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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

28th October 1878, No. 1,734.

Read the following paper :—

No. 293. From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th October 1878, No. 201.

ADVERTING to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to report that an offer of Rs. 1,000 has been received for the Mailkoondah Cinchona Plantations, which were ordered to be sold in G.O., No. 1,011, dated 8th June 1871, when no bidders came forward.

G.O., No. 294, dated 3rd March 1874.
" " 485, " 21st April "
Captain C. Walker's Report, Chapter II, paragraph 7.

2. Considering the changed and great value of cinchona bark, I considered it advisable to ascertain for myself accurately the approximate number and description of the trees still remaining, and have just returned from spending several days in the locality. After some difficulty in cutting paths, I made my way through the sholahs which the track down to the lower plantation traverses (there are no trees whatever left in the upper) and had a path cut through the dense scrub which in many places has over-topped the cinchona trees in the clearing. I found a very considerable number of trees still standing; in many places the lines can be distinctly traced; with a very few failures and here and there trees that have managed to keep ahead of the scrub growth have done well. Mr. Hillier, the Manager of the Cinchona Department who accompanied me, and who was of great assistance in the matter, estimates the numbers as under, and he has had considerable experience in enumeration under Captain Walker :—

Total number	... 10,000
Fit for barking	... 1,000

The great majority of these trees are stunted, but I calculate that if all were cut down and grubbed, and the bark from the twigs and roots sold, the total value would not be less than Rs. 6,000; and I believe this is considerably within the mark.

3. Judging from what I saw, and considering the disadvantages against which the trees have struggled, I cannot believe that cinchona would not succeed in more favored parts of the lower Mailkoondah Plantation, the spots selected seeming to me to be too much exposed, but this is apart from the present question.

4. I beg now to propose either that Government allow me to fell all the trees and grub the roots, and send all the bark resulting to England for sale, or, that the plantation be put up to public auction at a fair upset price. I prefer this latter course, and think that bidders will be forthcoming; but in the event of Government approving of this I request that Rs. 400 may be sanctioned for weeding the clearing thoroughly, and allowing the trees a few months to recover before the sale, and to enable intending bidders to see exactly what there is on the plantation. Any small outlay on this account will be amply repaid to Government hereafter.

5. If Messrs. Cockerell and McIvor had not both been so strongly against this site as being too exposed, I should be inclined to propose that a coppicing experiment on a large scale be tried here by simply cutting down the trees and leaving them to themselves with an occasional weeding. Dr. King strongly insisted in conversation with me that for coppicing to be successful it must be carried out over a considerable area, and that simply cutting down a few trees here and there as has been done here and leaving the stools exposed to the shade and drip of other trees is of no use at all.

6. I solicit the earliest possible orders, as only about a month remains this year during which weeding on a large scale can be carried out without great risk of fire.

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1878, No. 1,734.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government would wish to have more complete information as to the number of trees and their average height and girth before passing any definite order regarding the future treatment of this abandoned plantation.

2. They resolve therefore to call on Captain C. Walker to state whether he would undertake to enumerate the trees and supply full information regarding them within a reasonable time and without incurring any considerable expense for clearing, &c.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
,, Captain C. Walker.
,, the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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REVENUE.

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NILGIRIS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 28th.

Printed November 1st.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 28th October 1878, No. 1,734.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 293-294.

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Emergent

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Ootacamund, 15 October 1878

No. 201

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FROM R. R. Barlow Esqr:

COMMISSIONER, NILGIRIS.

To C. G. Master Esqr:

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Ootacamund

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* Not available

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obdt. Servt

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Commissioner

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to draw attention to the
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but I think that
Capt. C.W. of U.S. Estate by
-ds is specially compe-
-tent to execute the work
as suggested & I place
Very J. Johnson
Capt

No 1105 appointing Capt W. Certain Special duty & enquire whether it is with the sanction of GOC that he has left this duty & returned to the Hills where I understand he has been for the past fortnight. A fresh order despatching on this new duty will not tally very well with the Sheet now in Quarter

24/10/78

Dear Sir William

In regard to the Kaikoondah Cinchona Plantation & the instructions that Capt Campbell Walker shd proceed to make a further counting of the trees I beg to draw attention to G.O. 20 July last

Forders

For Commissioner
Wellington 15th Oct 78
No 261.

The Maidstone (as it was named by Sir Hastings) the Stanley plantation was sanctioned in

B. 2 /76 Sir Hastings wrote thus of it.
"The land reserved by Govt is very well suited for a settlement but the Cinchona plantation that has got-been selected by Superior officers to Port Nicholson or Wellington is not the land best protected from severe gales: Trees of four years growth would be laid low if not safe the force of the South West

Vide para 30 of Report page 221 Vol II Maidstone Return.

Sir Hastings 600
By Sir clearing and Mr Servants & Rent deceased
1760 200
Gov. on Govt. Report

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London or elsewhere to no land there to no land intervening between Maidstoon dale & the low country to the Eastward to prevent the plantation from receiving a good share of the North East Winds" &c. &c. &c.

Mr. Lee Lor. &c. state of the neighbourhood as "the finest tract of land on the Wilgins for tea & cinchona" he [illegible] opinion the land can be found Here but in his minute d: 30 Oct: 65 Sir W. Denison stated that Government had "reserved at this time 2,500 acres" this time

vide annual report for 64/5 para 50.

vide para 6 page 186 Vol II Cinchona Return

T See para 3 of despatch in L.O. 20 July 66 No: 1840. the extent only to be found in this Lor. despatch referred to.

II Sir W Denison visited the site & said at page "in the heart of forest 10,000 acres"

Stated to measure acres 23.92 vide para 2 of letter in L.O. 11 July 71 No 1193

T State this said 5000 acres might be retained & sold.

In 71 about 75 acres were stated to have been planted & 60 acres felled

II In 70 Lor. Brooke the Commissioner visited this plantation & reported very unfavorably of its condition. It consisted of two clearings - the upper & lower - The former was ordered to be sold to Traders Some [illegible] on the extent to be reserved entered below. this Lor. & the latter to be retained

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In 74 the Commissioner

Cinchona

Nailkoonda

abandoned

Plantation.

No 4526

Have no objection
to Colonel Ligh's
scheme provided he
do the work.
23/10 WR

Will Ouseley Esqr
Capt. Walker R.E. Retd
H.G. Suffield. Esqr is here
Hrw.
C 17-10-78
R 21-10-78 RC 26-10-78
RC 22-10-78 R 28-10-78
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No 1704

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th October 1878

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Note ⊛
Capt: Walker, whose plan
plantation that it is
"so overgrown with brambles
& bush that it is impossible
to enter it & clearing it
would cost as
much as the value of the
Trees." (vide Page 22 of Report
para 20.)
Under these circumstances
some expenditure in
clearing will be necessary
& probably not less than
Rs. Barlows subordinate
Estimate of Rs 400
to which Capt. Walker
pay allowances
for 12 months 475
will add considerably

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Did Capt Walker the Commissioner
of the Nilgiris on 28th October 1854
do Capt Walker on 28 October 1854
21. the Conservator of Forests, on 4th Nov
1. the Secretary to Government

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G. R.

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Nova Plantation

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