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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1590	**Press Mis.**
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Dated 5th June **19** 1869	

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Read the following papers:—

No. 125. From the Chief Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Mysore, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated camp at Nundidroog, 15th March 1869, No. 6,253-35.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 628, of the 9th instant, and to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the Lal Bâgh at Bangalore is not under the direction of the Agri-Horticultural Society, and that the Superintendent of the garden is under my immediate orders.

No. 126. From the Honorary Secretary, Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 6th April 1869.

I AM desired by the Managing Committee of the Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society respectfully to make the following request of Government:—

That Government will be pleased to make over the "Government Botanical Gardens" at Ootacamund, with their present establishment, to the Agri-Horticultural Society, under such rules and regulations as may seem requisite, with a view of rendering them more generally useful to the Community.

2. In a former communication on the part of the Agri-Horticultural Society, I had the honor of making known to Government its constitution and objects. The latter are almost identical with those for which the gardens were originally established, and upon which their usefulness depends. It is the opinion of the Members of the Society that the present usefulness of these gardens will be greatly augmented by their being placed under the control of the Managing Committee of the Society. It is submitted that a body consisting of gentlemen connected with various parts of the district, and acting in a systematic manner for the development of its agricultural, etc., resources, has far greater facilities for carrying out these objects than the present Superintendent.

3. Without detracting from the beauty of the gardens, the Committee hope to increase their usefulness in various ways, such as, by correspondence and interchange with other Societies in other parts of the world; by affixing names to all the plants now in the gardens; and by the preparation of a list showing what plants and seeds are available to the public for sale. The Committee are of opinion that if more attention were paid to these points, and the contents of the gardens were made more accessible and more known to the public, the general community would be greatly benefited.

4. A collection of economical and ornamental plants, and an establishment for their propagation, such as exists at the gardens, is obviously a necessity to an Association undertaking their distribution and the encouragement of their cultivation. Were the Society compelled to form a new centre of supply, it would be obliged to repeat work which has already been done with the same object, and to waste on mere preliminaries, both time and money, which might be devoted to important experiments.

5. It seems to the Committee that any garden which the Society might in time establish, would only fulfil the same purpose and occupy the same position which the Government gardens might assume at once. In so small a community there seems no room for the operations of two similar but independent institutions.

6. The Society proposes to supply its subscribers with a certain amount of plants and seeds free of cost. In case of success, this will absorb that part of the business of the Government gardens, from which a portion of their income is derived.

7. If the Right Honorable the Governor in Council see fit to accede to the request of the Society by placing the gardens under their control, the subscriptions would form an additional source of income for their maintenance, and the general community would thereby feel an immediate and personal interest in their success, which is not now the case.

8. The correspondence with other Societies and authorities; the publication of all the transactions of the Society; the control of the receipts and charges; the oversight with the power of direction in general matters; are duties which the Committee think they could discharge in relation to the gardens with advantage to the Government and to the public, without crippling or interfering with the more special and professional duties of the Superintendent in charge of the gardens.

No. 127. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1869, No. 1,590.

Miscellaneous.

IN the foregoing communications the Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society, which has recently been instituted at Ootacamund, request the Government to make over to them the management of the Government Botanical Gardens at that station, "with a view of rendering them "more generally useful to the community".

2. They point out that the objects of their Society are identical with those which are now being successfully carried out by the Agri-Horticultural Societies of Madras and Bangalore, to which the Government have given most effectual assistance by making over to them the public gardens at those places. They enlarge upon the general advantages likely to be derived by the "principal sanitarium of Southern India" from the institution of an Agri-Horticultural Society; and they urge that a body consisting of gentlemen connected with various parts of the district, and acting in a systematic manner for the development of its agricultural resources, has far greater facilities for carrying out the objects for which the Botanical Gardens were originally established, than the present Superintendent.

3. It appears from the letter from the Chief Commissioner of Mysore recorded above, that the Society are in error in supposing that the management of the Lal Bâgh at Bangalore is in the hands of the Agri-Horticultural Society at that place, and the Botanical Gardens at Madras were never the property of Government.

