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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

14th March 1878, No. 400.

Read the following paper:—

No. 152. From G. H. M. BATTEN, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Agriculture and Horticulture,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 2nd February 1878, No. 35.

I AM directed to forward the accompanying copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, No. 94 (Revenue), dated the 13th December 1877, and of its enclosure, and to request that the Governor-General in Council may be favored, at as early a date as practicable, with an expression of the views of the Government of Madras on the proposal made by the Directors of the Nilgiri Tea and Cinchona Company to purchase the Government Cinchona plantations on the Nilgiri Hills.

2. I am, at the same time, with reference to the 2nd paragraph of the despatch mentioned above, to request the attention of His Grace the Governor in Council to the great delay which has been allowed to occur in the submission of the report asked for in the endorsement from this Department, No. 394, dated the 13th October 1875, on a similar proposal made by Mr. J. W. B. Money.

3. Since the date of his despatch, No. 43, dated the 26th August 1875, a copy of which was enclosed in the endorsement of the 13th October 1875, the Secretary of State has twice telegraphed for a reply to that despatch. These telegrams were repeated to the Government of Madras on the 7th June and the 15th August 1876; and the Secretary of State having again addressed the Government of India on the subject, a third telegram was despatched to you on the 28th July 1877. Besides the telegrams referred to above, the reminders noted in the margin have from time to time been issued; but although it was stated in your telegram of the 16th

No. 134,	dated the 14th March 1876.
" 190,	" 10th May "
" 267,	" 11th July "
" 333,	" 19th Sept. "
" 362,	" 24th Oct. "
" 455,	" 29th Nov. "
" 3,	" 9th Jan. 1877.
" 19,	" 13th Feb. "
" 38,	" 13th March "
" 85,	" 24th April "
" 102,	" 22nd May "
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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 13th December 1877, No. 94 Revenue.

In a letter received from the Directors of the Nilgiri Tea and Cinchona Company, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, the proposal is made to purchase the Government Cinchona plantations on the Nilgiri Hills.

2. I take this opportunity of drawing your Excellency's attention to the correspondence noted in the margin, which originated in a similar proposal on the part of Mr. Money; and I shall be glad to receive at an early date an expression of the matured views of your Excellency in Council upon the question therein raised, which has been for more than two years under the consideration of your Government.

Revenue despatch, No. 43, dated 26th August 1876.
Telegram to Viceroy, 3rd June 1876.
Telegram from Viceroy, 15th June 1876.
Revenue despatch, No. 50, dated 28th June 1877.

From the Directors and Shareholders of the Nilgiri Tea and Cinchona Company (Limited,) to the Under-Secretary of State for India, London, dated Glasgow, 12th October 1877.

REFERRING to the interview Messrs. John Muir and W. S. Watson, of Messrs. James Finlay and Co., London and Glasgow, Mr. D. S. McGill, of Messrs. W. Milne and Co., Glasgow, and Mr. W. B. Liddell, of Ootacamund, had yesterday with Sir Henry Anderson on the subject of the purchase from Government of the Cinchona plantations on the Nilgiri Hills at his suggestion we address you on the matter.

2. We understand that having successfully introduced the growth of Cinchona into the Madras Presidency, the Government of India are now disposed to leave the enterprise to private individuals, and as we have recently formed a Company for the planting of Cinchona on a large scale on land immediately adjoining the Government estates at Neddiwuttum, we are prepared to negotiate for the Government plantations, viz:—

The Ootacamund Estate,
The Pykara Estate,
The Neddivuttum Estate, and
The abandoned Estate near Coonoor.

3. If we are correctly informed that the Government are prepared to sell these properties, we would be glad to learn the terms on which they would negotiate.

4. We would respectfully request the favor of as early a reply as possible to enable us to complete arrangements and take over the properties not later than March next.

(The Copy.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
14th March 1878.

No. 400.

