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No. 75. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Fort William, dated Rangoon, 6th May 1868, No. 1,397-7 F:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your docket, No. 498 F, dated 25th March 1868, and letter, No. 138 F, of 6th April 1868, regarding the success of the past endeavours to introduce, and the further measures to be carried out for the introduction of Chinchona into British Burmah, and on the latter of which the Chief Commissioner is authorized to act upon the proposals made by the Inspector General of Forests in his letter, No. 13, dated the 17th March 1868, should they be in accordance with his views.

2. The Conservator of Forests in British Burmah was called upon for a full report concerning the past operations in the Bogelay hills, from which it appears that, for reasons given in Captain Seaton's letter, No. 14 A, of 1st May 1866, the experiment has not so far met with any great success; but the Chief Commissioner is of opinion that a further attempt should be made to introduce the valuable plant, as the experiment has not as yet, from untoward circumstances, been fairly tried, and he does not think that a better plan can be adopted than that proposed by Dr. Brandis.

3. The Chief Commissioner will therefore take the necessary steps to secure the required land in the sheltered valley north-east of Plumadoe at an elevation of about 4,000 feet, and distant from Tonghoo thirty-four miles, recommended by the Conservator as a suitable locality for the cultivation of Chinchona.

4. Owing to Divisional Officers being well occupied from August to October, the Chief Commissioner will depute Captain Seaton himself to Ootacamund in August to take charge of the plants and to make himself acquainted with the mode of treating them and the cultivation of Chinchona generally.

5. The Chief Commissioner is of opinion that the Conservator of Forests in British Burmah might also visit the Nellamboor Teak plantation in Malabar with great advantage, as holding in view the larger scale on which it is proposed to inaugurate a system of plantations in this Province, it will be very desirable for Captain Seaton to see the result of the cultivation of Teak on a large scale in a so comparatively old plantation as that at Nellamboor is supposed by the Chief Commissioner to be.

6. Although there are only two plants in the Forest Department, which represent the successful acclimatization of Chinchona in British Burmah, the Chief Commissioner understands that General Blake received from Madras at the same time as those which were obtained for the Forest Department a small batch of plants which were placed at a greater elevation than those planted on the Bogelay hills; and it is further understood that these plants, or a portion of them, are in good condition. It would therefore appear to the Chief Commissioner desirable that the Karen lads, spoken of in the 8th paragraph of Dr. Brandis' letter, should accompany the Conservator, as to send them afterwards would involve extra expense in deputing some Officer to look after them; while no one would be likely to interest himself in making satisfactory arrangements for their proposed education as the Conservator himself. Under these circumstances, the Chief Commis-

sioner will instruct Captain Seaton to take the Karens over with him, more especially, as he agrees with Dr. Brandis in considering the employment of Karens as more likely to lead to useful results than the sending Apprentices from Ootacamund.

No. 156/7 F.

MEMORANDUM.

Rangoon, 11*th May* 1868.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George for information.

(Signed) A. FRASER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to the Chief Commr., British Burmah, P.W.D.

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1868, No. 1,546.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Officiating Conservator of Forests and to the Superintendent, Chinchona Plantations.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Superintendent, Chinchona Plantations.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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