

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>255</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>13-4-</i>	18 <i>66</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th April 1866.*

No. 164. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated on circuit, Manjeri, Ernad Talook, 17th March 1866, No. 32 :—

1. Adverting to Government Order dated 10th March 1866, No. 617, and especially with reference to paragraph 40, &c., of Mr. Markham's report, I would solicit attention to my letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1864, No. 150, in which I advocated a distribution of Chinchona plants in Wynad.

2. The proposition did not find favor with Government at the time, but I venture again to bring it to notice, convinced that, if the plant will thrive in gardens of the native population of Wynad, what I before suggested is the way to give it a good start. I am sanguine that the result would be a great blessing to the people.

3. If Government are pleased to allow a supply of plants, arrangements will be made for their being brought down and distributed in the end of May or beginning of June. The plants would generally be in sheltered spots, and the beginning of monsoon would be the best time to set them out.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1866, No. 855.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government observe that the price of Chinchona plants has lately been reduced to one anna per plant, or one-fourth of the price originally charged. Relying, however, on Mr. Ballard's local knowledge and judgment, they will not refuse to comply with his reiterated recommendation, that 500 plants should be sent to him for gratuitous distribution in Wynad. Mr. McIvor will be instructed to prepare immediately 500 plants of the varieties most likely to succeed in Wynad for despatch to that Talook, whenever applied for by Mr. Ballard, and he will be especially enjoined to send only well-established plants, of a size likely to bear transit and to succeed with ordinary care on the part of the recipients. He will also furnish Mr. Ballard at once with a memorandum of the mode of culture to be pursued, prepared in the simplest language, so as to admit of being translated into the vernacular, and being easily understood by native planters.

2. The Government will not fetter Mr. Ballard in his distribution of the plants further than by directing that, as a general rule, they should not be given gratuitously to persons of capital, who can well afford to pay the trifling price now charged for them, and who have the means, not possessed generally by the native agriculturists, of correctly appreciating the value of Chinchona culture. Mr. Ballard is, however, quite at liberty to aid such persons in other ways, as, for instance, arranging with Mr. McIvor for the periodical transmission of plants, &c.

3. Mr. Ballard will report the result of the present experiment in due course, and enter in his contingent bills such charges as may be incurred in prosecuting it.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.

To W. G. McIvor, Esq.

To the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 32

Malabar Collectors Office
On Grant
Mangiri 17 March 1866
Ernad Taluk.

From G. A. Ballard Esq^r.
To Collector of Malabar
J. D. Sam Esq^r.
Secretary to Government
Rev. Department

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order of 18th March 1866 N^o 617 and
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t servant

Sardar
Collector

P.S. I find on referring to Mr. Mackenzie's report of Jan. 16th 1866.
that he strongly advocates the gratuitous distribution of the plants
to all applicants alleging the generous motives which prompted the
Govt. of India in undertaking the introduction of the plant, the pressing
necessity for its dissemination and the example of Ceylon where the
system is pursued. Without subscribing to Mr. Mackenzie's views to
the full extent, the experiment might be made at first
with the poor and especially in the Wynaad district which seems to be
dreadfully afflicted with the scourge of fever. (See Par. 5.6.7. in W. Mackenzie's report.)
It might also be desirable that a certain number of plants should be
given to the Heads of Village in appropriate positions with the obligation
to plant them and maintain them in the best shape for that purpose.

For. Order.

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Referred to Mr.
McLvor who will
report what number
of plants he can
safely of a size
likely to succeed
in the hands of
native cultivators

If they are to be given
I think that they should
be given in parcels
and sent to some officer

We read this and sell them
to the people at the same price
of any other seed.
This will certainly result in
the people will be forced to
to buy seed of the same kind.
We will certainly gain in all
manner of ways and means of
seed.

The gratuitous distribution of plants or seeds
has, I believe, been frequently sanctioned merely
in the interests of culture and profit but here
we have the additional motive of public health.

