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No. 427. Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society, Ootacamund, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 24th June 1869 :—

I AM desired by the Agri-Horticultural Committee to reply to Government order of 5th instant, No. 1,590, resolving to transfer the management of the gardens at Ootacamund to the Committee on certain conditions.

2. Before dealing with the conditions seriatim, the Committee desire me to express their appreciation of the liberality of Government in rendering them this important assistance.

3. Upon the first Condition the Committee have nothing to remark further than that, in equity to the subscribers to the Society, the Committee think that if the Government at any time resume the gardens, some consideration should be given to the Society for whatever the Committee can prove to the satisfaction of an arbitration, has been judiciously spent upon the gardens in addition to the Government contribution and income from sales.

4. The second and third Conditions the Committee accept with pleasure, and would suggest, in addition, that a plot of garden-ground in a convenient situation, to be selected by the Commissioner, be also reserved for Mr. McIvor's use.

5. On the fourth Condition the Committee, with much regret, have to inform the Government that Mr. Jamieson, at an interview with the Commissioner (who is a member of the Committee), expressed his determination to decline to act as Superintendent of the gardens under the Committee, unless his pay was considerably increased, on the ground that in his covenant with the Government his services were engaged as Deputy-Superintendent of Cinchona Plantations only. The Committee have no means of referring to the terms of Mr. Jamieson's covenant and cannot refrain from an expression of disappointment at the position he has taken up; having been practically in sole charge of the gardens ever since his arrival.*

6. The Committee desire me to say that they have no wish to press the question of the transfer of the gardens upon the attention of Government at an inconvenient time, should the terms of Mr. Jamieson's covenant form an obstacle.

7. Moreover, the Committee feel that they could not do justice to the gardens without the Superintendent's cordial co-operation, such as they fear is not to be expected from Mr. Jamieson.

8. The Committee, in conclusion, desire me to add that rather than their application for the gardens should be any sort of embarrassment to the Government, they are therefore prepared to circumscribe their operations for the present, and confine their attention to periodical Shows of flowers, vegetables, and fruits, with a view to stimulate the native gardeners.

9. For this purpose, it would be desirable if the Government would permit of their holding these Shows in the gardens, and would direct the Superintendent

* Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Jamieson.

of the gardens to exhibit on every such occasion. This would add much to the attractiveness of the Shows.

10. Connected with Condition V. are some circumstances which I beg leave to make known to Government.

An important part of the space hitherto and at present devoted to propagation in the gardens is a series of terraces lying above the Cinchona Forcing Houses. These are now occupied with young forest trees, presented by the Forest Department, seedlings, and cuttings of ornamental trees, officinal plants, English vegetables, etc. The terraces have, it is believed, no connection with the Cinchona establishment, and yet, by the wording of the G. O., (paragraph 5 Condition V.), are excluded from the transfer. Still higher on the mountain side than these terraces, and equally unconnected with Cinchona cultivation, lies a rudimentary sort of shrubbery, which is intended to be made into an "Arboretum." As the context of the G. O. seems to imply that the whole of the Horticultural part of the gardens is intended to be given over, and as the possession of these integral and necessary portions of the gardens by the Society will entail no interference with the Cinchona houses, I am desired to request that they may be included in the transfer. It is necessary to mention that the Superintendent of the gardens was consulted by a Sub-Committee of Inquiry, as to whether he would object to spare the terraces; they were informed in reply by Mr. McIvor (aware of the terms of the G. O.) that he should require the ground for a Cinchona nursery, and the trees for the ornamentation of the Cinchona Plantations. Notwithstanding this, the Committee feel quite justified in requesting the inclusion of the terraces in the transfer.

11. In connection with the gardens at Ootacamund there exists near Kulhutty on the northern slope of the Neilgherries a small plot of ground that has been, to a certain extent, employed as a branch garden. It contains fruit-trees suited to the warmer climate. It appears capable of useful development, and I am directed to request of Government that it also may be included in the transfer.

No. 428. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1869, No. 2,443.

Miscellaneous.

IN their order, dated 5th June 1869, No. 1,590, the Government transferred the management of the Botanical Gardens at Ootacamund to the Agri-Horticultural Society under certain conditions.

2. Since then the difficulty described by Mr. Broughton in paragraphs 5 and 6 of his letter, has arisen. The Government are therefore compelled to cancel their former order, and to direct that the Commissioner and Superintendent be vested as heretofore with the supervision of the gardens.

3. The Government desire that Mr. Brooks will convey to the members of the Agri-Horticultural Society the expression of their regret that they are unable to give effect to the wishes of the Society. In making over the gardens to the Society the Government were, to a great extent, influenced by a consideration of the good effects likely to result from the increased interest and care which would be

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brought to bear on the Institution. Their views in this respect remain unaltered, and the Commissioner of the Neilgherries will doubtless give due weight to any suggestion relating to the gardens which he may receive from the Society.

