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No. 35. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner, Nilgiris, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 31st January 1874, No. 6:—

MR. MCIVOR, the Superintendent of the Government Cinchona Plantations on the Nilgiris, remarked in his report on the plantations for 1872-73, at paragraph 6, with regard to the Mailkoondah plantation, which, in compliance with the wishes of Government, was converted into a wild Cinchona wood, that "no expense has been incurred on this plantation since July 1871. Notwithstanding the fact that this plantation has not been cultivated for nearly two years, the stronger plants have maintained a fair growth, but the smaller plants have been overgrown and smothered by the weeds and growth of jungle trees. In many instances, the jungle growth is now beginning to overtop the larger plants, and, if not removed, will, I fear, shortly destroy many of them. The result of the experiment of leaving Cinchona to develop themselves into a forest does not promise to be successful at least at Mailkoondah. It is quite evident that true economy demands an expenditure sufficient to keep down weeds and under-growth until the Cinchona plants have attained a growth of eight or ten years, or until they so entirely cover the ground that their shade destroys the natural vegetation under them." Thereupon, in their order, Revenue Department, 13th September 1873, No. 981, the Government directed the Commissioner to take the question of the plantation into consideration, and "report whether he would propose to incur a small annual outlay in order to clear the under-growth."

2. I visited the plantation a few days ago. It consists of an upper and lower clearing. The trees remaining in the upper clearing are cut down every year by frost, and spring up again in the wet season. Mr. McIvor tells me they are of no value whatsoever. The upper clearing at this season is a mass of weeds, and the Cinchona on it are not to be seen by a passer-by along the path through the clearing.

3. Sixteen thousand to twenty thousand Succirubra were put down in the lower clearing in 1865, 1866, and 1867. Two-thirds of these trees have died out. The remainder are stunted, bushy, and starved. The clearing is so overgrown with weeds that it is impossible to cross it without cutting a path with an axe. The weeds are chiefly what are termed the first growth, namely, weeds which spring up first on cleared land. The second or stronger growth is now appearing on part of the land, and this, consisting of brambles and the strong plants which precede the development of forest, will, in two years or so, overrun the clearing, and effectually choke the Cinchona. Add the circumstances that the variety of plant on the land is not a variety that it is worthwhile to spend money upon in order to preserve, because we have 500,000 of the species in other plantations, that the situation is too exposed for Cinchona, and that to clear the weeds would involve considerable expenditure.

4. I would not advocate any outlay on the plantation, and Mr. McIvor agrees with me.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd March 1874.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1874, No. 294.

Miscellaneous.

As the experiment of treating Cinchona as a natural forest has failed, the Government see no necessity for the retention of any portion of the land.

2. They observe that the sale (if possible) of the upper portion was directed in paragraph 3 of G. O., 8th June 1871, No. 1,011. Nothing regarding it has since been reported, and they presume that no purchasers came forward.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 6.

Commissioners Office
Ootacamund 31 January 18

From

J. R. Cockerell Esqre
Commissioner Nilgiris

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

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REVENUE.

To

The COMMISSIONER of the NILGIRIS.

Dated March 3rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 3rd March 1874, No. 294.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

E.J. Eckersall
Commissioner

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 301.

From Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
Dated 31st January 1874.

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Mail Koonda Estate.
Chona plantation,
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S. O. No 294 - 3rd March 1874

Revenue Department.

No. 294

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3rd March 1874.

READ the following Letter from the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

Stating that no outlay need be incurred on the Mail Koonda Plantation.

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