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No. 393. Read the following letter from J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 3rd February 1861, No. 9 :—

IN reply to G. O., 21st December 1870, No. 2,082, I have the honour to forward two letters from Mr. McIvor, dated — January 1871, No. 264, and 23rd January 1871, No. 278, and one from Mr. Jamieson, dated 27th January 1871.

2. It is evident from Mr. Jamieson's letter that the ill-success of last year's propagation was owing altogether to his want of experience.

3. The cause of the excessive cost and of the unsatisfactory condition of the Maillkondah Cinchona Estate is explained by Mr. McIvor to be the distance of Maillkondah from Ootacamund and the want of a road which enhanced the cost of the buildings and rendered it difficult to work the plantation satisfactorily. Moreover, the buildings were designed on a scale sufficient for a large area of cultivation, whereas but a small extent of land has as yet been planted up. The buildings, Mr. McIvor adds, "not being used, have not been kept in repair." This I think an insufficient reason.

4. From the Cinchona file sent me from the Government office when the

department* was put under my charge, I find the first notice of the Maillkondah plantation in paragraph 46 of Mr.

McIvor's† Annual Report for 1863-64, in which he says : "Great difficulty has

"been experienced in pushing forward the operations, owing to the want of roads. "Here 160 acres have been felled; of this 75 acres have been lopped and burned, "and is at present in course of preparation for planting; cooly-lines and other "temporary buildings have been completed and a contract entered into for making "the road; I therefore trust shortly to be able to procure sufficient labour to com-

plete the permanent buildings." In 1863-64, Rs. 4,477 were spent on the plantation.‡

5. In his Annual Report§ for 1864-65, paragraph 50, Mr. McIvor says :

"Great difficulty still continues to be "experienced at Maillkondah in push- "ing forward operations in consequence "of the want of roads. Here, however,

"an extent of 193 acres has been felled; of this 150 acres has been lopped and "burned, 75 acres pitted. The roads on the plantation in a forward state, and "when this portion is drained will be ready for the reception of the plants. The "Superintendent's house has been built, a line of road traced and used as a bridle- "path, connecting the plantation with Ootacamund, a distance of 29 miles. The "opening out of this line of road for cart-traffic will probably cost between 30,000 "and 40,000 Rs., but it would render available this hitherto untouched,

* Proceedings of Government, 6th April 1869, No. 913.

† In Proceedings of Government, 9th February 1865, No. 192.

‡ Buildings	...	...	...	...	Rs. 350
Felling	...	...	...	...	2,400
Clearing	...	...	...	...	1,125
Road-making	...	...	...	...	502
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	100
					<u>4,477</u>

§ Proceedings of Government, 27th September 1865, No. 542.

"although the finest tract of land on the Neilgherries for Tea and Cinchona cultivation. I would respectfully suggest that the opening of this road be undertaken by the Department of Public Works, as it will be of immense advantage not only for the Government plantation, but for private planters who wish to open in this direction. The Bhowany river being unbridged prevents communication between the Koondahs and the Neilgherries during the monsoon. On the Mailkondah plantation a Jail is also in course of construction; this building is intended to accommodate 95 Native prisoners and 30 Chinese convicts. Only 5,000 plants have been placed in the nurseries on this plantation." In

Establishment	Rs. 971
Buildings	500
Tool and Store-room	300
Coolies' quarters	250
Felling	851
Clearing	500
Pitting	738
Enclosing	300
Roads	875
Tools	1,000
Contingencies	125

1864-65, Rs. 6,410 were spent on the plantation.*

6. In paragraph 3† of Secretary of State's despatch, 16th June 1866, No. 22, I find: "As regards the Mailkondah plantation, as to the maintenance of which you solicit my instructions, I am of opinion that operations should, at least for the present, be continued there on the part of Government. The site is reported by Mr. Markham to be peculiarly well suited for the cultivation of the Cinchona. If it should

† Proceedings of Government, 20th July 1866, No. 460.

be decided eventually to dispose of it, there can be little doubt that any expenditure which may be incurred on it will be reimbursed; and, although it may be hoped that private enterprise may hereafter render the continuance of operations by Government on an extended scale unnecessary, it is impossible at present to regard as settled the question as to the extent to which Government may see fit to take part in the undertaking. The amount of land specified in paragraph 5 of your letter should, therefore, be retained for the present at Mailkondah, the remainder being sold as proposed by you."

7. In his Report for 1865-66 Mr. McIvor says: "On the Mailkondah plantation little has been done beyond improving the plantation roads, completing the Jail buildings, and constructing lines for the Police." In 1865-66, Rs. 6,136† were spent on the plantation.

Establishment	Rs. 1,671
Buildings	890
Clearing	825
Pitting	750
Trenching	200
Enclosing	750
Roads	800
Contingencies	250

§ Proceedings of Government, 20th June 1867, No. 1,367.

"exists of the supplies being cut off during the monsoon, in consequence of the roads being unbridged and rendered otherwise almost impassable." In 1866-67,

Establishment	Rs. 3,050
Buildings	448
Clearing	415
Pitting	240
Carriage of plants	150
Trenching	250
Enclosing	200
Roads	22
Tools	350
Contingencies	135

5,260

† Proceedings of Government, 9th July 1868, No. 155.

