

(1) Number of pages 8(2) Date of repair 11 7 34(3) Initials of the Referencer A

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.G.O. No. 3450Press
Mis.Dated 8-10-1880.Not to be folded or roughly handled

Government Chinchona

1879/80.

Season.— The season was favorable to the growth of Chinchona one hundred inches of rain fell at Medellin during the year against eighty inches in 1878/79 at Dodehetu the rainfall amounted to forty-six inches against fifty-one in the previous year. A severe hail-storm occurred at Pyharu on the 12 April 1879, totally destroying several plots of Succirubra on the Hooker Estate. The frost was not so severe as in the previous year. The appearance of all the Plantations at the end of the year was satisfactory.

Conservancy.— The Plantations were as usual kept clean of weeds, the latter being buried under the trees. Renovating pits were also continued. About 200 acres of the Dodehetu Plantation were terraced, to prevent wash. Manuring operations were carried out on all Plantations.

Propagation.— The Public have undertaken the raising of plants from seed with such success that they are underselling Government, which although resulting in a falling off of sales of plants from the Government

Nursesiro

Nurseries, should be encouraged as tending to the extension of private enterprise. The demand for seed from Ceylon was as great as ever. The growth of the *Ledgeriana* variety of *Calisaya* was unsatisfactory. Although the seeds germinate fairly the plants from some unexplained cause die off, particularly in the open

Crop. - The crop of the year, including a balance remaining at the close of 1878/79 amounted to pounds 1,83,934 of which 1,73,539 pounds were consigned to the Home Market, 4,000 pounds supplied to the Madras and Bombay Medical Departments and 20 pounds to a private Chemist and Druggist. 6375 pounds remained in store on the 31st March 1880. The Receipts amounted to Rupees 3,43,815 against an expenditure of Rupees 79,724, leaving a net profit of Rs 2,64,091. The supply of labor on all the Plantations has improved.

General. - Fifteen thousand, five hundred and sixty-two chinchora trees covering an area of 30 Acres were coppiced during the year yielding 33,162 lbs of dry bark. 13,264 stools have thrown up suckers, which must be considered highly satisfactory.

The

The surviving trees on the abandoned Mailkoondak Plantation were uprooted and yielded 7010 lbs of dry bark. ~~The Plantations are still without a Superintendent and remain under the charge and responsibility of the Commissioners of the Kilgish.~~

Commiss Office
Colacumund
30 September 1880

W. A. Mylly

Ag. Commissioner

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund, 27th September 1880.

No. 228

FROM

J. A. Ranfoll Esquire
Ag. COMMISSIONER, NILGIRIS;

TO

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose manuscript
notes on 'Government Chirichon' for incorporation
in the General Administration Report of
the Madras Presidency.

I have the honor to be
Sir

your most obedient servant

J. A. Ranfoll
Ag. Commissioner

Encl. 1. G. O. No. 228. 8. 1880

Mr. Ranfoll

Copy Recd. 6/10.

Looked, a copy being here sent
to the Public Dept.

(No. 2452)

Wm. A. O. 175450 P. 1750
Insurance 1880. 4th St.
No. 203 No. 57971.
Date - 30 September 1880
Recd 14 Oct 1880
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
DOTACAMUND.

To
The Secretary & Govt.
Revenue Dept &
Government

Enclosures. 1

SUBJECT.

Forwarded notes on
Chindana & the mountain
land with the Boundary
Administration Report.

Wm. A. O.

8 October, 1880