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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

23rd June 1879, No. 1,335.

No. 349. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

From Captain J. C. WALKER, Deputy Conservator of Forests on Special Duty, to Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, dated Wellington, 16th May 1879, No. 103.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting that his letter disagreeing with some of the conclusions of the Committee on the subject of the Government Chinchona plantations on the Nilgiris may be forwarded to Government with any remarks the Conservator may think fit.

No. 350. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1879, No. 1,335.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded. Captain Walker appears to misapprehend his position.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Commissioner of Nilgiris.

Exd. W. H. French.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From *Capt. C. Walker*
The Conservator of Forests
Dated *16 May 79* Nos 187.
FOR ORDERS.

Capt. H. Walker's letter is rather an abrupt production but I don't think it necessary to dwell on them even if in abstract. With perhaps the remark that he has appended his position.

Capt. Walker "glean" from p. 24th July 79 No 403 that the Cipichona Committee have arrived at conclusions he deems erroneous in connection with
(1) the cultivation,
(2) general condition,
(3) method of harvesting,
(4) the yield of the plantations.
He is misled as to the scope of the Committee's Report. As a Committee they report no conclusions on (1) (2) & (3) but the opinions of D^r.

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Govt. of (1879) Cipichona.

REVENUE.

To
THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June 23rd.
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Received. Encl.

G.O., 23rd June 1879, No. 1335.

JUNE.
Nos. 319-350.

Cipichona Plantations.—Recording letter from Captain Campbell Walker disagreeing with some of the conclusions of the Committee appointed to investigate and report on matters relating to Cipichona.

Bidic & King
on these points
are given in the
Appendix & referred
to in the L.O.

The Committee only
point of difference
with Capt. Walker
in these matters
is that they

"are not prepared
to endorse" Capt. W.

Walker's statement
that stripping &
mapping have not
hitherto affected
superiorly the
growth & vitality of
the trees.

Thus they had
to notice in
connection with
(4) as to which
they err - if they
do err - on the
safe side, for they

para 26.

5
estimated the yield
at less than he does.

They had moreover
to consider the point
as it affected the
cost of bark & therefore
the manufacture
of a cheap strip of
bark.

Walker

Capt. Walker's letter seems to
me to show that that officer
entertains an exaggerated
view of his own knowledge
in the matter of chincona culture
and ^{every} false idea of his
position -
He calls himself the "profes-
sional adviser of forest" in
"respect of the cultivation, general
condition, method of handling
& yield" of the chincona
plantation - all of which
he is pleased to call his
"professional reputation as
an arboriculturist" & of course
denies forest that he will not
be responsible for the results
of the choice to follow the
advice of the Chincona
can with the on certain points
on which he formerly he
is at variance with them.

I think it is high time that
Capt. W. should be brought
to his senses. He is
at independence of Colonel
Beddome, & the shaking
his present course of action
has its origin in spite
at the fact of showing
himself for his report
on which he hoped to be
able to form a reputation
as a profound chirographist.
Therefore the most fit
person to reside at
Ootacamund for the
purpose of looking after
the Fort's plantations.

That Capt. Walker is an
intelligent Officer deserving
admiration. Nothing from his
letter than the manner
in which, while being
Professor of Medicine, he
had got through his service
in the Great War
on the mountain ranges
of Southern India on
the Salubrious climate
of New Zealand. Still
I think the fact that he
at the present occasion
is of improving the
following points on Capt.
Walker;

1. That the better described
having him responsible for
any of the suggestions of the
Chirochona Committee in
which they have any
confidence.
2. That he is Col. Beddome's

FOR ORDERS.

Letter from Capt.
Walker in re
Chirochona Committee
Report

subordinate & not, therefore,
the person to advise on
any point connected with
farming or agriculture.

3. That his by profession a
doctor & not a farmer or
an agriculturist, & though
after 16 years' service in the
Forest Dept. he has
any right to believe him to
have a good knowledge of
the best methods of treating
the forest of Southern India
yet that he has no reason to
suppose him to possess
any particular or special
knowledge regarding the
cultivation, general
condition, method of planting
or yield, of chirochona
trees - or of agriculture
generally.
4. That any reputation of the
fact that he has been
to address the Fort with a
view to the replacement of his
services at the disposal
of the Chirochona Committee
is being an opportunity
of running the study of
his profession.

7/6/22 J.H.G.

Letter from
Capt. Walker in re
the Chichona Combs
report

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22.5.79

p 103

From

To

Sir,

Government order p. 72
of 15 January 1878 deputed me to
prepare a Report on the Govt
Chichona Plantations, on the
kilgires which should embrace
not only the number of trees on
the plantations, but the present
position and future prospects
of these valuable State planta-
tions, with any remarks upon
the methods hitherto adopted
for working them, harvesting
and preparing the bark for the
market, & despatching it to
England, and on the apparent
results on the health of the
trees & suggestions as to future
management.

G.O. No. 830 dated 1st June 1878
appointed

Camp Wellington
16 May 1879

appointed a Committee* to investigate
& report on the subject of locally*^{The Commissioner}
manufacturing a drug, which Dr. Coruisk
necessarily also embraces the Dr. Bidie
question of the reappointment of Dr. Campbell
a local Quinologist." C.S. 1870

2/ My report was submitted
through the Commissioner on
the 10th July 1871 - I have not
been favoured with a copy of
the Committee's report, but gather
from the Proceedings of Govt
dated 24th February 1879, that it
was submitted on the 15th Oct 78,
and deals with the whole subject
of Cinchona cultivation &c on
the Belgians, and not merely with
the question of local manufacture.

3/ As the professional adviser
of Govt in this matter so far
as regards the cultivation, general
condition, method of harvesting,
& yield of the plantations I
deem it my duty to submit
that the conclusions of the Committee
on several important points
appears to me to be erroneous,
calculated to mislead, and mis-
represented by the facts.

4/ I deem it therefore due
to

to Government, my own profes-
sional reputation as a Forester
and arboriculturist, & the
public who are interested in
Cinchona cultivation, on
the Belgians to place it officially
on record that I cannot agree
with some of the Committee's
conclusions as gleaned from
the Govt Proceedings on the
Reports, and must disclaim
all responsibility should they
be adopted & acted upon.

5/ I have the honor, -
therefore, to request that you
will submit this letter to
Govt with any remarks you
may think fit.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obt. Servt
Rumphen Wether Captain
of Conservation of No.

No. 330.

Forwarded to Government, this
the

the Commissioner of the Nilgiris (through whom Capt. Walker's report was submitted). Capt. Walker might be asked to state more definitely what points he alludes to in para 3 of his letter.

Office memo }
19th May 1879 }
No. 1000
Colonel
Conservator of Forests

Received by the
Conservator of Forests
19th May 1879
From Mr. J. J. Walker
The Nilgiris
Conservator of Forests
19th May 1879
Subject: The Nilgiris
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Requesting that the
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of the Govt. Commission
of the Nilgiris may be
forwarded to the
Conservator of Forests
with a copy of the
Conservator's letter
of the 1st inst.

Submitted to Government for orders. The Commissioner begs to bring Colonel Reddams' suggestion to notice for favourable consideration.

Camp. Chinnattin }
31 May 1879 }
M. W. Walker
Commissioner

6. 10. 1879
The Commissioner of Forests

24/6/79
J. J. Walker
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