"this plantation has been traced and cut

Establishment	Rs. 2,163
Buildings	375
Felling	101
Clearing	597
Pitting	856
Carriage of plants	441
Planting	445
Trenching	175
Roads	90
Tools	81
Contingencies	190
Clothing	23
Various	235

5,784

§ Proceedings of Government, 5th August 1869, No. 68.

Establishment	Rs. 670
Buildings	426
Coolies' quarters	125
Felling	1,600
Clearing	4,087
Pitting	1,984
Carriage of plants	140
Planting	294
Enclosing	30
Roads	500
Contingencies	150
Clothing	40
Various	60

10,138

¶ Proceedings of Government, 21st December 1870, No. 401.

Establishment	Rs. 480
Buildings	100
Tool and Store-room	20
Felling	3,000
Pitting	50
Carriage of plants	100
Roads	50
Tools	50
Contingencies	116
Clothing	10

3,976

Rs. 5,260* were spent on the plantation.

9. In his Report† for 1867-68 Mr. McIvor says, paragraph 24: "On the Mailkondah plantations 25 acres have been planted; these are the first plants permanently planted out on this plantation. The Jail and attached buildings are completed, but in consequence of the road not being finished, the prisoners have not yet been located there. The new road to

entire distance, but it is not bridged, and much yet remains to be done to this road available for the plantation." In 1867-68, Rs. 5,784‡ were spent on the plantation.

10. In his Report§ for 1868-69 Mr. McIvor says, paragraph 16: "On the Mailkondah plantation 15 acres have been planted, making the total extent of land planted 40 acres. The new road to the plantation has been traced and cut out to a bridle-path to the valley of Keerapadah, or nearly two-thirds of the entire distance; but it has not been bridged, and much yet remains to be done to render it available for the plantation." In 1868-69, Rs. 10,138|| were spent on the plantation.

11. In his Report for 1869-70 Mr. McIvor makes no allusion to the Mailkondah plantation, but having visited it myself in the course of the year under report, I considered it my duty to call the attention of Govern-

ment to the decayed state in which I find (graphs 8 and 9) of my letter to the Commissioner, 1870, No. 25.** In 1866-67, Rs. 6,136 were spent on the plantation required. the total expenditure was Rs. 42,175. I have no definite opinion

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sum of money on the plantation to clear away such weeds as are likely to overtop and choke the Cinchona. The building material might also be sold, as this may command a fair market; but in the present depressed state on the Hills, it would no doubt be difficult to realize anything like the original value. Under these circumstances, you will observe that it is very difficult to form a correct opinion on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From A. JAMIESON, Esq., Deputy-Superintendent, Government Gardens, to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, dated Ootacamund, 27th January 1871.

In reply to your letter to Mr. McIvor, No. 5, dated 21st January 1871, calling upon me for a written statement of the cause of my want of success in the propagation of the Pitayo bark and lanceolate-leaved variety of Cinchona officinalis I have the honour to inform you that I consider I was succeeding very well with the propagation of the Pitayo bark variety, as I commenced with a very small number of seedlings, and during the whole time I had charge of them I neither lost one plant or cutting.

2. The lanceolate-leaved variety of Cinchona officinalis is very difficult to propagate, and especially the hardened cuttings from the trees in the plantation, and as I had only a few young plants in the propagating houses, I had to depend principally on the trees in the plantation for cuttings, consequently I could not show very rapid increase.

3. Previous to the time we commenced to propagate the lanceolate-leaved variety from cuttings, I had not much experience in the propagation of Cinchona from cuttings, and I feel confident that if Mr. McIvor had allowed me to have had charge of them for a short time longer, with my increasing experience and stock of young plants I could have conducted the propagation to his entire satisfaction.

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ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1871, No. 548.

Miscellaneous.

THE explanation afforded by these papers in relation to G. O., dated 21st December 1870, No. 2,082, is satisfactory.

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(True Extract.)

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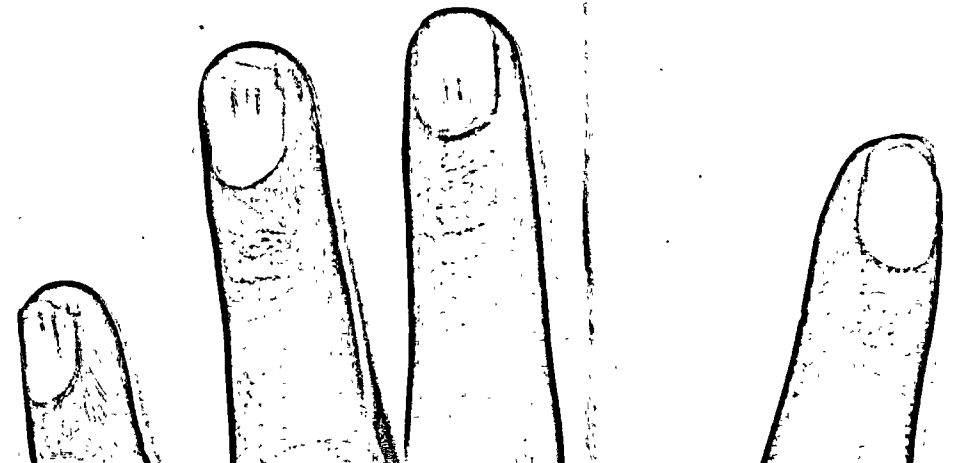
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