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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 162. Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 2nd March 1866, No. 19:—

1. In reply to the Government Proceedings noted in the margin, I beg to inform you that the extension of Tea cultivation is being carried on by Captain Mann and Mr. Rae. Captain Mann has gone to considerable expense in the matter, and brought out from England a trained

12th August 1863, No. 1,484, paragraph 38.
12th July 1864, No. 1,219, paragraph 9.
Official Memorandum, dated 23rd November 1865, No. 170.

gardener, under whose superintendence his plantation is now placed. Mr. Rae lives constantly on his Estate, which is managed under his direct supervision. The area of land under tea has been considerably extended by him within the past two years.

2. On both Captain Mann and Mr. Rae's Plantations picking is regularly conducted, and a good deal of tea must be manufactured, as it is constantly in the market, and seems to be much appreciated by local residents. Its flavour is peculiar, and it seems to require a cultivated taste to appreciate it thoroughly. My impression is that considerable benefits resulted from the instructions of Tea Manipulators; before they arrived the services of skilled manipulators were loudly called for, but since their departure tea comes into the market without one's now hearing of their services being required.

3. Regarding the Tea Manipulators Mr. Rae in his letter of the 10th January 1864, writes as follows:—

“Fortunately, while at Madras, about three weeks back, I heard of the Calcutta Exhibition, and at once forwarded sample of my tea through the local Committee for exhibition. This tea was of my own manufacture, as the Manipulators deputed by Doctor Jameson are not, in my opinion, efficient workmen.” Again, in his letter of the 28th September 1864, he remarks, “The Manipulators tell me that their time is up on the 1st of January, and that they desire to return to their country. Please instruct me officially when they are to quit. They will introduce a new era in the manufacture of tea into the Deyrah Dhoon and North-West. The tea they first made for me has cost me more than they have cost the Government.” Mr. Ouchterlony, who had charge of Captain Mann's Estate, writes to the following effect about the Manipulators:—

“Their conduct throughout their employment at Coonoor has been very good. They have been regular and industrious, temperate in their habits, and have given no trouble. But beyond shewing the detail of manipulation, and use of the various utensils, they cannot give instruction in the general work. They do not understand pruning and manuring; and the result of their own work in preparing tea was an article inferior to what the Overseer and his own men prepared. For this reason their labor this year was limited to looking after the coolies and rolling up the leaves, a part of the process with which they are conversant.”

With regard to “the statement that the plant thrives best on grass land is important.” I have only to remark that, in my opinion, it must have been made on insufficient information. I have never yet seen a planter choose grass in preference to sholah land for tea cultivation.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th March 1866.*

No. 163.

ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1866, No. 610.

Miscellaneous.

This report will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, with reference to his Despatch No. 150 of 1864, paragraph 12.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The report will be forwarded to the Sec of State with reference to his despatch No 1507
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