4. At the same time, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, after giving due consideration to the arguments brought forward by the Society, is of opinion that many advantages will be likely to result from placing the Botanical

Gardens at Ootacamund under their general supervision, and that their application may therefore be acceded to with certain limitations.

5. His Lordship in Council accordingly resolves to transfer the management of the gardens to the Committee of the Society on the following conditions:—

I.—That the gardens shall continue to be the property of Government, and that it shall be open to the Government at any time to remove them from the supervision of the Committee.

II.—That the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills shall be ex-officio President, and the Superintendent of the Chinchona Plantations, so long as that office shall be held by the present incumbent, ex-officio Member of the Committee.

III.—That Mr. McIvor shall be permitted to retain the house which he has hitherto occupied in the garden.

IV.—That Mr. Jamieson, who will be placed under the orders of the Committee as Superintendent of the gardens, but who, though acting under their supervision, will retain his position as a servant of Government, shall be permitted to pass so much of his time on the Chinchona nurseries and plantations as the Commissioner of the Neilgherries may deem proper.

V.—That the Committee's supervision shall not extend to the upper portions of the gardens where the Chinchona Forcing houses are placed.

6. Subject to these conditions the Government are prepared to transfer the supervision of the gardens to the Society, and to place at the Society's disposal, for their management, the present Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Jamieson, relieving Mr. McIvor from the superintendence of the gardens, except in so far as he may exercise supervision over them as a Member of the Committee. The allowance of Rupees 100 per mensem for current expenses will be continued, and will be paid to the Society; and the use of the small green-house in the centre of the garden as a Chinchona nursery will be discontinued, as there is ample space for propagating Chinchonas in the houses in the upper part of the gardens.

7. Should the Committee of the Agri-Horticultural Society agree to the conditions above specified, the arrangement will take effect from the 1st July next.

(True Extract.)

(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, Neilgherries.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

Memo on No 1105.
Respecting the Botanical Gardens
at Colaçaumund.

The original proposal to establish the Public Garden and Horticultural Society at Colaçaumund ~~first~~ emanated from certain Gentlemen who had subscribed a Fund for the purpose. In March 1847 the Members of the Committee of this Fund laid before Govt their Prospectus, and at the same time applied for aid from Govt with the view of ensuring the permanence of the Institution. The aid solicited was the ~~application to~~ England for a Scientific and practical Gardener, and the grant of an annual Contribution sufficient to meet his salary.

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The Govt recommended this applica-
tion for the favorable consideration
of this Court of Directors, who, in
compliance therewith, sanctd
Mr. D. Prat to have
the management of the garden.

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having from a letter from the
Committee then before them that
there was little prospect of the
garden being maintained by
subscriptions exclusively, as
had been originally intended,
sanctioned the assignment
to it of a monthly allowance
of Rs. 100. They also appointed
a Committee composed as marginally
specified, who were desired to frame rules for the
conduct of the garden and
its funds, these rules, however,
were in no way to interfere
with the professional duties
of the gardener, Mr. Prat.

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reference made to them as to
the degree of control to be
exercised

G.O. 1st April 1847 Pub Dept
To Court of Directors 29 June 1847 No 3
Pub Dept

From Govt of Dept 29 Sept 1848 No 121
G.O. 8 March 1848 No 247
Pub Dept

G.O. 20th June 1848 No 350 Pub Dept
Rules 2-9 & 10

* Pres. Collr of Coimbatore
Mr Nash to Dr
Offg Govt Botanist
Staff Offr Commg
Surgeon and
5 other members selected from
visitors or residents.

