REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th March 1878.

No. 493.

No. 345.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—In your letter addressed to the Board of Revenue, under date 7th December 1877, No. 486, attention is drawn to the "almost entire absence of figures under the head Peruvian Bark in the monthly returns of exports from the Madras Presidency in the years 1875-76 and 1876-77," and certain information is requested in connection with this matter.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the exports of Cinchona bark during the years in question will be found included in the Revenue Board's Trade Returns under "Drugs and Medicines, Other Sorts," &c.

3. I am, further, directed to state, with reference to paragraph 2 of your letter, that during the same years, (1875-76 and 1876-77) there were four shipments to the India Office, of Cinchona bark, from the Government Plantations on the Nilgiris, as per particulars noted below :—

Date of Shipment.	Name of Steam-ship by which shipped.	Number of Bales.
29th February 1876.	*Australia*	456
13th March ,, ...	*Indus*	180
29th January 1877 ...	*Bokhara*	261
12th February ,, ...	*Hydaspes*	623

These shipments were made by the Commissioner, Nilgiris, through usual private agency; but the Agents not having mentioned on the shipping bills put in, that the shipments were on Government account, they were shown in the returns of the Madras Collector of Sea Customs under head "Private Merchandise." The Government regret this mistake, which, however, will not recur.

4. As requested, a Memorandum, from the Board of Revenue, of alterations to be made in the Trade Return No. 12-1 under heads "Peruvian Bark," &c., is herewith forwarded. The Government, however, desire me to remark that they have not considered Indian grown Cinchona bark to fall under *Peruvian Bark* which they read literally and deem necessary to retain to indicate South American bark imported and re-exported; and they, therefore, make the alteration, by introducing under Peruvian bark, a line "Indian grown" so that the two may remain distinct.

5. In the cases of the Government exports adverted to above in paragraph 3, the figures in the Board's Memorandum of alterations, are those given by the Agents; viz. :—

—	No. of Bales.	Weight; each Bale taken as 1 Cwt.	Value.	
			Rate.	Amount.
		CWT.		RS.
Australia, February 1876....	456	456	200 Rs. per cwt.	91,200
Indus, March 1876	180	180	do.	36,000
Bokhara, January 1877 ...	261	261	100 Rs. per cwt.	26,100
Hydaspes, February 1877 ...	623	623	do.	62,300

The correct figures as taken from the papers connected with the consignments are noted below:—

—	No. of Bales.	Gross Weight as given in the Invoice of the Commissioner, Nilgiris.	Value as declared by the Commissioner, Nilgiris.
		CWT.	RS.
Australia, February 1876 ...	456	606	120,000
Indus, March 1876	180		
Bokhara, January 1877 ...	261	247	40,000
Hydaspes, February 1877 ...	623	534	95,470

6. The Government take this opportunity to request that the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce may be directed to follow the usual course of procedure and channel of correspondence, by addressing its references directly to this department of the Government Secretariat, and not to subordinate Departments.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Agriculture {1878} Department.

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Government of Fort St. George.

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FORWARDING information relative to exports of Cinchona bark in 1875-66 and 1876-77.

6. Despatch & enclosures to Assistant

Rev. Dept.

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To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India
Dept. of Rev. Agri. & Comce.

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in the Revenue Boards' Trade Returns under "Drugs and Medicines- other sorts" [~~& in a few cases under "Dyeing and Coloring materials- other sorts."~~]

3. I am further directed to state, with reference to para: 2 of your letter, that during the same years /1875/76 and 1876/77/ there were four shipments to the India office, of Cinchona bark from the Govt: Plantations on the Nilgiris, as per particulars noted below.

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~~receive prompt attention and~~

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~~in replying to the same.~~