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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

2nd May 1879, No. 975.

No. 66. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Revenue,
No. 1.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
9th January 1879.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have received your Grace's letter, No. 51, of the 3rd December last, transmitting copies of the Report of the Commissioner of the Nilgiris on the Government Chinchona Plantations for the official year 1877-78, and of the proceedings of your Government thereon.

2. The year under review was, financially, the most satisfactory on record, and the bark crop, which amounted to 138,338½ lb., the largest that had up to that time been gathered. These points do not, however, constitute the most important ones in connection with the Government plantations. Provision for the future being still a primary object to be kept in view, it is disappointing to learn that the numbers of plants in permanent plantations are not half what were believed to exist there previously to Captain Walker's recent examination of them, but, judging from the annually increasing quantities of plants and seeds taken by the public, the extent of private plantations must be much on the increase.

3. There are two points in the present report which demand serious and early consideration. The one is an apprehended scarcity of moss, which, if not effectually dealt with speedily, is likely to cause much inconvenience, as the demand for moss increases with extended cultivation. The other is a scarcity of labor, in consequence of which some of the plantations could not, I observe, be properly manured during the year under review. I trust that the measures already taken to counteract this latter difficulty may have the desired effect. I regret to observe that no steps have apparently been yet taken by your Government towards placing the plantations under the immediate supervision of a competent officer of the Forest Department, as suggested in my Despatch, dated 17th January, No. 2 of 1878, and I request that no further delay may be allowed to occur in thus nominating such an officer to this charge.

4. I notice, from paragraph 13 of the present report, that the report of the Chinchona Committee is already completed. I await with interest the receipt of this report, as well as of the one by Captain Walker on the Government plantations, together with the proceedings of your Government upon the whole question of Chinchona cultivation, &c., which I hope may be transmitted to me at an early date.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) CRANBROOK.

His Excellency the Most Noble
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1879, No. 975.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED with reference to the
despatches noted in the margin.

Nos. 4 and 9, 14th March and 25th April 1879.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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REVENUE.

Printed May 2nd.

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G O, 2nd May 1879, No. 975.

MAY.
Nos. 66-67.

Cinchona Plantations.—Recording despatch from the Secretary of State on Report of the Commissioner of the Nilgiris on the — for the official year 1877-78, and asking for reports of the Cinchona Committee and of Captain Walker, together with the Press Lists of Government on the whole question of Cinchona cultivation.

India Office,
London, 9th January 1879.

Revenue,
No. 1.

To His Excellency The Most Noble The Governor in
Council, Fort St. George.

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2. The year under review was, financially, the most satisfactory on record, and the bark crop, which amounted to 138,838½ lbs., the largest that had up to that time been gathered. These points do not, however, constitute the most important ones in connection with the Government plantations. Provision for the future being still a primary object to be kept in view, it is disappointing to learn that the numbers of plants in permanent plantations are not half what were believed to exist there previously to Captain Walker's recent examination of them, but, judging from the annually increasing quantities of plants and seeds taken by the public, the extent of private plantations must be much on the increase.

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I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant

Frederick

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by the same*

No. 10.

Revenue

9th Jan 1879

The
Letter to Govt of George
No. 1.

Dec

Recd 31 January 1879.

Acknowledging receipt of
Letter transmitting copies of Report on
the Government Cinchona Planta-
tions for 1877/78; observing that the im-
ports in the Report regarding the appa-
rent scarcity of labor & means should
be early considered; and awaiting
receipt of the Report of the Cinchona
Committee as well as of one by Capt.
Walker on the Govt Plantations
together with the Proceedings of the
Madras Govt on the whole question
of Cinchona cultivation.
No 975.

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