G.O. 9 Feb. 1853 No 126
paras 5, 8, 9, 10 & 21 Pub Dept

exercised by the Committee over
the garden, remarked that in
appointing the Committee in 1848,
it was distinctly declared that
interference with the gardener in
professional matters should be
avoided; that it was intended
that the control of the Committee
should be of a general character,
that in fact they should
merely see that the Superr
was carrying out the objects
for which the garden was esta-
blished, & not that he should
be placed entirely under their
orders, and deprived of all
power of acting without their
instructions — The Govt considered,
that the progress which the garden
had since made rendered it desira-
ble that this control should be
still more relaxed, and they there-
fore placed the gardens and
their establishment entirely under
the management of the Superr —
The Committee of Superinten-
dence of 1848 was dissolved —

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and the Coll[r], the Offic[g] Com[g] & the Senior Med[l] Offic[r] were appointed Ex-officio visitors.

4. In 1854, these Ex-officio visitors were again formed into a Com[tee], & Mr. Mc. Scott with whose general love and devotion to the Govt, were then Dissatisfied, was placed under their orders, except in regard to his professional duties.

G.O. 18th April 1854 No. 316 para 9 & 10 Pub. Dep[t]

5. A Conservator of Forests having subsequently been appointed, the gardens were in 1854 transferred to that Officer's charge.

G.O. 8th Sept[r] 1854 No. 1264 para 8 Pub. Dep[t].

6. In Sept[r] 1861, the Govt, referring to previous orders in that year, under which Mr. Scott had been placed in an independent position, as regards the Chinchona experiment, resolved to place the Botanical Gardens entirely under his entire control &c. &c. They remarked that

G.O. 4th Sept[r] 1861 No. 1786 para 13 Rev. Dep[t].

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"the preliminary operations of the Cinchona experiment are conducted in the Botanical gardens, the propagating houses now sanctioned will be constructed, and it will be embarrassing if Mr. Mc. Scott has not full power over the gardens, as well as the Chinchona plantations."

7. The Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society now request that the gardens with their establishment may be made over to them under such rules & regulations as may seem requisite with a view of rendering them more generally useful to the Community.

8. They submit that the Society's managing Committee, a body consisting of gentlemen

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14. The record of the Agri Horticultural Society's first letter the Court of Directors which written the Lieut. Boyle at Bangalore was under the Management of a Committee. Lieut. Boyle has now replied. Lieut. Boyle the Garden is under the Management of Lieut. Cole.

I don't think information will have any right & right to the garden entrance to the proposed Cubbon Park might it not this plan. Then would be superintendence of a Committee and that they may speedily obtain them under the superintendence of the Committee

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I agree to the provisions of the foregoing
of the Constitution subject
to such modifications as may
be made from time to time
Government and Statutes under the
General supervision and Control
hereof but this application
is accepted subject to the
following conditions & limitations.
1. That the Society shall continue
to be the property of Government
and that it shall be open to the
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it from the supervision of the
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That the Committee of the Society
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and the Superintendent of the Government Cinchona Plantations, to whom the Post Office Clerk is to look for the proper indentures, on the Official Number of the Convict.

3 That the Indentures shall be prepared & retained in the manner which has been hitherto observed in the Gardens.

4 That the Gardens shall be placed under the Convict Officers as Superintendents of the Gardens, but shall nevertheless act under their orders with regard to the Convicts, & shall be punished & dismissed by them for any misconduct of the Convicts.

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5th January 69

I agree. Mysore duties about Mr. James should be dealt to be placed under the Society has engaged Government he will undertake

Approved

I accord for authorities concerned

Secretary to Govt.

Revenue Depart.

No. 1590.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. under date the 5th June/69

Read again Proc. of Govt. Revenue Dept. 9th No. 628 March 1869.

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stating that the Lal Baghat Bangalore is not under the direction of the Agri-Horticultural Society

(Rl. 15th March 1869, No. 6263/35)

from the Honorary Secy. Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society

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Should the Committee of the Agri-Horticultural Society agree to the additions above proposed the arrangements will take effect from the 1st July next.

I to the Hon.ble Sec.y Horticultural Gardens
4 — 18 — of Revd. ✓
6 — Accts to Genl. ✓
1 — Comm.r Police ✓

E. A. Bell