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9th March 1865.*

No. 131. Read the following letter from H. D. RAE, Esq., to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 25th February 1865, No. 5:—

SIR,

1. About a year back I had the honor to address you on the subject of a rumoured intention on the part of Government to establish the *gratis* distribution of tea seed on these hills, and in the G. O. sent to me in reply, I was told that I had been *misinformed*, and that the rumour was *without* foundation, as the intention that would be carried out was *to raise seed here for sale "at cost price plus a fair profit,"* thereby giving me the assurance that Government only desired to be liberal towards the general public in a spirit of "*fairness*" towards all private interests that may be affected thereby.

2. I am now in receipt of the accompanying letter from the Superintendent of the Government Tea Plantation at this place, forwarding me by Order of Government quoted by him as No. 135 of the 26th ultimo, a package containing 13,000 tea seed, as part of a *gratis* distribution now taking place. As this distribution may be an exceptional one, I would respectfully solicit the favor of an elucidation on the point, that I may, if necessary, more clearly comprehend the assurance alluded to, and which has been published in the newspapers by Government.

3. I may mention that I have this spring, for two months, advertised fresh Neilgherry tea seed in the local newspaper, without mentioning any price; and, in consequence of not receiving a single enquiry or application for it, have withdrawn the advertisement.

4. I would humbly beg to be understood that I do not in the least object to any "*fair*" competition on the part of Government, similar to that of any private parties; but *gratis* distributions of tea seed would not only put an end to my seed market, but would also enable the public to grow *tea* here at a cheaper rate than my plantations will have cost me, and so enable them hereafter to undersell me in the production of *tea*, and thus drive me out of the leaf market also, a double and rather complete measure of injury to me, which, I am sure, the Government cannot seriously meditate towards the developer of this new industry in their laudable desire to promote this local cultivation.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1865, No. 511.

Miscellaneous.

1. Mr. Rae is informed that the Government on hearing that the Government Tea Plantations in the North West Provinces were about to be sold, applied for a quantity of seed and distributed gratuitously the portion in excess of their own requirements. A share was sent to Mr. Rae in common with others.

2. Mr. Rae is reminded that the terms on which he applied for and obtained his grant of land for Tea culture did not include any stipulation, expressed or implied, that Government should not be free to aid others in any way that might be deemed advisable. In the event of Government again making any gratuitous distribution of seed, Mr. Rae will of course receive the same quantity as other recipients, but the Government will not allow him to dictate to them the course they should pursue in furtherance of the interests of the public.

3. The Order of Government dated 28th January 1864, No. 148, applied exclusively to the plantation on the Neilgherries.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To H. D. Rae, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rev. Dept^{ts}

N^o 511.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Dated the 9th March 1888.

Read the following
Letter from Mr. D. Rao Esq^{re}

Requesting, under the
instances stated, to be informed
is the pleasure of Govt. to
be granted distribution of seeds
to the parties on the Nellore

(Here enter 25th Feb^{ry} 1888)

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1 F. H. D. Rae Esq. with annexes
Dec 10 March

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 219. March 1865

Francis G. B. B. B.
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 gratuitous distribution
 of sea weed.

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