

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th March 1872.*

No. 204. [Read the following letter from the Acting Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Colombo, 26th January 1872, No. 5 :—

I AM directed by the Administrator of the Ceylon Government to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No. 47 of the 10th August last, and of the papers which accompanied it, and to forward in return, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras in Council, the enclosed copies of papers having reference to the modes of growing, curing, and manufacturing Tobacco in Ceylon.

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1872, No. 466.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be acknowledged with thanks, and the enclosures transmitted to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

The Colonial Secretary

No. 5.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Colombo 25 January 1872

Sir.

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The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

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curing and manufacturing
tobacco in Ceylon.

I have the honor to be

Sr

Your most Obedt Servant

Chas. F. Phillips

Acty: Colonial Secretary

From Govt Agent Colombo.
No 674. Octr 12. 1871.
with enclosures.
Govt Agent Keeruenigala
No 203. Oct 17/71 with enclosure
Govt Agent Batticaloa
No 265. Oct 27/71 with do
Govt Agent Jaffna No 352
Decr 30/71 with enclosures.

From Govt Agent Colombo to Col: Secretary

No 674

Government Agents Office
Colombo 12th October 1871

Sr

With reference to your
circular letter of the 12th ultimo
I have the honor to submit
copies of reports received from
the Mudaliyars of the Mut
Kuru Korale North and of the
Chapetigam Korale, as also copies
of an earlier report received
by me from the late Mudaliyar
of the Mut Kuru Korale North
on the subject of tobacco culture
in

The Honble

the Colonial Secretary

in the District of Negombo,
the only District in which
Tobacco is systematically cultivated
in the Western Province

I have
of Charles P. Layard.
Govt. Agent

From the Mudaliyar of the
Mutt Kuru Koralu North.

Notes upon the cultivation and
cure of Tobacco in the District
of Negombo
1st For purposes of Tobacco
plantation, the ground is
generally prepared during six
months of the year. The
preparation consists of penning
cattle, in about June or July
on an open ground, which
had been previously cleared
of roots and weeds, and in
June and July (the planting
season) previous to the putting
down of the plants, the ground
is dug up or ploughed and the

soil loosened.

2nd The plants are raised in nurseries. These nurseries are oblong beds, generally about 2 feet in width, and about 30 feet in length. Before the seed is sown in them, the surface soil is loosened, and burnt by the aid of dry sticks and weeds; then the ashes are carefully blown off, and the seed which had been soaked in water the previous day is mixed with sand, because it is too fine and sown in the beds. These beds are carefully covered over with castans, so as to prevent the heat of the sun from infusing