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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th January 1880.

No. 118.

No. 346.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Miscellaneous.

To Government of India, 16th February 1878,
No. 238.

Government of India Resolution, Finance
Department, 30th March 1878, No. 2,027.

* 8th June 1876.

SIR,—I am directed to invite attention to the correspondence noted in the margin as the result of which an increase to the pay of the Head Overseer of the Dodabetta Chinchona plantation was sanctioned, and to request that the sanction may have retrospective effect from the date* of the late Mr. Melvor's death.

2. I am to point out that the increase to the pay of the Assistant Superintendent in direct charge of the Naduvatan and Pykara plantations was given

To Government of India, 5th December 1876,
No. 1,914.

From Government of India, 21st May 1877,
No. 99.

retrospectively, and that it is only equitable that the same privilege should be accorded to the Head Overseer, Dodabetta, so that his additional emolument may be coincident with his additional responsibility.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. W. H. French.

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Inviting attention to certain correspondence relating to an increase to the pay of the Head Overseer of the Dodabetta Chinchona plantation sanctioned, and requesting, for the reasons stated, that the sanction may have retrospective effect from the date of the late Mr. McIvor's death.

The Most Noble The Duke of Buckingham & Chandos,

GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF T. NARRAINASAWMY NAIDOO, HEAD OVERSEER OF THE GOVERNMENT DODABETTA CHINCHONA PLANTATION.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

1. That your humble Petitioner begs to lay the following circumstances before your Grace, hoping to meet with consideration.

2. That your humble Petitioner is thus led to address your Grace direct, as the Commissioner is precluded from interesting himself in petitioner's behalf. Petitioner's hard case, however, emboldens him to again appeal for redress.

3. That your Petitioner humbly begs your Grace's perusal of the enclosures which briefly shew:—

1st—That on the late Superintendent's death, the duties of each of the subordinates, and particularly those of your humble petitioner, were considerably increased.

Commissioner's letter to Government No. 166 of 17th December 1877.

2nd—That your Honorable Government recognized the increased responsibility by granting an increase to the pay of the two senior Executive Officers of the Department, and

G. O. 17th November No. 1876 No. 1703 of 26th April 1878—624.

3rd—That whilst granting retrospective effect to this increase in the case of one, the claims of your humble petitioner,—whose responsibilities were increased the most—to the same privilege were rejected, although it was recommended by the Commissioner.

Your Petitioner begs that your Grace will kindly consider whether he is not entitled to his increase retrospectively as granted in the case above stated, and trusts that your Grace's benign and kind judgment will grant him redress.

For which, as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray.

By command {
2 Nov 1879

J. Narraiasamy Nairn
Head Overseer in Charge
of Dodabetta Chin. Plant.

From
ACTING COMMISSIONER,
 NILGIRIS.
 To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
 REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
 FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,
 I have the honor to forward, for favourable consideration of Government, a petition from T. Narrainsawmy Naidu, Overseer of the Dodabetta Chinchona Plantation, asking for an increase of pay. Narrainsawmy is a hardworking man, and has a very responsible charge, and though not a scientific arboriculturist has, in my opinion, always done his best. His pay is low for the responsibility of his charge, and I trust Government will see fit to sanction a small increase, and allow me to budget for it in the ensuing budget. As Narrainsawmy has had charge of the Dodabetta Plantations since the late Mr. Melvor's death, he trusts Government will see fit to give retrospective effect, (as in the case of Mr. Rowson, (*Vide*) G. O. 17th November 1876 No. 1703) to any increase they may be pleased to sanction.

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
 Acting Commissioner.

To
 A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq.,
 Acting Commissioner of Ootacamund.
 GOVERNMENT CHINCHONA PLANTATION,
 Dodabetta, 21st Febr., 1877.

SIR,—I most respectfully beg leave to bring the following circumstances to your kind notice, with the view of the same being submitted for the Orders of Government.

I entered the Chinchona Department in May 1862, and having acquired myself with the propagation of plants, and the late Superintendent preferred system of managing labor, and conducting the various operations connected with the plantations, I was promoted from Office Manager to Head Overseer in February 1867.

I took charge of Pykara, "Wood" and "Hooker" plantations in 1870, and worked these Estates by myself under the orders of the late W. G. Melvor, Esq. In May 1871 Mr. Rowson succeeded Mr. Dawson, and I relieved the former as Assistant Superintendent on Rs.150, which appointment having been abolished, (*vide* Government Order, dated 8th June 1871, No. 1011,) I reverted to my present position as Head Overseer. These Estates also I singly managed to the entire satisfaction of Mr. Melvor. The Assistant Overseer attached to this plantation was always employed as Store-keeper, and in charge of carpenters and coolies in the gardens. He was removed to Neddivuttum in July last, when Mr. McDonald, the Overseer attached to that place, was transferred to this.

