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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.

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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 desirous 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 Kulhatty 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 Gar-

dens 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. Breeks 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.

X The Commission has now been
vested with the supervision of the gardens
I proposed and he should be so vested.
a fresh order to this effect
should be proposed.

E. A. F. O. P. Leman.

[Handwritten signature]

Government Gardens
Ottawamund 22nd June 1869

From A. Jamieson Esq.
By-Supt Govt Chin Plants
To J. W. Breake Esq.
Commissioner Railways
Ottawamund

Sir
In answer to your letter of the 20th Instant
I beg to inform you that I still retain the determina-
tion 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-
cultural Society if Government paid me as such.
At present I am paid (according to agreement) as
Deputy Superintendent of Chinema Plantations but
if Government wish to transfer me from the
Chinema Department and appoint me as Super-
intendent 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 Chinema Department, and
if Government intend transferring me from the
Chinema 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
Yours obediently
A. Jamieson
By-Supt
Govt Chin Plants

We cannot
be more
than
willing
to do so.
A. J.

Oct. 27 1869

REVENUE.

THE HONORARY SECY. FOR CHINA

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

CHINA

Field Agent, etc.

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O. C. 3074 No. 1150, No. 2410.

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Defence gardens at Government - Cash
placed in under the management of the Agri-
cultural Society, cancelled

OT Macmillan

13 July 1869

My dear Arthur.

I have been thinking over the Garden
difficulty and after some reflection
have come to the following conclusion.

After what I have told you
about the way in which W. Jamieson
has somewhat forfeited my confidence
by turning round & expressing as he
did in person (contrary to the wording
of his letter sent to Gov^t) his decided
determination to serve under the
Committee as Supt. of the Gardens
I feel quite certain that no increase
of pay which the Gov^t could give
him would make him a
satisfactory servant of the Committee
to do justice to the Gardens. I would
therefore strongly deprecate the
Gardens being put under the
Society with W. Jamieson as
Superintendent because I feel
satisfied the result w^d 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 appear to be given over to the Society, the Com^{tee} 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 either under the Committee or (as he has to do) he has done under Mr. McVior.

It seems to me therefore that Com^{tee} should say to him - By mistake you have covenanted to do Church work

only, if you intend to stand by the letter of your covenant Mr. McVior will be directed to employ you as Supt. of the Mailkondah Plantation on your present pay in order that with the pay sanctioned for a Mailkondah Supt. he may entertain a suitable man who will engage to do the Garden work plus such Church work as your predecessor Batecock performed under the order of the Church Supt.

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

Ikehinchona. There is nothing
merely 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 Mr. Brown's place should he
die or leave.

If Mr. Jamieson does not resign
the Govt would find him a useful
Supt at Mailkonda which is in
a very backward position compared
with the other plantations and would
save the pay of the Mailkonda
Supt, with which no doubt Mr. Brown
could get a man to take Batcock's
place.

I don't see how Mr. Jamieson is
now worth 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
for the Mailkonda to resign or
to remain, the Govt should leave
the Gardens as now under Mr.
McEwen but put him as Supt
of the gardens under the Commission
with directions to the latter to
afford what assistance he can
to the R. A. H. Society. —

The Gardens ~~are~~ ^{are} the property
of Govt, who can therefore very
well order that any experiments
^{recommended by} ~~which~~ 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 Suppl. —

giving him
morely.

Terrible

Q. / Arthur Moore

I rec'd but a note from the ^{British} Society
which I received at Boston ^{several} months
after a conversation
on the subject of the proposed
transfer of the Lib. fund
to the ^{British} Anti-Slavery
Society and of the ^{same}
to an increase of salary ^{proposed}
by the Lib. Socy.

He will I am sure be ready
is not now in favor of the
transfer of the Gardens to the
management of the Society.
He is satisfied from what
his former friend & friend
on the subject that the latter
was of the first and increase

of pay, would not work in
a satisfactory manner under
the Committee - and he is
convinced from what he has
seen ^{of late} of the intentions of the
Committee, that the corporation
is not body is not such as to
make it probable that the
arrangement would work well.
He has spirit of some of the
members he thinks that one
is to get the garden moved
and as he has his management,
and thus I gain a victory over
a selfish and arrogant as
he is now, and this arrangement
he thinks should shelter the
world before much attention is

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his management of the garden.
he thinks is a thorough man &
has no doubt that he has ac-
quainted the motives of the people
to whom I refer.

