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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

5th April 1879, No. 794.

No. 65. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

From Captain J. CAMPBELL WALKER, Deputy Conservator of Forests on Special Duty, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 25th January 1879, No. 48, (through the Commissioner of the Nilgiris).

With reference to G.Os., Nos. 1,734, 1,797-A and 1,936, dated 23th October, 7th November and 2nd December 1878, respectively, I have the honor to report that I have just completed the enumeration, &c., of the trees on the abandoned Chinchona Plantation at Melkondah.

2. The clearing was a work of great difficulty owing to the dense and thorny nature of the undergrowth which had sprung up and surrounded the Chinchona trees, which could not be burnt without destroying the trees themselves, and the absence of available labor at or near the place.

We had eventually to get Moplah labor from the Bhavani valley below, and although the clearing has been sufficient for the purposes of enumeration, and the work has been carried out within the estimate of Rs. 400, it is not satisfactory, and in some portions of the plantation leave much to be desired.

3. The upper portion of this plantation site in which Acres 7.03 was cleared and planted by the late Mr. McIvor is, as already reported, perfectly bare of trees, and it is only the lower portion to which this report refers—the area cleared being Acres 35.63, of which only Acres 23.88 would appear to have been planted. The total area handed over to the Chinchona Department at Melkonda was Acres 544.35; of which Acres 335.05 was heavy forest.

4. The enumeration gives 8,947 trees remaining alive, of which 3,264 are of fair growth, averaging 12 to 15 feet in height and 6 inches in circumference at 4½ feet from the ground; the remainder, viz., 5,683 trees, being stunted and comparatively valueless. The whole may be classed as *C. Succirubra*, though there are a few hybrids (chiefly *C. Anglica*) and *C. Micrantha*.

5. It may safely be estimated that the 3,264 fairly-grown trees would yield lbs. 6,000, and the smaller ones lbs. 3,500 of dry bark, making a total of lbs. 9,500, were they rooted up. This quantity at 2s.-6d. per lb., the low sale rate at which I have estimated the bark of the *Succirubra* species in my report (page 40, paragraph 74), would realise £1187-10-0; but from this, the cost of collection, drying, packing, carriage, &c., would of course have to be deducted. These charges would be very high owing to the situation of the plantation and absence of communications. On the other hand the value of the unopened forest land may be considered considerable, and I think that Government, should they decide on selling the plantation site, may fairly fix Rs. 10,000 as an upset price.

6. I regret extremely the delay in submission of this report which was unavoidable. I would respectfully urge on Government the necessity of passing early orders as to the retention or disposal of the Melkondah Plantation. Although I do not apprehend danger from fire from without, there is the greatest danger within the plantation itself, which is enhanced, not diminished, by the recent clearing; the dry brushwood being, of necessity, left lying between the trees with a rank growth of grass and weeds springing up, a spark would set the whole place in a blaze and destroy every tree.

7. Should Government decide on retaining the plantation a thorough clearing and weeding must at once be undertaken at considerable expense, and extension in the more sheltered portions of the forest, as suggested by the Commissioner, would appear advisable.

Should Government decide to sell, the sooner it is done and the risk transferred to the purchaser, the better.

8. On account of the inaccessibility of the site, difficulty of procuring labor, and ensuring adequate supervision, I do not hesitate to recommend the latter course. I have already in Chapter III of my report indicated the direction in which I consider Government action in the shape of pioneering and developing Chinchona planting in Southern India will be most profitably directed. It does not include the retention or extension in another (the fourth) locality on these Hills.

No. 14.

SUBMITTED to Government for early orders with reference to this office letter, No. 202, dated 15th October 1878, recorded in G.O., 28th October 1878, No. 1,734.

OOTACAMUND,
23th January 1879.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Commissioner.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1879, No. 794.

Miscellaneous.

In G.O., dated 7th November 1878, No. 1,797-A, Captain Walker was deputed to report specially on the Melkondah Chinchona Plantation, imperfectly noticed in his previous general report on Chinchona Plantations. The Commissioner of the Nilgiris now forwards this officer's report, and the question is raised whether the Melkondah site shall again be offered for sale, or whether operations shall be continued there on the part of Government.

2. It appears that of the site measuring 544.35 acres, 335.05 acres were originally heavy forest, of which 35.53 acres have been cleared and 23.88 acres have been planted. The plantation now contains 3,264 *C. Succirubra* trees of fair growth and 5,863 stunted; so there are altogether about 378 trees per acre, and about 160 per acre of fair growth. Looking to the acreage now given it does not appear that the loss of trees in this long abandoned plantation has been so considerable as was at first supposed. Mr. Melvor's estimate of 65,254 trees, quoted at paragraph 24 of Captain Walker's general report, was made on the assumption that 75 acres, or three times the real quantity, had been planted. The value of the bark now obtainable has, on the supposition that the whole would be coppiced, been estimated at about £1,200; but from this would have to be deducted the cost of gathering, drying, carriage, &c.

