

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1917	Press Mis.
¹⁸⁹⁻⁹⁰ Dated	10-7-	19 1868.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th July 1868.*

No. 189. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of the Government Chinchona Plantations, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 24th June 1868, No. 87:—

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, that on the 21st May 1868 I was under the necessity of suspending Mr. Meakin, the Assistant Superintendent on the Malakoondah Chinchona Plantation, in consequence of gross insubordination, resulting in his direct refusal to obey my orders.

2. On the 18th April last, I received from the laborers employed on the Malakoondah Chinchona Plantation a petition (Appendix A.) containing various serious charges against Mr. Meakin. I proceeded to investigate these charges, and asked Mr. Meakin for an explanation. In the first instance, Mr. Meakin refused to give any information, telling me he would not permit of any interference on my part between him and the laborers, but on receipt of my letter of the 2nd May 1868, No. 45 (Appendix B.), he withdrew this letter, and substituted it by his letter of the 6th May 1868 (Appendix C.), wherein he states that he asked the coolies to carry wood to Mrs. Meakin in Ootacamund, a distance of 30 miles. None of the fines said in the petition to have been inflicted by Mr. Meakin have been credited or even reported to this office.

3. The Pay Clerk had occasion to call on Mr. Meakin, as per letter D. in appendix, for certain information with reference to his advance account. This information Mr. Meakin distinctly refused to supply, as per unsigned memorandum (Appendix E.). This gave rise to my memorandum of the 16th May 1868, No. 49, (Appendix F.) to which Mr. Meakin replied by his letter of the 18th May 1868, (Appendix G.), wherein he states, in paragraph 6, "I regret that I am driven "to appear disrespectful and antagonistic to you, in declining to hand over charge here "to the person sent out by you, as such is altogether irregular and uncalled for."

4. It will be observed from the letters in the appendix from Mr. Haig, the Overseer, whom I sent out to take charge of the plantation, that Mr. Meakin has taken every opportunity to insult and annoy him, in order to cause him to leave the plantation. Mr. Meakin has also frequently absented himself from the plantation without leave, and only the other day he came into Ootacamund without permission, and attended the Civil Court while the suit was pending, instituted by Mr. Kenny against the Assistant Superintendent at Neddivuttum, on the papers recorded in the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,170, dated 30th April 1868.

5. For the information of Government the whole of the correspondence is hereto annexed, and I respectfully solicit the favor of Government being pleased to sanction Mr. Meakin's summary dismissal, as his presence on the plantation is an absolute impediment to the progress of the work.

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1868, No. 1917.

Miscellaneous.

The Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations is at liberty to dispense with Mr. Meakin's services.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of the Government Chinchona Plantations.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From, the Supt. Govt. Chin. Plant.
Orissamund

To the Secy. to Govt. Rev. Dept.
Fort St. George

No 87
dated 24th June 1868
Recd: 29th
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Reports having suspended
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