

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th July 1871.*

No. 74. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Agriculture and Horticulture), under date Simla, the 29th June 1871, No. 21 :—

Read again—

Secretary of State's despatch No. 75 (Public), dated the 22nd December 1870, regarding the transmission of a number of Ipecacuanha plants to India.

Circular from the Home Department to the Local Governments and Administrations, forwarding copy of the above despatch No. 577—86, dated 31st January 1871.

Read also—

Letter from the Home Department, in continuation of the above Circular, to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, Nos. 2,014 and 2,015, dated 24th April 1871.

From the Government of Bengal, No. 647, dated the 3rd March 1871.

From the Government of the North-Western Provinces, No. 369A., dated the 24th March 1871.

From the Government of Bombay, No. 1,412, dated the 31st May 1871.

From the Government of Fort Saint George, dated the 7th June 1871.

OBSERVATIONS.

In the despatch above cited the Secretary of State informed the Government of India that he had decided to send out the Ipecacuanha plants which had been collected at Edinburgh, so as to reach Calcutta in June, or that failing a proper person to take charge of them to Calcutta, they would be sent to Bombay *via* the Suez Canal.

2. In anticipation of the arrival of the plants the Governments of Bengal and the North-Western Provinces were asked to submit reports from the Superintendents of the Botanical Gardens at Calcutta and Saharunpore as to the localities best suited to the plant, and the Governments of Madras and Bombay were afterwards asked to state if it could be cultivated on the Nilgiris and the Mahabaleshwar Hills respectively.

3. Mr. Clarke, Acting Superintendent of the Calcutta Botanical Gardens, proposed, as a fit place, the Bhanum Pookree spur close to the main road between Silligori and Pankabari and in the Sikkim terai. Dr. Jameson, Superintendent of the Saharunpore Botanical Gardens, thinks that nowhere in the North-Western Provinces would the plant succeed.

4. The Government of Bombay forwards a report from the Superintendent of the Botanical Gardens, suggesting that the cultivation should be attempted at Mahabaleshwar under the superintendence of the Assistant in charge of the Cinchona Plantation at Lingmulla. He also recommends the introduction of Rhizomes direct from Brazil, so timed as to reach Bombay in June. The Government of Bombay asks whether, if the plants arrive *via* Bombay, any portion of the consignment can be stopped for trial at Mahabaleshwar.

5. The Government of Madras forwards a brief note from Mr. Melvor, stating that he considers the high plateau of the Nilgiris too cold for the successful cultivation of the plant. But he is of opinion that in well selected places, and at elevations not exceeding 4,000 feet, the plant may be successfully grown in these hills.

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6. It is not exactly known how many plants may be expected, nor has any intimation yet been received of their despatch. It is advisable, however, with a view to their probable early arrival, that the places for the experimental cultivation should at once be decided. And it seems to the Governor-General in Council that the Silkan terai, the lower slopes of the Nilgiris, and Mahabaleshwar, present a fair prospect of success. Accordingly, on the arrival of the plants, they should be distributed in three equal portions between these places. The Governments of Bengal and of Bombay will therefore be requested to effect in this sense an equal distribution according as the plants arrive at Calcutta or Bombay.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of these remarks be forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GEOGHEGAN,
Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1871, No. 1,174.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Commissioner
of the Nilgiris.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

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