3. The proposal to offer the site again for sale is not now approved. Nor does it seem advisable to coppice, where the site is so cumbered with other growth. The Government direct that the bark be harvested by felling and grubbing up the whole, after which the entire Melkondah site can be retransferred to the Forest Department. This method of harvesting will secure the root-bark and thus increase the return, and will also afford useful and interesting information as to the value of root-bark, and the quality of the bark generally when left entirely to natural growth. The Commissioner will see that a reliable and thoroughly competent subordinate is at once deputed to the task, which should be expedited to the utmost. The result will be carefully and fully reported on in due course.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
„ Captain C. Walker.
„ the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. W. H. French.

Ostacumard⁵
25 January 1879

The Secretary of Forests
On Special duty

To
The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department
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27 Jan 1879

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THE COMMISSIONER OF THE MALTICIS

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G.O. 5th April 1879, No. 791.

APRIL.
Nos. 65-66.

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Your most obedient Servant
Rampersadathur Captain
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No. 1000 1894

Commissioner

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N. 794.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5 April 1879.

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To The Secy to Govt
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Nilgiris
Dated 25 January
20 5 April 1879
Subject

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completion of the
enumerations of trees
in the abandoned
Melkondah Plantations
with reference to
G.O. 1734, 1797 & 8.
1736 dated 28 Oct 78
No 42 (2007)

New Pros 2/5 April 79
No 794

C. 19. Mar 79
C. 19 Feb 79 R. 24/2/79
R.C. 12 Feb 79 R. 15/2/79
C. 1 Feb 79 R. 5 Feb 79
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20. Conservator of Forests, S.

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The report is meagre - and it
 is unsatisfactory to note that a more
 accurate ~~estimate~~ ^{estimate} was not given
 by Capt Walker of this estate in the
 Spring - when making his report on
 the ~~inclosure~~ - plantations -
 He therein remarks that - as "a few
 hundred trees remain - - - but so overgrown
 that it would probably cost more than they
 are worth to clear away the timber I have
 therefore entered it as blank -
 Being now directed to make a further
 examination in consequence of

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information given by the Com^r - which
appeared to be at variance with the
C. W. report - Capt. C. now reports
the existence of nearly 9000 trees -
whose value is about £1200. less
charges of sawing & carriage &c -
as 23.8. acres have been planted
there appears to be ^{about} 370 trees per acre
of which about ~~4~~ ¹⁰⁰ tenths are of fair
growth - say about ~~100~~ ¹⁰⁰ per acre - or
rather more than $\frac{1}{4}$ the number
(530) on the well cultivated

states - it is also apparent - that ²³
as stated in para 24 of the report -
the then Superintendent having estimated
the number at Mailkora as 65254
on 75 acres - as only 24 have
been really planted - the top of
trees on this abandoned site has
not been so great - & that the
opinion formed by Mr. Mackham as
to site ~~with~~ of Mailkora for
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good price might be
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sold really means

have planted &
I have been over
3200 (Luccidula
offspring from the
5000 do. planted
The question is
shall the back be
harvested & sold
house for sale
or shall the plantation
be sold as it stands
No the former is the
recommended sale
of plants - the alternative
suggested by the former
being filling & grubbing

the end. so getting
rid of the plantation
by the latter or
else collecting the
bribe.
By the latter alternative
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burning it etc.
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J. H. J
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of the site
it does not
seem likely that
any one will buy
it - except for the
purpose of planting
or otherwise burning
the back - & I don't
see that we shall gain
anything by this
except avoiding the
risk of the bribe
being burnt. This is

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 are made for (the?)
 c. 1. Feb 1879. R. S. Feb 1879.

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Early
 FOR ORDERS.

I am glad to
 hear of the
 success of the
 work done by
 the Conservator
 of Forests in
 the present season
 and hope that
 the work will
 continue to be
 successful.

Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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 January 1879, No 10

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 of 17 February 1879-

Telegram from
 Col. Beddome, Bangalore,
 of 18 February 1879-

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1879 No 463 para 38. the
Commissioner was direct-
ed to arrange for coppicing
experiments at all the
Government Kanchana
Plantations and the Con-
servator of Forests was
called upon to advise
as to the time of year most
favorable for the experi-
ment. In the telegram
read above dated 18 Feb'y
1879 Colonel Piddar
states that from May to
August are the best months
for coppicing, and May
is one of the months
recommended by the
Assistant

Assistant Superintendent
of the Veddervattam Planta-
tions in his telegram dated
17 February 1879.

