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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

6th April 1880, No. 412.

No. 74. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Commissioner of Nilgiris, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th February 1880, No. 342.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that 70 bales, containing 3,905 lb. of stem, 1,005 lb. of root, and 2,100 lb. of branch, or in all 7,010 lb. of Chinchona (Red) bark, the result of the grubbing on the Melkoonda Chinchona Plantations, carried out in accordance with G.O., No. 794, dated 5th April 1879, left this for Madras yesterday the 4th instant. A detailed invoice will follow, and I now beg to report on the conduct of operations.

2. These plantations were abandoned, as Government are aware, in 1871, and the old track leading to them, branching off near Melkoonda village *via* Hokotorai, besides being circuitous, has become completely overgrown or washed away, and the first thing to be considered was, how a good track, passable for bullocks and horses could be made most economically. Taking advantage of the extension of the public bridle-path to Melkoonda (called Havelock's trace) on through Shia shola, made by Mr. Havelock, I carried a new trace about 5 miles long in continuation through the forest to the upper plantation where it then joins "McIvor's trace," and thence cleared and widened the old track right down to the lower plantation at a cost of Rs. 900; the whole being now rideable at a good pace, and easy for pack bullocks. Mr. Havelock conceded the land and a right of way in places where the new track passes through his property, and also assisted me greatly with labor and supervision in consideration of the benefit he derived from the cleared portion of the road between the upper and lower plantations passing his Carrington's (Fyer's) Estates. This road was completed about the middle of December.

3. I had to erect lines for 160 coolies transported from Dodabetta, a temporary drying house, and quarters for the Native Overseer in charge of operations. This was done under my own supervision during September and October at a cost of Rs. 250.

4. The actual grubbing operations commenced on the 7th ultimo, and were completed by the 16th idem. The Head Overseer of the Dodabetta Plantation with a gang, as above remarked, of 160 coolies, carried out the work, and, owing to the exertions of the former, it was completed so expeditiously. About 8,000 trees, 2,000 large and over 6,000 small, were uprooted and barked within ten days (or at an average of 800 trees per day) excluding the time taken for the journey to and fro. I was present myself during the operations.

5. Taking an average of 3s. 3d. (or Rs. 2) per lb. all round (the root bark will, I anticipate, fetch a higher price than stem) we should realize about Rs. 14,000 for the whole outturn. Deducting from this the expenditure which will altogether amount from first to last to about Rs. 3,000 including freight, &c., the net profit to Government will be at least Rs. 10,000. The price fetched by root bark, and the amount of alkaloids extracted, will form an interesting sequel to this experiment apart from the actual profits from the same.

6. I am not aware what the ultimate intentions of Government are regarding these plantations, but I look upon them as a most valuable property. The middle portion between the upper and lower clearings would, I am certain, do well if planted with *Officinalis*, while on the lower *Succirubra* would, I think, flourish judging from the condition of many of the trees which have been neglected for so many years. Should Government decide not to utilize the bulk of shola at present, or to replant the lower clearing, I would suggest that the latter (30 acres) with some shola and grass, enough, say, to make up 100 acres, should be sold. The existence of the newly-erected lines and huts would, I think, ensure a considerable price being realized.

7. I would observe here that the newly-made road apart from its utility for this experiment adds much to the value of land in this out-of-the-way locality, opening as it does direct communication with Ootacamund; further, the saddle about a mile short of where it terminates, is the point from which, should ever a ghat be made from the south-east koondahs to the low country, the descent would have to commence. It would not be more than 10 miles in length, and the lower end would be about 5 or 6 miles from Karamady, the first Railway Station beyond Mettupálaiya en route to Coimbatore. I calculate that a good track for bullock traffic could be made for Rs. 500 per mile, or Rs. 5,000 in all.

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No. 75.

ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1880, No. 412.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government learn with satisfaction that the operations of grubbing up and barking the trees on the deserted

plantation at Melkoonda have been successfully completed at a cost of about Rs. 3,000 and that a considerable profit to Government is anticipated.

2. The expeditious and satisfactory manner in which the work was completed reflects great credit on the Dodabetta Head Overseer who organized and carried out the necessary arrangements, and the thanks of Government are due to the Commissioner for the direct personal interest he has throughout taken in turning this plantation to account.

3. The site will not be sold, but the whole should be taken charge of by the
G.O., 5th April 1879, No. 794. Forest Department as already decided
and the cleared portion planted up in due
course.

4. Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Commissioner's letter will be dealt with separately.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. Grubert.

50 Copies.

6 April 1880
 No 342
 P. M. Parlow Esq
 Commissioner - Nilgiris
 Fort St George.

No 74 From

P. M. Parlow Esq
 Commissioner - Nilgiris
 The Secretary to Government
 Revenue Department
 Fort St George.

Sir,
 I have the honor to inform
 you that 40 Bales containing 3905
 lbs of Stem 1005 lbs of root and
 2100 lbs of bark, or in all 6010 lbs
 of Chinchona (Bark) bark - the
 result of the grubbing on the
 Koodak Chinchona Plantations,
 carried out in accordance with G.O.
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Decided.

Obbt. of (1880) **REVENUE.**

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF NILGIRIS,

Secy. Secy. Secy.

Dated April 6th.

Printed 19th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 6th April 1880, No. 412.

APRIL.
 Nos. 74-75.

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Vide cut 3998/80.

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and the lower end would be about
5 or 6 miles from Karamady, the
first Railway Station beyond
Metapollim on route to Coimbatore.
Calculate that a good track for
bullock traffic could be made for
Rs 500 per mile or Rs 5000/- in all.

