No. 56. Read the following letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trevandrum, 1st February 1873, No. 6:—

In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 158 of the 15th ultimo, from the Dewan of Travancore, I have the honour to request that Government will be pleased to give me the information sought for in the enclosed paper of questions regarding the incidence of assessment on Coffee cultivation in British India.

2. It will be observed that the principal Coffee Planters in Travancore have memorialized the Sirkar, praying that the Export-duty on Coffee now levied may be abolished or materially reduced. His Highness' Government is quite prepared to give the question, which is a very important one, intelligent consideration, and desires the information now requested in order to be in a position to arrive at fair conclusions.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the Dewan of Travancore, to the Assistant Resident in charge, dated Trevandrum, 15th January 1873, No. 158-53 R.

The Coffee Planters in this State having lately memorialized His Highness' Government, praying for a remission of the Export-duty on the produce of their estates, I am collecting statistics [illegible] to ascertain if, all circumstances considered, the Travancore planters are more heavily taxed than the rest of the agricultural population of the State and the planters in other parts of India.

2. To enable me to arrive at reliable results I shall be much obliged if you could kindly obtain from the Governments of Madras, Ceylon, Mysore, and Coorg, information on the points suggested in the enclosed paper of questions, as far as it may be found convenient to furnish the same.

What is the price per acre of waste land for the cultivation of Coffee? If sold by public auction what is the upset price determined by Government, what the highest and lowest price realized within the last three years?

2. What are the survey expenses on an acre of land, and are these charges paid by the Government or the purchaser?

3. If there is an annual assessment how much is it per acre? Is the assessment fixed or variable from year to year?

4. Is there any remission of assessment, and if so, for how many years after grant?

5. What facilities do the Government afford to the planters in the direction of road-making (*a*) to communicate with the coast, (*b*) to communicate with the estates themselves?

6. Are tolls levied on any of these roads especially constructed for the benefit of planters, and if so, a table of rates will oblige.

7. Excepting the Imperial taxes do the planters pay any special taxes; for instance, a road-cess, or are supplies of rice and other provisions going up to the Hills for the use of the coolies specially taxed? I shall be obliged for a statement of any indirect taxes levied in connection with Coffee estates, and the rate of such taxation.

8. What are the average daily wages of a cooly working on the Coffee estates?

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th February 1873.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1873, No. 161.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board of Revenue will be requested to procure all the information available.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

No 6

Residents Office
Trevandrum 1st February 1873

From,

G. A. Ballard Esquire
Resident in Travancore & Cochin

To

The Honorable W Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

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I have &c.

(Signed) A Sadleir Lieut

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