No. 153.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 2nd February last, No. 35, (Agriculture and Horticulture), I am directed

to state that, in the opinion of this Government, it is of the utmost importance to the success and permanency of the Cinchona cultivation and its extension in the Presidency that the plantations should, at least for some time to come, remain in the hands of Government. The cultivation can in no way be said to have yet passed completely out of the experimental stage, and the possibility of acclimatising more perfectly the plant at lower elevations and in other conditions of soil is of the greatest importance, and can only be satisfactorily carried on by the means of the Government plantations.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Agriculture {1878} Department.

Government of Fort St. George.

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Revenue

No. 94.

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I have &c
Sof Salisbury.

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Glasgow, 12th October 1877

The Under Secretary of State
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We have
- John Mier
- W. Liddell
- James C. Bunker
- James King
- David S. Cargill
- Samuel L. Howard

Directors of and shareholders in the
Nilgiri Tea and Cinchona Company Limited.

(True Copies)

A. K. Wilson

Registrar

Department of Revenue, Agriculture & Commerce.

No. 35.

FROM

G. H. M. BATTEN, Esq.,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

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Dept. of Revenue,
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SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. H. M. Batten

Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

Revenue 1878. Department
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.
No 601.
AGRICULTURE and HORTICULTURE.

To
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF MADRAS.

No. 35.

S. L. O. 400 - 14 March 1878

Dated Calcutta, the 2nd February 1878.

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Nil

Nil

SUBJECT.

FORWARDS, for an expression of opinion, copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of the proposed purchase by the Nilgiri Tea and Cinchona Company of the Government cinchona plantations on the Nilgiri Hills; and brings to notice the great delay which has been allowed to occur in the submission of the report called for in October 1875 on a similar proposal made by Mr. J. W. B. Money.

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C. 16. Feb/78 R 27/2/78

Proof for approval !
W. W.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
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I have the honor to be,
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Your most obedient servant,

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

No. 601

From The Govt of India R.A.C.

Dated 2 Feb

1878

FOR ORDERS.

C.L.L.

I don't know what
has become of the orig-
inal. The matter was
discussed two years
ago. The answer I got
returning the letter was
to submit an appor-
portioning Cap. Estimate
I had a complete in-
vestigation into the con-
ditions of these
plantations. I was
sending the result of
this investigation. The Govt
of Madras is not
prepared to give any
pinion on this
new application for

The purchase of the
Plantations of a new
Darter Company -

We might send him
the last part of the
Sec: of State of the
last and should
had it

I cannot. I have not
known estimate cost. &
present value. & value
as condition. & finding
it except we are not in
a position to give a final
opinion on these questions
but I consider that the
Sierra plant. are
still in a most important
aspect in an experimental
stage. It would be to be
before first all inquiries
L.H.

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I shall with this money
2 years since at 104 -
184 - 2 1/2

I should say once that
in the opinion of the
Govt it is of the
utmost importance
to the success of the
of the (industrial) cultivation
its extension in the
main - that the
plantations should remain
in the hands of Govt -
that the cultivation
can not now be
said to have yet passed
out of the experimental
stage - and that the
specimens are to

FOR ORDERS.

On the subject of the proposed
purchase by the Helms &
Cinchona Company of the Fort
Cinchona Plantations on the
Vulcan Hills.

Prepare the draft
and receive.

Attend our affairs
and the affairs
of the company & the
Ladder - sufficient
only to show that the
company has enough
with the other
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Repeating I
acclaim attending
more perfectly
thrust to some
elevations and
other conditions
Soil is of the
greatest importance &
cannot be effected
and on the
aid of the plantation

By 2/2

No objection to add
that Capt C. Walker is and
engaged in an examination
of the condition of the trees
whose report will be
communicated 1/1
C. 16 Feb 78 R 27/2/78 R 27-2-78

Free
to appear on 16 Jan 78

Revenue Department

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[Signature]

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14 March 1878.

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To

Govt. of India

Regarding the survey
and permanency of the
Cochin cultivation in
Madras Presidency -

Copy of the report

C. S.

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