The objections taken to Mr. Ballard's proposal
do not seem to me to be conclusive. Those objections
are:

1. That the people would not value or

preserve an object bestowed gratuitously. 110
2. That there is no reason to make the grant to
Wynad when there are other districts poorer and
equally liable to fever which have not solicited
the same favor.
There may be reason to apprehend some neglect on the
part of the people but we cannot absolutely affirm that
such would be the case. Experience can alone decide
that point. Mr. Ballard has local knowledge and does
not seem to think this evil is beyond control. He proposes
to exercise an careful inspection. The Rysy is the roots
of India are said to have sold the tea seeds given
to them by Govt. but that was a money question; the
question of health was not implied. It is suggested
that the people would bark the trees and strip
them of their leaves; but they might be taught
to take the bark in the proper manner and the leaves
are said to yield a very useful decoction.
If there are other districts more indigent
and sicker than Wynad that is a reason for diffusing
the culture of the plant in those districts also a reason
for declining the application for Wynad.
Unless there be reason to believe that the soil of
Wynad or its climate are unfavourable to the tree I
think on the whole that the experiment might be
sanctioned. It would be a good thing to bring this
physick into the peasants garden and the Govt

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 might in some cases be made. I will agree that Mr. Ballard's efforts in the matter be sanctioned and that Mr. McLean be directed to draw up a report on the statement of the method of culture and treatment which should be pursued in the various languages and be circulated with the plants and generally among the peasantry. If the experiment succeeded the culture and probably the seed yield and moderate price might be charged to the people hereafter.
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Rev.
 Pro of Govt. for April
 of W. 878. Department
 The Collector
 of Malabar
 To the Secy to Govt.
 Dated 17 March 1866.
 Recd 20.

N. 32

Referring, with
 reference to G.O. 10/10 March
 1866. N. 617, attention to
 his letter to Board in
 which he has addressed
 a distribution of Chinese
 Plants ... W. 878.

S. 104 18 April

For Govt. Secy
 The Governor has kept
 the information to the
 Govt. Secy.

N. 855. Revenue Department
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under Date the 13 April 1866.

Read the following letter
 from the Collector of Malabar
 (Here enter 17th March 1866)
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The Jt. Secy. that
 the price of Chin chow
 plants has lately
 been reduced to one
 anna per plant or
 one fourth of the price
 originally charged.
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 Mr. Ballard's local
 knowledge and
 judgment they will
 not refuse to comply
 with his reiterated
 recommendation
 that 500 plants
 should be sent to
 him for potting and
 distribution in
 Wayanad, Mysore &c.

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 gp

W.

will be instructed
to prepare 500 plants
of the varieties most
likely to succeed
in my road for de-
sketch to that in-
look, whenever ap-
plied for by Mr.
Ballard - and he
will be especially
^{enjoined} ~~compelled~~ to send
only well-established
plants, of a
size likely to bear
transit and to
succeed with or-
inary care on
the part of the
recipient. He will
also furnish Mr.
Ballard at once

JW

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with a memorandum
of the mode of cul-
ture to be pursued,
prepared in the simplest
language, so as to
admit of being
translated into
the vernacular &
being easily under-
stood by native planters.

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not fetter Mr. Ballard
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of the plants for the
State by directing that
as a general rule
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to persons of capital
who can well afford
to pay the trifling
price now charged

for them - and who
have the means - not
possessed generally
by the native agri-
culturists - of cor-
rectly appreciating
the value of Chincha
culture. Mr. Ballard
in his recent private
letter to the author
has said in this regard
as for instance, ar-
ranging with Mr.
McLennan for the periodi-
cal transmission
of plants &c.

Mr. Ballard
will report the re-
sult of the present
Experiment in the
course of a letter in his
country. & will bill the
charges as they may be
incurred in pro-
secuting it. I. D. S.

Chinchona
for
Wyand.

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1. To the Collector of Malabar Des
10. W. J. P. H. & Co. Ltd.
6. The Assistant General