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

To the Honorary Secretary, Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Commissioner of the Neilgherries.

× the Commissioner has now been vested with the supervision of the gardens I proposed that he should be so vested. A fresh order to this effect should be passed.

Ex. F. P. Pearleman.

Government Gardens
Ootacamund 22nd June 1869

From

A. Jamieson Esqre
Dy Supt Govt Chin Plants

To

J.W. Breeks Esqre
Commissioner Neilgherries
Ootacamund

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 20th instant I beg to inform you that I still retain the determination I expressed to you at our interview anent the Gardens, viz, that I would gladly act as Superintendent of the Gardens under the committee of the Agri-Horticultural Society if Government paid one as such.

At present I am paid (according to agreement) as Deputy Superintendent of Chinchona Plantations but if Government wish to transfer one from the Chinchona Department and appoint one as Superintendent of the Gardens alone, then I certainly shall expect an advance on my present salary for being confined to the Gardens alone. I have not the same prospects of advancement as I would have by remaining in the Chinchona Department, and if Government intend transferring me from the Chinchona Department thereby altering my original agreement, then I have a right to ask remuneration equivalent to the increase of responsibility and charge.

Trusting I have given you the information desired

I am
Sir
Your's obediently
A. Jamieson
Dy Supt
Govt Chin Plants

GOVT. OF INDIA 1869 SECRETARIAT

REVENUE.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY, NEILGHERRY AGRI-HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Dated Aug 1869.

Rec'd

C. C., 30th Aug 1869, No 1869.

ANSWER.

To C. C. No.

Extention' gardens at Ootacamund.—Order passing it under the management of the Agri-Horticultural Society cancelled.

Oth camming
13 July 1869

My dear Archibald.

I have been thinking over the Gardens dispensity and after some reflection have come to the following conclusion.

After what I have told you about the way in which Mr Jamieson has somewhat injured my confidence by turning round & expressing as he did in person (contrary to the wording of his letter sent to Govt) his decided disinclination to serve under the Committee as Supt of the Gardens I feel quite certain that no increase of pay which the Govt could give him would make him a satisfactory servant of the Committee & do justice to the Gardens. I would therefore strongly deprecate the Gardens being put under the Society with Mr Jamieson as Superintendent because I feel satisfied the result wd be failure.

The Members of the Committee can only exercise general supervision, the maintenance of the Gardens & the details of their management must rest with the Supt.

The matter being settled that the Gardens had better not at present be given over to the Society, the Govt will have to look at the situation of the parties now in charge.

Mr Jamieson is bound to do Church work only, and although since his arrival in December he has done the Garden work, he has now expressed his determination not to do so under the Committee without an increase of pay & he may further say that he won't do so even with an increase of pay better under the Committee or (as hitherto he has done) under Mr McIvor.

It seems to me he ought to have covenanted to do Church work only, if you intend to stand by the letter of your covenant Mr McIvor will be directed to employ you as Supt of the Maitkoondah Plantation on your present pay in order that with the pay sanctioned for Maitkoondah Supt he may entertain a suitable man who will engage to do the Garden work plus such Church work as your predecessor Babcock performed under the orders of the Church Supt.

Mr Jamieson will then elect either to remain as hitherto & enter into a fresh covenant to do as Babcock did or he will go to Maitkoondah & probably soon resign. If he resigns his resignation can be accepted & fit person be secured to be put in sole charge of the Gardens, for as McIvor has told you there really is not now work for a Supt & Dep. Sup. of Churchina. There is no mystery about the propagation & cultivation

of horticulture. There is nothing
herein which any man skilled in
horticulture (such as Govt would appoint
to take charge of the Gardens) could not
readily learn to a sufficient extent
to take McIvor's place should he
die or leave.

If Mr Jamieson does not resign
the Govt would find him a useful
Supt at Maelkonda which is in
a very backward position compared
with the other Plantations and would
save the pay of the Maelkonda
Supt with which no doubt McIvor
could get a man to take Batcocks
place.

I don't see how Mr Jamieson is
now with extra pay in any case.
He is young & has not been here
even a year yet. After a year or so
if he does well in whatever capacity
he may be employed he might
reasonably get an increase of pay.

In either case whether Mr Jamieson
elects to work in the Gardens or
per to Maelkonda to resign or
to remain, the Govt should leave
the Gardens as now under Mr
McIvor but put him as Supt
of the Gardens under the Commission
with direction & the latter to
afford what assistance he can
to the R. A. H. Society —

The Gardens are the property
of Govt who can therefore very
well order that any experiments
recommended by the Society should receive
due attention.

In this way one of the chief
objects of the Society in asking
for the transfer of the Gardens
would be met and the general
result would be more
satisfactory than if the Society

attempted to work the
Gardens without an efficient
& well-disposed Supt. –

yours truly
Mackay.