I was recommended for promotion on Rs.125 per mensem (*vide* Government Order, dated 10th March 1873, No. 281.) This recommendation the late Commissioner, J. R. Cockerell, Esq., forwarded with the following remark: "I beg to support Mr. Melvor's recommendation. Narrainsawmy no doubt has become master of his work, and his services are accordingly valuable to Government, and my salary was raised but to Rs.100 only."

In Government Order No. 1390 of 29th September, 1876, para 2, His Grace the Governor was pleased to observe that "the employment of two Overseers at Dodabetta, whilst there is none at Neddivuttum, appears unnecessary, the Commissioner will take steps to dispose with the Assistant Overseer as soon as practicable, as the Head Overseer appears to the Government to be slightly under-paid. The Commissioner will report whether any increase to his pay may be granted." In reply to this the late Commissioner stated (*vide* Government Order, dated 21st October, 1876, No. 67, para 5,) I cannot recommend any increase of salary to the Head Overseer, Narrainsawmy. He has no faculty for organizing labor, and himself require constant supervision by a European. Mr. McDonald is a much better workman. His fault is drink, and he has been lately transferred from Neddivuttum where he drew 70 rupees per mensem. Apart from his failing, he is a better Officer than Narrainsawmy. He is more active and more energetic. I could not recommend that Dodabetta should be placed under the sole charge of Narrainsawmy. Such a change would involve great risk to the Plantations. I leave the difference in the two statements made by that gentleman to your superior judgment. That gentleman knew very little of me and the work I have to do, and all I have to say is that he wrote from hearsay.

With regard to my personal qualifications I beg to forward copies of testimonials, and to refer you to Mr. Melvor's Administration reports. I have only to mention that gentleman's opinion of my fitness and worth was, after serving under his orders for more than 15 years in different capacities, he recommended as deserving of promotion, which although was first supported by J. R. Cockerell, Esq., the same gentleman has thought proper afterwards on strong terms, to condemn his first recommendation.

The planted land under my charge is 312 acres. More than one half of this area was planted by me, and I am allowed Rs.100 per mensem, as the case is contrary with the Neddivuttum plantations being 240 acres.

Your office memoranda of the 30th November and 4th December 1876, puts me in charge of the Propagating Houses, Store, Godowns and Taleratory, and I am further directed by memorandum No. 116, of the 11th December 1876, to receive and store the bales of Bark sent from Neddivuttum and Pykara, this large quantity of Bark to be received, stored and despatched by me from time to time, imposes upon me much additional trouble and very great responsibility and more so as the buildings in which the bales are kept, situated in the Government Botanical Gardens about 3 miles from the Plantations, and my presence is most needed in the Plantations at all times.

I had formerly to keep a more Cooly Roll Book but by your memorandum dated 8th January 1877, I am directed to keep books and submit accounts and reports which will necessarily occupy much labor.

Under these circumstances I beg you will kindly be pleased to make a consideration for me and recommend to Government to have my pay increased in proportion to the responsibility for, which I will be very thankful.

I beg leave to remain

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant,

(Signed) T. Narrainsawmy Naidu.

Head Overseer in Charge of Dodabetta Chinchona Plantation.

(True Copy.)

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

26th April, 1878, No. 624.

Read the following paper:—

No. 246. Endorsement of the Under Secretary to the Government of India, in the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, dated Simla, 10th April, 1878, No. 114, (Agriculture and Horticulture.)

Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department dated Fort William, the 30th March, 1878, No. 2,027.

Read a letter from the Government of Madras, received in the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, No. 238, dated 16th February, 1878, recommending an increase of Rs.50 a month to the pay (Rs.70) and personal allowance (Rs.30) of the Head Overseer of the Dodabetta Chinchona Plantation.

RESOLUTION.—Sanctioned as a temporary arrangement pending a final decision respecting the general arrangements for the management of the Chinchona plantations.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be forwarded to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, and to the Accountant-General, Madras.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to its letter No. 138, dated 16th February last.

(By Order.)

(Signed) C. J. LYALL,
 Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 247. Order thereon, 26th April, 1878, No. 624.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Commissioner of Nilgiris.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of Nilgiris.
 „ the Accountant-General.

Exd: C. Howarth.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

22nd November, 1879, No. 1890.

Read the following paper:—

No. 299. From R. W. Barlow, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary of Government Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 8th November, 1878, No. 213.

I have the honor to enclose for the favorable consideration of Government, a petition from T. Narrainsawmy Naidoo, Head Overseer, Dodabetta Chinchona Plantations, praying that retrospective effect may be given to the increase of pay granted to him under G. O. 26th April, 1879, No. 624 and beg to recommend that sanction be so accorded from the date on which he held independent charge of the Dodabetta Plantation.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. Narrainsawmy Naidoo, Head Overseer, in charge of Government Chinchona Plantation, Dodabetta, to R. W. Barlow, Esq., Commissioner of Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 29th October, 1878.

