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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1881, No. 1882.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

No. 91. From the Conservator of Forests, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 28th November 1881, No. 820.

In forwarding the enclosed letter, No. 446, of 19th November 1881, from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nilgiri Division, I have the honor to solicit the sanction of Government to a supplemental grant of Rs. 18,000 for expenditure in the Chinchona Department.

2. It appears from explanations submitted that an unusually large supply of labor has this year arrived at the Naduvatom and Pykara plantations, in excess even of the quantity contracted for. The hands engaged under agreement cannot be dispensed with for some time, and it would therefore be very advisable to utilize them in uprooting certain plots, viz., Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21 and 27, and replanting them with "Officinalis" and "Pata," as suggested by Colonel Beddome.

3. The return from the trees uprooted will be 100,000 lb. dry bark equal to Rs. 1,00,000.

Under the circumstances I support the Deputy Conservator's application and trust that funds will be made available as early as possible.

4. Meanwhile I have instructed Colonel Jago to prepare detailed estimates for grubbing up, pitting and planting, the cost of all which is included in the amount specified above. I have also requested him to see that a sufficient number of plants of the varieties named are ready to put out, and have also urged the necessity of dispensing with all labor in excess of what was agreed for.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator of Forests, in charge Chinchona Department, Nilgiris, to the Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 19th November 1881, No. 446.

I HAVE the honor to address you in reference to the labor supply at the Naduvatom and Pykara plantations, in view to your obtaining the sanction of Government as soon as possible to a special grant of Rs. 18,000 for the current year for the purpose of uprooting the red barks on grass land alluded to in paragraph 3 of G.O., 29th August 1881, No. 1280.

2. The system of procuring labor for these plantations is as follows :—

Advances varying from Rs. 100 to 500, according to the number of coolies contracted for, are given to maistries, who execute stamped agreements to supply a certain number daily for twelve months. The maistries in their turn advance individuals and obtain agreements also on stamped paper. Although the time mentioned in the agreement is a year, the accepted working season is only about eight or nine months, the coolies coming in June and July and leaving in March for their country.

3. It would appear that hitherto the maistries were invariably unable to supply the full number contracted for. This year not only the full complement of coolies were brought up, but some maistries were able to secure the services of many extra. The labor supply therefore for the past four months was over abundant, the average daily attendance being 587½ in July, 701 in August, 680½ in September, and 687½ in October. As it was seen that the current year's budget allotment was not sufficient to keep up so large a staff, every effort was tried to get rid of some of the hands, but without success. The maistries state that as they have advanced each and every cooly, and as they have agreed to supply a certain number for the year, they do not see the justice of having the coolies turned out for no fault whatever.

4. Setting aside the fact that in face of the agreement it would be unfair to make the maistries reduce their gangs, I fear if any pressure is used that in future years the coolies losing confidence in the employment of Government, would look elsewhere for work, consequently the estates will suffer. It is a known fact that on estates where from some cause or other the coolies have become dispirited, it is a matter of great difficulty to secure the proper complement of men for years after. The mistake here has been that a larger number of coolies have been agreed for than required. I shall see in future that this is avoided.

5. With such a large number of coolies it was possible in addition to barking and other works to attend better to the conservancy of the estates, but now that barking is almost over, it is difficult to find work for even half the number of coolies on our rolls. I beg therefore to suggest that Government be pleased to sanction the immediate uprootal of the "Succirubra"

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in the marginally noted plots. The number of trees in these plots amount to 33,898 and it is estimated that 100,000 lb. of dry bark will be obtained, which, according to latest prices, should fetch about Rs. 1,00,000. The plots

will have to be repitted (4 x 4) and planted with "Officinalis" and "Pubescens." The sum asked for includes the cost of grubbing, pitting and planting.

6. Soliciting the earliest possible orders, I have, &c.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1881, No. 1882.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances explained, the Government sanction the supplemental grant of Rs. 18,000 and authorize

the Accountant-General to include the amount in the annual appropriation audit statement, subject to confirmation by the Government of India to whom a copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nilgiris
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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G.O. 79 December 1881, No. 1821.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 91-92.

SUBJECT.

Cinchona Plantations - Nilgiris - Supple-
mental grant of Rs. 18,000 for expenditure in the
- experiment, not included in the amount by
Accountant-General in the annual appropriation
and statement authorized, subject to control
by India Government.

No. 446

Office of Govt. Cinchona Depart.
19th November '81.

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From

The Deputy Conservator of
Forests,
In Charge Cinchona Depart.
Nilgiris.

To, The Conservator of Forests
Madras.

Sir,
I have the honor to address
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The sum asked for includes
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I have the honor to be,
Sd/- R. S. Jago, Esq.
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
in Charge, Cutch District.
(True Copy)

W. H. M. Jago
Deputy Conservator of Forests.

No. 820

Office of Conserv. of Forests
Madras 28th November 81

From,

The Conservator of Forests
Madras.

To, The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed letter, dated 19th November 81, from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nilgiri Division, I have the honor to solicit the sanction of Government to a supplemental grant of Rs. 18000 for expenditure in the Chinchona Department.

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Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.

W. D. Dwyer
Deputy Conservator of Forests
for Centre of Forests.

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To
The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
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Dated 28th
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Soliciting Sanction of Government for a supplemental grant of 18,000 for expenditure in the Chunchona Plantation

With Order

Under the circumstances explained, the Government sanction the supplemental grant of Rs 18,000 and authorize the Accountant General to include ^{amount} the same in the annual Appropriation and Statement, subject to confirmation by the Government of India to whom a copy of these proceedings will be forwarded in the Financial Department

W. J. P.
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7 December 1881

To The Governor of Madras
To The Deputy Commissioner of Madras
To The Accountant General
To The Financial Department
To The Board of Revenue

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