor
19th April 64

No 3

D. Grant Esq
Collector & Magistrate
Coimbatore

Sir

In reply to your circular of the 19th Inst I think that a good supply of tea seed would be a boon to Planters but the proposed tea garden seems to me a slow & expensive way of attaining the proposed end.

Before the trees can yield seed a large quantity will probably be imported,

If Government would import good seed & dispose of it for a reasonable price I think it would be readily & thankfully purchased

I can see no other objection to the tea Garden

I am Rhoda Gimson

Per Jane Jeffs

W. P. Stanes

Newberry

From W. H. Stones
Esquire

Dated 19th April
Received 1864

P. Grant Esq
Collector of Inquisitorial
Cotacamund

Newberry
Fwd
Wm H. Stones
Comsr
Dd 19th April 1864

1864. Sept.

In a letter of the Secretary to Govt. dated 16 May 1864 No. 31

From W. H. Slaves Esq.

To The Collector Coimbatore

Rev = 1315/64

Grier Lis of Seniors on the Establishment of a Govt. Sea Plantation on the Tiles

Do

P. Grant Esqre
Collector of Coimbatore
Coimbatore.

Sir,

With reference to the Revenue Department dated 4th April 1864 and your Circular letter of 9th Inst. I have the honor to state that I highly approve of Government establishing a Sea Plantation at Ottaca but do three years must elapse before the Plantation produces any seed, Inasmuch as I expect the great advantage to be derived from Government in the meantime planting both seed and plants at the command of the Public, plants from giving a year in advance beyond the procurable seed and be amply remunerated if disposed of at 15 Rupees per 1000, while parties who could not get a sufficient Quantity of plants

would have the Option of taking Lease

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

J. McLean

Woodlands Estate Office

21st April 1864.

Mr. Wilkinson

Estate Office

Quebec

21st April 1864

1864. Dept.

Lra letter to the Secy to
Govt Dated 16th May 1864
No 31

From

L. Medlicott Esqre

To The Collr of Coimbatore

Reo=1315/61.

Gives his opinion
as to the Establishment
of a Govt Tea Plantn
near the Nilgiris

From W. Chambers Esqr

To P. Grant Esqr

Collector

Coimbatore

No 5.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge
yours forwarding Copy
from Proceedings Madras
Govt dated 4th inst and
with reference to the same
altho I have at present no
intention of cultivating
Tea myself I think it
would be most desire=
able to establish a Tea garden
on these Hills for the pur=
pose of supplying seeds
and plants to those that
require.

Yours Faithfully

W. C. C. Chambers

Ootacamund
April 25th
1864.

Fulgheny
from
Dr. Chambers
Rodewell

D 25th
R 27th April 64

1864 Dept.

Tea letter to the Secty to Govt dated the 9th May 1864

No 31

From

Jno. D. C. E. Chambers

To The Collr Coimbatore

Rec'd 13/5/64

Gives his opinions as to the Establishment of a Tea plantation by Govt on the Hills.

To

P. Grant Esqr

Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular dated 9th April, and in reply beg to state that, the Government having in view to foster in this Presidency the cultivation of Tea, could not, in my opinion, adopt a more liberal encouraging and effectual step than that proposed; of forming a small Tea garden of their own from which seed would be distributed & standing plants, and on which experiments could be made on the culture of the plant as well as on its habits.

2d I think there can be no doubt that but for the assistance afforded by the Government of the N. W. Provinces, the present extensive tea cultivation in the Punjab, the N.W. and some districts of Bengal, could not have attained its actual growth, and that the establishment on the Neilgherries of a Government garden with the same laudable objects cannot but be attended with the happiest results, as affording to future planters the means of obtaining on the spot fresh seed at a reasonable price

3d At our meeting of the Committee of the N. P. Association on the 7th ult. we were quite unanimous in rejecting Mr Rae's proposal that we should request Government that their interposition was unnecessary; and some even were highly surprised at the idea of such a proposal being made at all, just as general and liberal

principles, but because of the knowledge of Mr Rae's total inability to supply the wants of the community with seed, the produce of his garden, and of his high prices

