

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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9th June 1866.*

No. 215. Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 14th May 1866, No. 823 :—

1. Referring to paragraph 5 of the Order of Government, dated the 12th March 1866, No. 610, I have the honor to report that I do not think there is any necessity for Government, at present, to incur any great expense in introducing the cultivation of Chinchona into the Pulney Hills, by forming plantations or nurseries.

2. The fact that the tree will grow on the Pulneys is fully proved, also that young plants can be sent from the Neilgherry gardens to the Pulneys.

3. In order to the carrying out of Mr. Markham's wishes for the spreading of the trees among the different villages, I beg to suggest that for a first trial Mr. McIvor be directed to send me one hundred plants of different sorts, suitable for growth at varying elevations, with notes regarding their cultivation, which I would distribute in the villages on the upper and lower hills amongst such Ryots as I could get to agree to take an interest in the endeavor to rear the plants, and to introduce the growth of the Chinchona tree.

4. As an inducement to the Ryots to take an interest in preserving the plants, I beg to propose that Government sanction the disbursement of a reward of five Rupees per plant for every plant which I find alive at the end of one year after being planted out, and a reward of two and a half Rupees for every one of such tree found to be alive at the end of the second year.

5. The people on the hills know well the value of Quinine, and if they find the tree grows readily and without any great pains or trouble, I think a demand for plants would arise, which could be, I imagine, readily supplied from the Ootacamund gardens. I believe the above to be an economical way of endeavoring to introduce the plant, and it would save Government the expense of gardens, nurseries, &c., with all their attendant incidental expenses.

No. 216. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1866, No. 1,393.

Miscellaneous.

1. Mr. McIvor will furnish the Collector with one hundred well established Chinchona plants of the species suited for growth on the Pulnis.

2. With regard to paragraph 4, the Collector is requested to modify his proposals which the Government are not prepared to adopt in their present form.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To W. G. McIvor, Esq.
To the Collector of Madura.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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