I most humbly and respectfully beg leave to address you again with reference to G. O. No. 1377, dated 5th June, 1878, regarding retrospective effect to my increased pay from the date of my increased work and responsibility.

I am the oldest servant in the Government Chinchona Plantations, and now in independent charge of the Dodabetta Plantations with an acreage of 312, the largest of all Government Chinchona Plantations of the Nilgiris.

I have had and still have the responsibility and trouble of despatching, besides the crop of my estates, those of all other estates, which last year amounted to over a lakh of lbs. This duty, which should

be borne by the respective officers in each estate, I have to be most careful in, as the store, such as it is, is situated about two and-a-half miles from the plantations; and I am always in fear, when away at my duties, that any accident may occur to the bark. A bale which fetched about 700 Rupees can be borne away by only two men. I have to keep two ponies to enable me to look after my legitimate duties in addition to the storage and despatch of the crop of all other estates.

During the late Mr. Melvor's time, these duties were not involved on me.

It is with greatest difficulty that I am enabled to organize sufficient labor to work the plantations.

The Public Works Department and all other private parties in the town pay upwards of six annas per day per cooly for light work. The plantations being situated within the limits of the town, it is very difficult to get labor at four and-a-half annas per cooly, but I have successfully worked the plantations since I was put in independent charge of them.

The late Acting Commissioner, Mr. McC. Webster, was so kind as to recommend me for an increase of pay, on account of the increased responsibility, as in the case of Mr. Rowson, whose increase was proposed by the former Commissioner. Mr. Cockerell. The Government was pleased to sanction the increase to both of our pays, but whilst sanctioning retrospective effect in one case they have overlooked that in the case of mine, for what reason I cannot tell as the Commissioner has (Vide) his letters recommended it.

Considering any lengthy service in the department, and the twofold increased responsibility of my duties, especially since the death of the late Superintendent, Mr. Melvor, I feel greatly disheartened at the distinction thus made.

I therefore most humbly and respectfully beg you will be kindly pleased to forward this my humbly petition to the Honorable Government with your kind support, and sincerely trust that my hard case will meet with the kind consideration of His Grace the Governor and his Honorable Colleagues.

Begging to be pardoned for the liberty I have taken, but my hard case I most respectfully beg to, put forward as my excuse.

No. 300. Order thereon, 22nd November 1878 No. 1890.

Miscellaneous.

The Commissioner is referred to G. O. 5th June 1878, No 3177 which must be taken of final.

(True Extract.)

(Signed.) LORNE CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris,

increased the most, But (1-7-22-11-78:189 (14/11/78)
to the same privilege - a - 5-6-78:1377-a
were rejected, although a - 26-4-78:624-a
it was recommended - a - 16-2-78:431-a
by the Commissioner - a - 16-2-78:238-a
- a - 17-11-76:1703-a
Prays, therefore, - a - 29-11-76:1390-a
that Govt may take - a - 10-3-73:281-a
- a - 8-6-71:1071-a
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Government of Madras.

NEW DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 2036 of 1879.

From J. Narayanasamy Saidee

Occupation Head Overseer of the
Govt. Dodabetta Chinchona
Plantation

Village

Taluk

District Coimbatore

Dated 2nd November 1879

Received 6th " 1879

Enclosures.

ABSTRACT.

States that the
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No 2036 of 1879 Df. 2nd Nov 79
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2036

For orders

This man's
capabilities & his
treatment of the
plantation under
his charge are
very well spoken
of. See Capt Major
Walker's report
para 23 page 23
& para 3 page 45
where he states
his opinion that
the Dodabetta
Head Overseer is
"quite as well
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Pray, therefore, that Government may take his case into their benign consideration, and judge whether he is not entitled to his increase retrospectively as granted in the case stated above, and grant him redress.

Advantage of a much longer more intimate connection with the propagation & cultivation of Cinchona on which he has been employed from the commencement of operation on these hills.

Dr. Bidie also mentions him favorably vide Appendix C, page 40 of Cinchona Committee Report.

The Under Secretary has frequently visited the Roda-shetta plantation quite unexpectedly and always found the Officer present & at work.

There is much in the man's character & it is also important to retain

him as long as possible in Govt. employment.

It also seems just that his additional emolument should coincide with his additional responsibility as in Mr. Poinson's case.

Perhaps therefore Govt. may see fit to reconsider the order of 5 June 78 No: 1377 declining to give retrospective effect to the allowance. If so this might be done & the Act Govt. left to object
Yrs.

No. 118.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF Finance

Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to the correspondence noted in the margin as the result of which an increase to the pay of the Head Overseer of the ^{Chitragiri} Dodabetta plantations was sanctioned, and to request that the sanction may have retrospective effect from the date of the late Mr. M. C. Foor's death.

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To Govt. of India. 5 Decr 1876, No 1914
From ————— 21st May 1877, No 99

W. H. S.

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