5th Although Mr Rae has offered to the public to sell tea seed and seedlings, it cannot yet be said that because he has done so, therefore there is no necessity for the Government assistance in the way they propose it; for it is well known that the said seed was imported from Bengal, and that the seedlings were reared from seed so obtained. Besides his prices have been so extravagantly high as to defeat his own ends and to put it out of the power of a person with a limited capital to buy from him. he advertised the seed at 10 Rs per lb, the seedlings at 1 Re each; and taking the number of plants required for one acre at 3500, it is easy to see that with no other help but his own, the development of tea cultivation will be very slow indeed if it is not confined altogether. — In fact there are upwards of a dozen any seed or seedlings from his boasted garden, there is no available source from which to obtain supplies at a moderate rate —

6th Last year I was anxious to buy a certain quantity of tea seedlings and applied to Mr Rae who, after trying to find out if my wants were large and very urgent wrote me: "Should I desire to part with any of "my tea-seedlings (which is not very probable) I will not "fail to let you know — of course with the monopoly in "hand I would strive for competition among buyers." — I am aware that Government has given him no monopoly, but nevertheless he has it from the fact of being the only planter who as yet has tea-seedlings, and I cannot lay so great a stress on the manner in which he has tried to make the uttermost of his self created monopoly by asking both for seed and seedlings prices which have precluded the possibility to many of buying from him.

Taking this into full consideration I cannot see that Mr Rae has any reason to complain with fairness of the intention of Government of establishing a tea garden, & on the other hand I have reason to believe that the public at large will hail it with much satisfaction.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed[t] Servant

H. de Vacieu

Bauteay 25th April 1870

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Israel Cheney
from
Wm Stickel Fannie
Nantucket
D 25.
D 27. } April 1864

Two Second Letters - Identical
as to ...

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Sea Letter to the Secy to
Govt. Dated 16th May 1864
No. 31

From
Mr. H. DeFaviere
To The Collr of Coimbatore
Rev=1315/64

Gives his opinion
as to the Establishment
of a Govt Tea Plantation
on the Hills.

G.S. — misc
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Coonoor April 25. 1864

From Charles Sanderson Esq
Coonoor
To R. Grant Esq Collector
Coimbatore

Sir

In reply to the Circular dated
9th april, having reference to the
proposed Tea Gardens to be established
by Government, I am of opinion
that the proposed measure would be
a great public benefit.

2. It is difficult to say
which Mr Rae and Capt. Daly named
Sempt these Hills from healthy Comple-
titive, whilst it remains an acknowledged
fact that every where else it has ultimate-
ly proved beneficial.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Charles Sanderson

Newsberry

From Charles Sanders
Esquire
Colonel

Dated 25 } April 18
Received

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Sea letter to the Secy to Govt

Dated 6th May 1864 No 231

From

Charles Sanderson Esqre

To The Collr of Coimbatore

Rev=13/5/64.

Gives his opinion as to the establishment of a Govt Tea plantation on the Nilgiris

No 14.

Nilgiris Vide Estate

Wm Brownlow

26th April 1864.

To

W. Grant Esqre

Collector

of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Circular for wards for any opinions as to the advisability or otherwise of obtaining the proposed Govt Tea plantations at Ootacamund

I am to state it is my humble opinion that instead of the proposed Govt Tea plantations being either an economical or an judicious investigation of Govt funds, would be the purchase of private estates to be of the utmost utility to the planting community at large

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt Servt

J. H. Wilmot

Railroading
from Mr Schwarz
Eagle
Wakefield 26th
Rain 30th
Wind
1864

To the Collector

of Circuit Court

Sir

In reply to your Circular of the 6th ult. calling for my opinion as to the advisability or otherwise of maintaining the Govt to a Guardianship for the supplying food and payment to Blankets and others — I beg to state that I consider the encouragement was totally to the highly useful and advantageous in many respects —

Govt. dispensing of the Guardianship and allowing the Chiefs also control to kindly entreaties with private entreprises as Govt to take a Lumpsum will be included in the charges for

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Sir a letter to the Secy to Govt Dated 16th May 54 Cpy &c

From

C. R. Schaanen

To the Collector of Customs

Sir. 13/5/54

Sir in obedience to the Circular of the Colonial Secretary dated 6th ult. I have the honor to forward a Copy of the Blankets Cloth &c issued on the Hill.

the atmo, in fact this might to
cause a reduction of this value in
the growing of tea plants, as in a
few years hence I anticipate
that the cultivation of tea here
[illegible] in these Hills that
Coolies will be able to call tea
Gardens at a cheaper rate than
[illegible] can afford to do.