Dr Hooker
&c &c &c

I wished a word from Mr Bentham
which I omitted to obtain when
last at Kew on a conversation
on the subject of the proposed
changes of the Govt. Gardens
& the existing Horticultural
Society and of the desire
to see a return of cultivated
plants for Jamaica.
He will be sure that he finds
it not now in favor of the
changes of the Gardens & the
management of the Society.
He is satisfied from what
he knows and of Mr Grisebach
as the subject that the latter
were if the job an ill one

of pay, would not work in
a satisfactory manner under
the Committee - and he is
convinced from what he has
seen of the members of the
Committee that the employés
of that body is not such as to
render it probable that the
management would work well.
He can speak of some of the
members. He thinks that
if the Pauline movement
were to be successful, and
that there ought a victory over
a political than a religious
he believes, and this accomplished
he thinks should shatter the
whole between much attention

the management of the Pauline
he thinks is a thousand times
more to dread that he has ever
dreamed the motives of the pure
& clean & wise.
In his study I think the people
have better to deal, for the pure
of all evils, under the belief
and trust in regard of them as
well as of his Christian principles
he is pleased under the pressure
control of the Committee,
who can be trust any expression
recommended by the Society
means that attain this.
Something however ought to
done & surely the anti-pure
work in the province would
As it stands he is not pleased

to do any work in the garden. I hardly think that it would be right to banish him to Maithoundla in the event of his ~~without~~ an increase refusing to undertake Jenks Cinchona Operations of pay, I should be disposed to offer him an immediate increase of Rs 25 per mensem (he now gets Rs 125) as his commanding & giving his services in the gardens as well as in the Cinchona Operations. It is unsatisfactory having a servant of the State employed on duty which he is not bound to perform.

A. J. [illegible].

I entirely agree. N.

26th July.

I concur in this above proposal W.O.A.

30 July 69

Of course what I have said about the apparent motives of certain members of the Committee of the Horticultural Society is confidential & must not be alluded to in the orders — A. J. [illegible]

Secretary's Office
Washington
Dec 1st 1862

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from Mr. Thomas Jefferson Jr. dated Nov 2135 for orders

In the agreement under which W. Jameson was employed he is styled Dy Supt of Lincolns Plantations, but as a part of the Supt's duties was to look after the Govt Gardens perhaps it might be maintained that it was equally the Dy's duty. It seems a duty to allow this office

to interfere with the
transfer of the Gardens
to the Society. Probably
if they wished Sir
W.m Jamieson might rather
W.m 30 a month his
objections might be
got over

D.D.

I would not be a
safe course to interfere
on Mr Saunderson discharging
the duties of Superint.t of the
G: Bot: Gardens, unless we
learnt from the Govt Law
officers that the terms of
his agreement with the
S.t of State, will fully
support this requisition.

But the better plan
would be to appear to him
an increase of salary. I
would limit 50 W.s but
add to that extent both
contributions now made
by Govt to the Gardens.—

As regards this W: G:
Coulter's general character
marked in Blue pencil
Nos 1, 2 5 and 6 Govt Argus
Oct.r 63. W.H.

I agree with W.H.Phillips
that we might not be
by any pressure to
bear on W.m Jamieson.
He came out as
a Cinchona Cultivator
under the direct
orders of W.m Govt
& Govt. retains the
Services &c.
Society & the
direction of a
horticultural
Garden. If he
chooses to do the
duty required

Revenue Department.

No. 2663.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30th August 1869.

Read the following letter from the Honorary Secy to the Horticultural Society.

Replying to G.O. of 5th instant No. 1590, also one to transfer the management of the gardens at Ootacamund to the Committee on certain conditions.

(M.E. 24th June 1869)

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2. Since then the Committee have difficulty, as pointed out by Mr. Broughton in para 5 & 6 of his letter, has arisen. The Govt are therefore compelled to cancel their former orders and

increase of salary
recognized which
formerly attached
to the entire charge
of the garden. He
must also have
to do with the
Civil Service Examination
in some degree -
whereas the primary
duty of Secretary
will be instructed

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and to direct that the Comissioner & Superintendent be vested as heretofore with the supervision of the gardens.

3. The Govt desire that Wm Breeks will convey to the members of the Agri-Horticultural Society the expression of their regret at the measure which conflicting circumstances have forced upon them. In making over the gardens to the Society, the Govt were to a great extent influenced by a consideration of the good effect likely to result from the increased interest and care which would be brought to bear upon the institution. Their views in this respect, and the Comissioner and the neighbours will doubtless give due weight to any suggestion relating to the gardens which he may decline from the Society.

that they are unable to give effect to the wishes of the Society.

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6 " Assembly Genl
4 " Comms of the Newcastle Bills