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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th April 1866.

No. 79. Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Sattiamungalam, 21st March 1866, No. 23 :—

1. I have received Proceedings of Government and their Order thereon, dated 12th March 1866, No. 617.

2. Except on the Neilgherry and Annamallay hills, it is not likely that Chinchona cultivation can be successfully carried out on any of the hill ranges in Coimbatore. The Collegal Talook hills are low and feverish, and the rain-fall on them is limited, so that it may be doubted whether they are suited for the purpose.

3. Several gentlemen are opening out land on the Annamallay hills, but with a view to Coffee cultivation chiefly, I believe. They are all aware of the value of the Chinchona, and will, I expect, once they have their Coffee plantations well in hand, turn their attention to it. I do not see that Government is called on to do more to encourage the cultivation than has already been done by the late reduction in the cost of plants to the small sum of one anna each. Until the result of Chinchona cultivation in Wynad has been proved, I think it would be inexpedient to encourage its cultivation on our low hill ranges, for it does not yet seem to be an established fact that Chinchona grown at a low altitude produces sulphate of quinine or any other valuable product.

4. A specimen of bark grown in Wynad, and sent, as I was told by Mr. Minchin, to Mr. Howard, turned out worthless, a fact which has shaken the confidence of several parties in Wynad as a Chinchona growing country.

No. 80. Order thereon, 9th April 1866, No. 813.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector of Malabor will request Mr. Minchin to furnish the Government with full information on the subject of paragraph 4 of Mr. Grant's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
,, the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Coimbatore Collectorate
Office Pattimungalam
21st March 1866.

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From

P. Grant Esquire
Collector of Coimbatore

To

L. D. Smith Esquire
Secretary to Government

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Your most obedient Servt.

P. Grant
Collector

Nº 813.

The Collr of Malabar will respect Mr Meinchin & furnish the Govt with full information on the subject of Mr 4 WM of the Govt letter

A. L. W.S

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