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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th December 1869.

No. 204. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort Saint George, 20th November 1869:—

Read the following letter from the Inspector-General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 15th November 1869, No. 160.—

I HAVE the honour to return the Order in the Revenue Department noted in the margin, and to state that the buildings recently used as a Jail at Neddiwuttum were built by Mr. McIvor, Superintendent of the Cinchona Plantations, and do not belong to the Jail Department. I have been given to understand from the commencement that when the labour of the convicts was no longer required, it was intended to use the buildings for purposes connected with the Cinchona manufactory.

Rev. Dept., 29th October 1869, No. 2,882.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1869, No. 3,178.

Miscellaneous.

RESOLVED that the Commissioner of the Neilgherries be requested to arrange with Mr. McIvor for the Jail buildings at Neddiwuttum being made available for Mr. Broughton's use when required.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherries.
,, J. Broughton, Esq.,
,, the Judicial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras
REVENUE.
To
THE COMMISSIONER OF THE
NEILGHERRIES,
&c. &c. &c.
Dated December 1869.
Read
G. O. 15th December 1869, No. 3178.
PROCEEDINGS.
Nos. 3174-3175.
Jail Buildings at Neddiwuttum.—Commissioner of the Neilgherries to arrange with Mr. [illegible] for their transfer to Mr. Broughton, when required.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th October 1869.

No. 375. Read the following letter from J. BROUGHTON, Esq., Quinologist to Government, Ootacamund, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 8th September 1869:—

I HAVE the honour to request directions from Government with reference to the following points which affect the estimate of working expenses of my department for the year 1870-71.

2. I had the honour of pointing out in a report, dated 4th April 1868, appearing in Proceedings of Madras Government, Revenue Department*, that this country would supply all materials for the manufacture of alkaloids, except sulphuric and hydrochloric acids. As these are absolutely necessary to the most economical processes of manufacture, I am desirous of obtaining them from the cheapest source. The main points to be considered with regard to their supply are the following:—

* No. 485, 22nd April 1868.

3. My experience with small quantities has shown that the cost of carriage from Madras to this place exceeds the original cost of the acid, as it does the freight from London. The railway charge for three tons, or any less quantity, is Rupees 254-13-0 from Madras to Pothanoor.

4. Sulphuric acid can, I believe, be purchased in Calcutta, where, I learn, it is manufactured on a small scale; and also at the Madras Mint. At neither of these places is the acid so strong as the better English acid—a circumstance which practically increases cost of carriage—and the acid from thence obviously must undergo the expensive transit from Madras.

5. After much consideration, I incline to believe the best method of proceeding will be to import a considerable quantity of sulphuric acid, either from Liverpool or London, *via* Calicut, and bring it by bandy up the Carcoor Ghaut to Ootacamund. It will be necessary to make special arrangements for freight, and, in order to lower the expenses of packing, the acid might probably come out in well-secured carboys, as in the coasting vessels from Newcastle to London, and not in "Winchester quarts," packed in deal cases. As the actual amount used is camparatively small, sufficient for several years' consumption could be obtained at once.

6. I therefore have the honour to inquire whether I should (1) order small supplies, as required, from England, or (2) employ the acid to be purchased in India, or (3) whether Government will sanction the wholesale but cheaper supply I have indicated above. In the two former cases, I presume the cost must appear in my estimates; in the third, the details would be arranged and the acid paid for by the India Store Department.

7. In the third case, the amount of sulphuric acid purchased should not be less than 3-5 tons. The price per ton would be from £9 10*s.* to £13, according to strength and market-price. The presence of arsenic in the acid is of no importance.

8. The building lately used as a Convict Jail at the Neddiwuttum Plantation can hereafter be made of great use in the manufactory of the bark-products. I am led to think that some important saving in fuel and cost of carriage will be

effected by roughly working the Cinchona bark close to the spot on which it grows. I trust therefore Government will allow the Jail to be retained for such purposes. If Government think fit to import acid as I have advocated above, it could at once be used as a store-house, being immediately on the road from Calicut to Ootacamund. In the meantime I have the honour to request that Government will allow me the use of the vacant Jail Hospital as a bungalow during my visits to the Neddiwuttum Plantations.

No. 376. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1869, No. 2,882.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government believe there are good reasons for Mr. Broughton's request that the acid which he requires for the manufacture of alkaloids may be purchased wholesale in England and imported *via* Calicut. The best course will be for him to submit an Indent, to be forwarded to the Secretary of State, for, say, four tons of acid, which will be obtained through the Store Department of the India Office. He should note on the Indent any instructions which he may have to offer as to the quality of acid, and the mode of packing and exportation.

2. Mr. Broughton's proposal regarding the building lately used as a Jail at Neddiwuttum will be considered in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

H Dalyell

Acting Secretary to Government.

To J. Broughton, Esq.,
,, the Judicial Department.
,, the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Rec'd 15th Nov: 69
Answ'd 15th Nov: 69

Referred to the Inspector General of Jails for report on foregoing & to return this order.

Fort St. George
2d November 1869

By Order
R. Ellis
Chief Secy

The Inspector General of Jails

Madras

Collector's Court of 1869 Madras.
No. 3977/69
REVENUE.

To Rec'd Nov 15 1869

J. BROUGHTON, Esq.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 29th.

Recd. 3d Nov. Encl.

G. O., 29th October 1869, No. 2,882.

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OCTOBER.

Nos. 375-376.

Acid required by Mr. Broughton.—Passing orders on the subject of its purchase wholesale from England, and requesting a proposal for consideration & forwarding for the Board's sanction for retaining the said at Nedduvattum for use in the manufactory of Neilgherry Cart Grease.

Rec'd 15th Nov: 69

No. 3178.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 14th November 69.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails.

Reporting that the buildings at Neddivattum do not belong to the Jail Department.

P.C. 15th November 69 to 169

Resolved that the Commissioner of the Neilgherries be requested to arrange with Mr. Mellor for the Jail buildings at Neddivattum being

being made available
for Mr. Broughton's
use when required.

3 Comm.r Indian Affairs Dept.t
1 Mr. J. Broughton
5 Lieut.t Defrault.

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