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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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249. 250

Dated 14 — 7 — 1865.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th July 1865.

No. 249. Read the following letter from W. H. MARSH, Esq., Special Commissioner, Mauritius, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th July 1865 :—

SIR,

1. I have received directions, from His Excellency the Governor of Mauritius, to request that in event of no orders having already been given by His Excellency Sir W. Denison respecting despatch of a further supply of Cinchona plants to Mauritius, the Superintendent of the Cinchona Plantations may be directed to prepare a Wardian Case of these plants, which I will have conveyed by a Coolie ship to that Colony.

2. The plants sent on a former occasion, and acknowledged by the Colonial Secretary's letter of 6th December last, unfortunately all arrived dead.

3. An Emigrant vessel will probably be despatched for Mauritius on Wednesday next, 19th instant. If it be possible to get the case ready in time to arrive at Madras by Tuesday, I will have it despatched by that opportunity. Should, however, the plants require a longer preparation, I can telegraph to the Superintendent a few days before the departure of the next following vessel, in order that the case may be sent down in time.

4. The Mauritius Government will be prepared to pay all the costs incurred on account of these plants.

5. I should feel much obliged if the Superintendent would transmit at the same time brief instructions for the guidance of the Surgeon of the ship, under whose charge this case will be placed, as to whether these plants should be watered or supplied with fresh air during the voyage.

6. Copy of a letter from the Director of the Botanical Gardens is enclosed for transmission, with His Excellency's permission, to the Superintendent of the Cinchona Gardens.

From J. HORNE, Esq., Acting Director, to W. G. McIvor, Esq., Superintendent Government Cinchona Plantations, Neilgherries.

SIR,

1. As His Excellency Sir H. Barkly, K.C.B., is anxious that we should try the cultivation of Cinchonas in Mauritius, I request that you will kindly forward a Wardian case full of them.

2. It is desirable to have plants of all the species.

3. The cost of the plants and other expenses connected with their conveyance to Madras, and shipment, will be immediately forwarded to you on receipt of the plants and your account.

4. It will not be necessary to charge for the Wardian case, as it can be returned with plants, a list of which you can select from our Garden Catalogue.

5. If possible send plants that have stood for some time in pots and are well established.

6. Plants that are lifted out of the ground and planted in the case generally die during the voyage.

7. If possible let it be so arranged that the plants may arrive in Madras on the day before or on the day that the ship sails, so that the plants may not be weakened by the excessive heat of that place.

8. If possible forward the case by one of the coolie ships, the Doctor of which might see it properly attended to with shade from the direct rays of the sun, and if the voyage is long to give the plants air, and if dry, water, and pick any dead or moulded leaves off them.

9. Address the case to "Royal Botanic Gardens, Mauritius," and forward a letter of advice to me per same ship that the case is coming with, which will inform of its arrival in Mauritius.

10. I hope that you have received the case of plants forwarded to you from here in good condition.

No. 250. ORER THEREON, 14th July 1865, No. 1,625.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be communicated to the Superintendent Government Cinchona Plantations, with instructions to have a case of Cinchona plants prepared as speedily as possible for transmission to the Mauritius Government, and to inform Mr. Marsh at Madras by telegraph when the case is ready for despatch, awaiting his instructions for its actual despatch to Madras to be shipped.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent Government Cinchona Plantations, Ootacamund.

To W. H. Marsh, Esq., Special Commissioner for the Mauritius Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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I have the honor to be.
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Special Commissioner.
Mauritius.

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From
W. H. Marsh Esq^re
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