As he shall I think the garden
will be left for the people
at all events, under his direction
and that in respect of them as
well as of his (future) operations
he is placed under the power
control of the Committee,
who can see that any expression
recommended by the Society
will be attended to.

Something however ought to be
done & much to our gain
made in the garden's work
As it stands he is not satisfied

to do any work in the garden. I
 hardly think that it would be
 right to punish him to
 thousands in the event of his
 refusing to execute a ^{without an increase} just command. ^{1/2 pay}
 I should be disposed to offer him an
 immediate increase of the 25 per centum
 (he now gets the 225) as his workman
 to join his business in the garden
 as well as in the (industrial) operations.
 It is manifestly having a amount
 of the work employed on duty which
 he is not bound to perform.

Sincerely
 agree. 26th July.

A. S.
 I concur in this
 above proposal
 30 July 69
 W. H.

of course that I have said about the
 apparent motives of certain members
 of the Committee of the Horticultural
 Society is confidential & must not be collected
 in the press - A. S.

Let Dr. [unclear]
H. [unclear]
see [unclear]
[unclear]

Dear - I have
looked any connection
with Mr. As [unclear]
on his [unclear]
30 July 62 W.D.

copy of [unclear]
of the [unclear]
which is confidential & must not
be [unclear] - [unclear]

No 2135 for orders

In the agreement
under which W. James
was engaged he is
styled Dr. Insp. of Lincoln
Plantations, but as a
part of the Insp. [unclear]
was to look after the
Gent. Gardens perhaps
it might be maintained
that it was equally the
Dr's duty. It seems a
pity to allow this differ

to interfere with the
transfer of the gardens
to the Society. Probably
if they would give
Mr. Jamieson an extra
£30 a month his
objections might be
got over.

W.D.

It would not be a
safe course to insist
on Mr. Jamieson discharging
the duties of Sup't of the
G: Bot: gardens, unless we
learn from the Govt. Secy
officer that the terms of
his agreement with the
Govt. will fully
support this requisition.

But the better plan
would be to offer to him
an increase of salary. I
would give £50 a year
add to that extent to the
contribution now made
by Govt. to the gardens.

As regards the B: G:
Committee's general request
marked in Blue pencil
No. I, 2, 5 and 6 Secy. agrees
! Ind. 62, W.D.

Agree with W. Phillips
that we ought not to
try any scheme to
keep a Mr. Jamieson.
He came out as
a Prochona Cultivator
under the direct
orders of Mr. M. Fox
& Govt. as the
Secretary of the
Society & the
director of the
herbarium
garden. If he
chooses to do the
duty of reception

in case of salary. The Commission
 well-served by Mr. J. H. Chinn
 James a member of the
 to entirely absorbed
 by the garden. He
 must also be able
 to do with the
 (in some cultivation
 in some degree -
 otherwise the primary
 object of sending him
 out here is frustrated

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30 June 1879 R.C. 231 July 1879

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30th Aug 1869.

Read the fol-
 -lowing letter from the
 Honorary Secy to the Rail-
 -way Agri-Horticultu-
 -ral Society.

Replying to L.O. of
 8th Instant No 1590, resolving
 to transfer the management
 of the gardens at Botac-
 -cum to the Committee on
 certain conditions.

(H.E. 24th June 1869)

In this order
 dated 5th June 1869 No
 1590 the Govt transfers
 the management of the
 Botanical Gardens at
 Botacum to the Agri-
 Horticultural Society
 under certain conditions.

2. Since then ^{the} ~~it~~
 difficulty ^{existed by} ~~of which~~ Mr.
 Broughton ^{in para 5.4} ~~manifests~~
 a correct appreciation
 in his letter, has arisen.
 The Govt are therefore
 compelled to defer for
 the present the operation
 of the ^{new} former orders
 and

N.
 W.

and to direct that the
Commissioners & Super-
intendent be vested
as heretofore with the
supervision of the gar-
dens.

3. The Govt desire
that Mr. Brecks will con-
vey to the members of
the Agri-Horticultural
Society the expression
of their regret at the
measure which conflict
with circumstances have
forced upon them. In
making over the gar-
dens to the Society, they are
wired to a great extent
influenced by a consi-
deration of the good ef-
fects likely to result
from the increased pro-
duct and care which
would be brought to
bear on the Institution.
Their views in this re-
spect elude all matters
and the Commissioners
of the neighbourhood will
doubtless give due
weight to any suggestion
relating

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which he may receive
from the Society.

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My dear Sir,
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the
10th inst.

I am sorry to hear
that you are ill. I
trust you will soon
be able to return
to your home.

I am, Sir, very
respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]