I suppose the Culture of tea
Gardens may be considered a
[illegible] and when such juices as
[illegible] plant yeasty [illegible]
demanded which as Coffee Gardens
of 2 years growth can procure for
Rs 10 to 1000, it must be evident
that juices are [illegible] and
instead of standing to encourage
the planting of tea in these
Hills must inevitably have

[illegible]
detrimental effect -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

Howard Scott Kerr
Lt General

[illegible]
Ootacamund
Nilgiry Hills
9th May 1854

Treasury Dept

General Counter

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Re a letter to the Secy to
Govt Dated 16th May 1864
No 21
from
Lieut Genl H Dowker
To The Coll of Coimbatore

Rec 1315/64

Gives his opinion
as to the Establishment
of a Govt Tea plant
ation on the Hills

To
P. Grant Esqre
Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

I regret that I should have allowed so much time to elapse in replying to your Circular letter of the 9th ultimo.

2. I can see no objection to the proposed Experiment being carried on by Government, but on the contrary consider that it may be made of great practical utility.

3. The introduction of Tea Cultivation on the Hills I regard as an object of the greatest importance — First, because there seems to be an assurance that, if Entered upon with prudence and carried on with Economy, it will yield a fair return, and so is an industry to be legitimately encouraged; Second, that it affords a means of turning to valuable account much of the now unoccupied waste land about the Hills; and Third, that it can be conducted in a climate, which admits of personal European management, and thus may afford a means of subsistence to many of this class, whose means are unfettered constitution do not give them the opportunity of seeking investment and employment elsewhere. The, and a vital, preliminary to successful cultivation is, the having good seedlings to stock the plantation, and further that these should be obtainable at a moderate cost. Now Tea cultivation is not so far advanced here as to afford this to intending planters. The advertized prices of the moderate supply of seedlings that is available, would make a prudent man

pound ere he incurred so very heavy an Expenditure at the threshold of his undertaking, and especially when he must be moreover in doubt as to whether he is bringing on the best kind of Sea Plant. I consider therefore that there is a want to be supplied, before careful men can embark upon Sea Cultivation with a sound prospect of success; and that this is, seedlings of assured good varieties at a fairly moderate cost, the want will be met at the earliest date, by the proposed Government Nursery-Garden, and I think therefore that its immediate establishment is greatly to be desired.

5. In respect to the objections named in the Minute, I cannot see reason why their personal interests in the matter should overrule what is for the General Good. Mr. Rae holds land on more favorable terms than any other planter does or is likely to do. There were accorded to him for the cultivation of Sea, not Sea seed, for he stated if it had been the latter, and that he was to have grown seed under such exceptionally favorable circumstances, I presume there would have been some stipulation as to the price at which it should have been supplied to the Public. I do not see that Mr. Rae has the shadow of a ground for complaint. With Captain Daly the case is so far different that it may be said to have purchased a plantation, calculated to yield seed only, on the faith that, as Government had not hitherto interfered and was withdrawing from such in the Northwest, he could expect no such competition, and fixed a value for the plantation accordingly. It might be hard to reply simply to this, that he had made a bad speculation; but it certainly would afford no ground for withholding a benefit from the public at large, though, if loss accrued to him directly through the new competition, it might remain for the consideration of Government how far compensation would be granted to

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
L. Owen Lindsay

Otacamund
14th May 1864

Northbury
From J. Quatterton.
Edge "
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Under date the 2d June 1864.

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Submitting for information a letter from the Collector of Malabar forwarding Reports of certain gentlemen expressing their views on the subject of the proposed Experimental Tea Garden at Kotacamund. — (Here Inter 16th May 1864 No. 3000)

Letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, —

Forwards Original Letters from different Gentlemen on the Hills expressing their sentiments regarding the establishment of a small Government Tea Plantation. — (Here Inter 16th May 1864 No. 31.)

From the Collector of Madura. — (Here enter 9th May 1864 —)

Informing that there are no Tea Planters in the District

The Government observe that the Gentlemen consulted by the Collectors of Coimbatore and

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Enclosed letter from the Secretary to Government Board of Revenue No. 31

From

Lieutenant Colonel Lyons

To the Collector of Coimbatore

Dated 13th May 1864

Requesting opinions as to the establishment of a Government Tea Plantation on the Hills.

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Dr Cleghorn
applied for a further
supply of fresh Tea
seed for plantation
in the garden at
Potacamund.

No 11014.

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