5. In regard to this
matter there are two points
for consideration, first the
season at which the stools
are most likely to throw
out shoots, and secondly
that at which the bark
can most readily be strip-
ped. The late Mr. McIvor
reported (Captain G. Walker's
report para. 27 page 6.) that
trees coppiced between March
and August put out healthy
shoots; and Mr. Broughton
found (the same report
para. 36 page 9) that the

May of this season
for the best results
for coppicing the trees. Now
the bark
must be removed
before the trees
begin to grow.
The work

will be put in hand
accordingly special
attention must be
given to keeping the
two operations equally
advanced.

3/
bark contained its maximum
of Alkaloid in the months of
May and October. These facts
point to May as the month
which it would be most
desirable to choose among
those recommended by the
Conservator. This would also
meet Dr. King's view, that
a time when the trees are
at rest should be chosen.

It only remains to ascer-
tain whether the bark can
then be taken from the trees
with sufficient facility.

It will be assumed for the
present that this is so.

b. The Government
attach much importance
to the coppicing experiment
now

~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~supervised~~ and they
must be supervised with special
care. In order to lighten
the ~~Commissioner's~~ ~~labors~~
the ^{immediate} supervision of these
special operations will be
undertaken by the Forest
Department, Colonel Wed-
dow himself inspecting and
advising as to the plots to be
felled. ^{will} The Deputy Commissioner
in charge of the Nilgiri range
~~will exercise a general super-~~
vision over the ~~operations~~ ³ ~~operations~~
~~all the plantations and~~
~~will personally conduct~~
~~at Pylkura~~ ~~the~~ ~~operations~~ (Kor & Koru Estates)
those ~~the~~ ~~operations~~
at Pylkura. The Assistant
Superintendent will
personally

personally conduct the
work on the Neddavattam
~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~operations~~ with
the assistance of ~~the~~ ~~operations~~
competent ~~the~~ ~~operations~~
The ~~operations~~ ^{15. 3. 99}
by the Forest
Dept.

in the ~~operations~~
if sought

[Signature]

W. L. ...
 ...
 ...

R.D.

Recirculated for Orders.

Shall Captain
 L. Walker be told
 to place himself
 again under the
 Conservator's orders,
 and to rejoin his
 work of Forest
 demarcation in
 Coimbatore, and
 report what has
 been done there
 since July 1878?
 This point is not
 disposed of in the
 notes.

I accept H.G.'s opinion
 as to the course to be
 adopted with the hill
 Kounda C. plant.
 I suppose Capt. H.
 Smith is not required
 for this purpose. Unless
 H.G. thinks it advisable
 to send the Copping
 Experiment to him at
 the other plant as suggested
 he will not do his Forest
 duties. I don't know.

See the H.G. Bisher
 & make any interim

2. After Captain
 Walker

Walker had finished his report and since the Pinchona plantation, he was deputed (G.O. dated 20 July 1878, No 1105) to take the head of a demarcation branch of the Forest Department. Coimbatore was to be the district first taken in hand. Madurai and Tirunelveli were to follow. No time was to be lost. In G.O. dated 26 Nov 78, No 1918 more detailed arrangements were made.

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the Cinchona plants
generally under a
Trust Officer pending
the arrival of the
Law Dept. from home
or to learn things
as they are to
the Comm. & A.
Law son in charge

Major Jago takes over
that in his opinion the
Dept 2 him the w. part
be the performance for
Cofficing on the Hills.

Art. No. 100000
No. 100000
No. 100000

My dear General - 93
I have nothing to
write you
for some time
now.

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Robert

made for forming
the emancipation
party.

3. Captain Walker was recently (G.O. dated Jan 1878, No 1797A.) taken away for a time to report specially on the Mail Kordah fishery plantation, imperfectly noticed in his previous general report. He has been occupied on this to date.

10.2.79

x. it would be an
unnecessary waste of
money.

I would direct the
deputation of a reliable
subordinate to ~~act~~
Jack Mail Canada -

direct Nelson to
report the results
would select for copying
at H. Wullem. & P. H. H.

and direct the
copying to be supervised
by Jap for fruit &
at P. H. H. Wood -
and let Nelson -

have the review of
an extra good
sub. to ~~sup~~ ^{also the work}
at H. Wullem - still
under general supervision
of Jap for fruit - The 2.
man from P. H. H. H.
might be borrowed - The
feeling is so important a
fact that I think the
to feeling parent - Dear the chief
P.C. 12: Feb 19 R. 15/2/75 and 1/2/75

2. H. H. H.
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