8. In conclusion I request that
I may be granted some allowance for
the fiscal year now drawing to
close, in conducting the Chenchona
Superintendent's duties. When putting
the Commission in charge on Mr.
C. Davis's death - vide S. G. No 1390 dated
29 September 1876 - it was evidently

the intention of Government that
the arrangement should be temporary
but I have now had charge for nearly
two years, during which the work
of the Department has increased
greatly, and, I may add, the profits
enormously. The extra work entailed
has taken up much of my leisure
and holidays. The Superintendent's
pay and allowances are Rs 591 per
mensem or Rs 7095 per annum, the
whole of which has been saved, and
I beg to suggest that half this
amount, or such sum as the Government
may consider fit, may be granted
for 1879/80, and for the future monthly,
while the present arrangement
lasts.

9. I beg to mention, in reference
to this request, and the circumstances
surrounding the appointment of
Commissioners on the Hills are well
known to Government - that while
owing to the amputation of Wynand

and

17/8/77
The Commission on the Hills
is now in charge of the
Hills Commission.

and other causes, ^{Commissioner} his duties and responsibilities have much increased since the District was constituted, his emoluments remain as they were, and are much less than those of a collector.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt.

W. W. Woodson
Commissioner

is Commissioner, but

to ask for more men

I know it is useless.

help me if you can

Revenue Secretary -

see wish to you a

letter No 342 of the

from 8 & 9 May

Please look at

My dear Master W

W. H. P. 1880

he would tell him

to pay pretty heavily

for his climate - but

on this account I

mean the man having

ask consideration for

extra work - I hope

we can show him

I have many other things

6. D 29 11/17 61 P 379-80
5 April 79 - 65-86

Revenue 1880. Deficit

at 342 c. 11-8000.

For 1881 - 6:00 February 1880

from

The Farmington

Public

W. H. P. 1880

Revenue Department

Revenue Department

specific measure

from 879.

Special

advising report

on the grounds

operations on

the first board

China Board

Back No 74

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Lantern

Mr. W. D. D.

My dear Sir,

I hope you will

help in the case.

I think I shall

write you soon.

I am, Sir, your

Yours

I ask you to see what it was when I
 was for some time took the part. though
 you know it well. I do not believe it
 got into the hands of the Committee. I
 know by the Committee the Committee have the
 power to see as being the only one
 Committee and I think as he is with the
 power. I do not know how it is. I
 know at the time. I know how it is. I
 of the Committee. I know how it is. I

No.

806/80.

From The Commissioner, Nilgiris.

Dated 5th February 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

The Commissioner of the Nilgiris reports that the trees (8000) on the desolate hill-wood plantation have been grubbed up. Their bark.

Viz: Stem bark—5705
branch—2100
root—1005.

Rs. 7010.

has been sent to Madras for despatch to England.

2 The report would require no orders but that the Commissioner suggests

(1) the plantation
being replanted
or
(2) sold.

The latter point
has already - G.O.
5th April 1879. No 74-
~~has~~ been voted
and the former
would probably
require the Secretary
of State's sanction.

3. Mr. Barlow
further suggests
that the com-
missioner should
be remunerated
with half the pay
that used to be
drawn by the
Superintendent
of the Chinchona
plantations.

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775

plantation, or the
absence of such an
officer impossible
him extra work?

Mr Barlow remarks
that all the pay
of the Superintendent
is saved, but
he forgets that in
saving to there is
being no Super-
intendent Mr.
Rowson and the
Road Overseer

742 100. g. 0.27 July 177 *Arachnoida allor-*
 2388
 174 50. g. 0.26 *affinis* - *ancestral*
 2389

20/2/82

I am disposed to suggest
for the purpose the consideration
of frt: like the H.P. Barlin's
salary may not be raised
in consideration of the extra
work done on them by the
cheaper the Chinichona
plantations - The La P.

Not charged on this
 for the appt of a special
 officer to me charge. This
 would cost a great deal
 more than the extra allow-
 ance to Mr. Barlow. He
 might be fixed at 200 Rs
 250 Rs. as he has been
 in charge of the plantation.
 The difficulty however, is that
 the remuneration for extra
 allowance to the Collector of
 the Nilgiris is upon the
 sanction of the Govt of India
 & probably of the Secy of
 State but he may give ground
 on which it can be based
 is that the management
 is cheaper than that
 suggested by the Secy of
 State himself.

The site should be
 returned to the Govt. &
 plant on the same
 land. I do not think a
 re-impulse is necessary
 otherwise can be given
 a D. Co. but I should
 like to see a plan.

C. 20-2-80.
 R. 20-3-80.
 R. 20-1/2-80. Sum. 4 acres

No 800/80
 FOR ORDERS.

The extra expense for
 travelling & other has
 been caused by the con-
 sideration of the
 salary of Rs 7000
 of back which
 is a great deal more
 than the other.

The Govt. is of the
 opinion that the
 site is good for
 the plantation.

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Revenue Department.

No. 412

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 6th April 1880.

Read the following letter

from the Commissioner of
 Nilgiris, dated 5th February 1880,
 No. 42, submitting report on
 the grubbing operations on the
 Melkonda Chirichena Plan-
 tation.

C. 800/80

The Government have
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 and banking the trees on the
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and the cleared portions
planted up in due course.

4. Paras and G of the Com-
missioner's letter will be dealt
with separately.

Note It is proposed to
write to the Govt.
of India in accordance

G.O. 5 April 179/18794.

62. The Commissioner of Virginia Dist.
21. " Conservator of Forests. S

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with the lumber
trades when this is
done.

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Rev. Mr. [illegible]

Revenue Department
Per: Genl D^t April /80
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