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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter from the Ag: Commissioner Nilgiris to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 22nd February 1877. No 18.-

With reference to Government Order 20th December 1876 No 1423 Public Department, calling on me to verify the statement made by Captain Morant regarding the expenditure on the Quinine Factory at Ootacamund, I have the honor to state that as far as the expenditure on the factory through the Public Works Department is concerned, Captain Morant's figures are correct.

2. The figures given by Mr Cockerell in his letter No 64 of the 13th October 1876 were furnished him by Mr Rowson, the Superintendent of the Seddiventum Plantations, who gives the late Mr Mc Ivor as his authority for the information he conveyed to Mr Cockerell. I have referred to Mr Mc Ivor, but she can throw no light on the matter which can only be elucidated by an examination of the accounts of the Government Quinologist who corresponded direct with

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Government and whose accounts were never audited in this office.

3. With regard to the charge for carriage of bark by Messrs Staines and Co. I have the honor to state that Mr Cockerill's figures are substantially correct. The cost of the bark as it comes from Neddiwillum and the proportionate cost of transit between that place and Coty at the rates paid by Captain Morant for carriage from Coty to Mettapollium would be Rs 17-14 per ton, which, added to Captain Morant's figures would give Rs 42-14 per ton as cost of carriage from Neddiwillum to Mettapollium.

4. The experience I have hitherto obtained of the working of the Chinchona Department leads me however to the opinion that the retention of the Quinine Factory and its outhouses as Bark stores is inconvenient, and that, if the proposals I am shortly about to make are sanctioned, will become unnecessary. Briefly my scheme is to make the Superintendents of each Plantation directly responsible for the proper drying and safe packing of the produce of his Plantation. He will all also have to arrange for its transport direct from the Plantation to the Railway stations. The present system divides the responsibility, as in the event of any bale being found to have suffered from damp or insecure sewing, it is now impossible to tell where the fault occurred. I am therefore about to propose the establishment of Storekeepers on each Plantation and if my proposal is sanctioned the retention of the present building at Ootacamund will be quite unnecessary.

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Order thereon 6th March 1877 No 296

Communicated to the Public Works Department with reference to the order on that Department dated the 8th December 1876. No 57.

2. The Government will await the Commissioners further report promised in para 4 and direct that in the meantime enquiry be made as to the cost of carriage to Calicut and propriety of shipping thence.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To

The Revenue Department.

Rev. Dept

Govt of {1877} Madras.

No. 1674

Proceedings of Govt.

Public Dept

To



Dated 6
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Nos.

Corrig. to P.W.D. letter from Comr. of Nilgiris stating that as regards the expenditure on the Kunnur Factory at Kotagherred through the P.W. Dist concerned Captain Morant's figures are correct vide

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Communicated to the Bd. of Rev. the Comr. of the Nilgiris & Board's No. 1674 dated 9.3.77