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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 209. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department—Public, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Simla, 6th September 1870, No. 4,043 :—

In continuation of the letter from this department, No. 2,913, dated the 11th June last, I am directed to forward, for information, copy of a further despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 52, dated the 28th July, and of its enclosures, mentioning the progress made in the collection of Ipecacuanha plants for this country.

Enclosure No. 1.

Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 28th July 1870, No. 52.

I have considered in Council the despatch from your Excellency in Council, numbered 67, (Public), and dated the 10th ultimo, in which, in reply to my despatch of the 20th of April last, No. 27, of this department, you express your thanks for the steps taken to obtain a supply of Ipecacuanha plants and for the information transmitted.

2. In continuation of this correspondence, I send herewith a copy of a letter* from Dr. Anderson, and its enclosure,† reporting the safe arrival in this country of a considerable supply of plants, and also mentioning the satisfactory condition of the other plants under the care of the officers of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Edinburgh.

* July 13th, 1870.

† From Dr. Christison, July 10th.

3. These papers seem to hold out a well-grounded hope that by the time Dr. Anderson is ready to leave this country to return to India, he will be provided with such a number of healthy plants as will enable him to establish this plant in India, and make that country independent of other countries for the supply of this most valuable medicine.

Enclosure No. 2.

From Dr. T. ANDERSON, to the Secretary of State for India, dated Herbarium Royal Gardens Kew, W., the 13th July 1870.

With reference to my letter, dated 28th March 1870, stating the steps I had taken to secure a supply of Ipecacuanha plants for transmission to India, I have the honour to report, for the information of His Grace the Secretary of State for India, that the first consignment of plants from Brazil has arrived safely in this country.

These plants (living *Rhizomes*) have been sent by Dr. Gunning of Rio Janeiro to the Botanic Gardens of Edinburgh. I am not yet in possession of full particulars of this transmission, but some information about them, and also of the plants that have been obtained from the old Ipecacuanha plants in the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens, is contained in a letter (copy appended) I recently received from Dr. Christison, Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Edinburgh, to whose kind exertions the Government is indebted for this valuable acquisition of Ipecacuanha plants. I hope to be able to examine these plants as well as the considerable stock in the nursery of Messrs. Lawson & Son, during a visit I shall soon make to Edinburgh, and I shall report the result of my inspection of these plants for the information of His Grace.

Enclosure No. 3.

From R. CHRISTISON, Esq., to Dr. T. ANDERSON, dated Edinburgh, the 10th July 1870.

I do not know whether Dr. Balfour has informed you, or relied on me to inform you, of the recent arrival of the first consignment of Ipecacuanha plants from Dr. Gunning of Rio Janeiro. But you will be none the worse for this missive, though it should be only a second edition of the

news. Both Dr. Balfour and I received at the same time a short letter fom Dr. Gunning promising more soon. It seems he finds the constant complaints of pharmaceutic writers to be true that the root collectors have now to go very much further away from the port of exportation in order to practise their calling with success, and that consequently he has to communicate with friends at a great distance to procure specimens. We may obviously, however, rely on his goodwill and determination. I went a few days afterwards to inspect the entire Ipecacuanha culture at the Garden. I saw a box of about fifty plants, three or four inches high, the produce of Macnab's cuttings planted early in January last, and another box equally populous of smaller plants of more recent growth, and Macnab had already cut and set a multitude of bits from the roots of Gunning's present consignment, which arrived in excellent order covered in mould and without other protection. I suppose, therefore, that there can be no doubt you have already the means of rapid multiplication, and of an early crop for India. By and bye the supply will, I hope, be very abundant.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1870, No. 1,469.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, the Agri-Horticultural Society, and the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
" the Agri-Horticultural Society,
" the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

Rd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 10th.

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Ipecacuanha.—Despatch from Home Government regarding the progress made in the collection of plants for India, communicated to the authorities concerned.