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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th January 1866.*

No. 66. Read the following letter from the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 28th December 1865, No. 116:—

I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of Government, copy of a letter from J. W. B. Money, Esq., proposing the exchange of 13 lbs. of Chinchona Calisaya seed, for a like quantity of Red Bark, and 10,000 of the Pitayo Bark seeds. I would respectfully recommend that this exchange be accepted as regards the Red Bark seeds; but as only a very few of the Pitayo Bark seeds have as yet been received, no promise can be made to supply 10,000 of this species, although a few may be given in the event of our receiving a large supply.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1866, No. 34.

Miscellaneous.

The Government sanction the exchange proposed by the Superintendent, if Mr. Money will be satisfied with an assurance that he will be furnished with 10,000 Pitayo Bark seeds whenever the Government, after supplying their own wants, can provide them.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Ottamund Milghem
23rd December 1865

The Superintendent
Govt Chinchoro Plantations
Ottamund

Sir

I was fortunate enough in England to buy a bag of the best Calisaya Chinchoro seed from the Province of Canpolican in Bolivia picked last June. I enclose copies of letters authenticating it as such, furnished me by the Vendor, the originals of which were shown to me. The amount is more than I require, and after reserving enough for myself, there are 13 (thirteen) lbs weight of it, in capsules, which I am willing to exchange with Govt for an equal weight of Red Bark seed, and for 10,000 of the Pitayo Bark seed, just received by Govt from Crofs.

Thirteen lbs of Red Bark seed in capsules is but a very small portion of the seed now on the Trees at Niddivutsum, and 10,000 Pitayo Bark seeds are but a small portion of that sent by Crofs, while in exchange Govt will obtain, about one million of seeds of the finest Calisaya, which as you know gives the largest percentage of Quinine.

Quinine. I have planted this 13 lbs weight
meanwhile here, to preserve its vitality
pending reference to Govt. I have the honor
to request that if this exchange be beyond
your power, you will please transmit this
my application to Govt. with your own
recommendation. These are the first
and the only first class Calisaya seeds
which have ever reached India, and the
Govt has thus an opportunity of obtaining
an article of great value to them in exchange
for an article of which they have a
superabundance. As I am leaving
for Calcutta, I beg that the answer to
this may be sent to Mr de Saiva my
manager at Dwa Sholah.

I have the honor
(signed) J. W. D. Murray

(True Copy)

W. D. Murray
Supt. Govt. C. D.

Jaena 3^m

6th May 1865

My

G. Ledger Esq

Dear George,

I think of going to Campolican,
while on tour respecting Baucudas, and it has
forcibly impressed me with the idea I might
achieve fame and remuneration. I will explain.
See Markham's Travels in Peru Chap. 6 p. 105.
You will see that he says, "The obstacles against
obtaining plants and seeds of the Chinchona from
the Province of Campolican, Larecaja, Mincas,
Inquisivi, &c were insurmountable!"

He fully admits that, from those provinces
the Chinchona Calisaya is the best, and I believe
that he did not get the proper Calisaya in the
valleys of Barahaya, although undoubtedly
getting the real Simon Pure from Loja much
further North.

I forget if I wrote or not to
you about this from Australia. I often talked
with Arthur (another Brother than in Australia)
respecting the facilities, with which I could
accomplish the object deemed by Markham
as insurmountable. When I say facilities I
mean that intimate acquaintance with the
localities mentioned, and long connection with
the

the principal inhabitants renders facile to me,
that which to others seems surrounded
with great and insurmountable difficulties.

Circumstances are most favorable, the
time of year (season) propitious, and it but
remains to be seen what return I should
get for the accomplishment of a truly great
and important undertaking.

As I really intend to realize this
project I should be delighted to receive
cheering news from you on my return to
this some four months hence.

Your affectionate Brother
Signed Charles Ledger

Laena S. America
near Arica in Peru
July 19th 1865

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A. Ledger Esq.

31 Duch Lane. Cannon St.
London

Dear George,

A few days after our arrival
here Charles sent me of his old Park
Packers, a fine old Indian, to try and get
some seeds of the best description of Chinchona.
Without being able to give you explicit
information, I knew that the Indian was

sent

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sent to where Mr. Markham says the best
Park grows, and where he found insurmountable
obstacles preventing his obtaining any (see
Markham's Book Chap 6. p. 105)

The Indian says he had great
difficulties to overcome, as the authorities are
very strict to prevent the seed leaving the
country. I will copy what Charles left
in his instructions to me when he left here
for the interior

"Should the Indian arrive
and bring the seeds I sent him to get, you
will have them nicely packed and sent to
George, so that he may lose no time in putting
them in the hands of Sir William Hooker.
I hardly look for his return before the 15th July.
If all is right give him the money I left for
him, and tell him to go to his home, and there
wait orders from me. Tell George where he
says the seed is from."

The Indian says he got
the seed from the far interior of the Province
of Cuzco in Bolivia. Since reading in Australia
of Mr. Markham's undertaking for the purpose
of introducing the Chinchona plants & seeds into
India, Charles has always said that Mr. Markham
did not get the proper sort from Carabaya in Peru
as it does not there exist. Charles has dreamed
of accomplishing this for the last four years.

Yours affectionately
S^d Charlotte Ledger
(Mr. G. Ledger's sister-in-law)

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From

The Superintendent
Govt Chinchona Plantations
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J. D. Siva Esq.
Secretary to Govt A. D.
Madras

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt Servant

W. M. L.

Supt. Govt Chinchona Plantations

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