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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following despatch from the Most Honorable the MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 14th September 1882, No. 31, Revenue:—

I have considered in Council the orders of your Government reviewing the Budget Estimate of the Government Chinchona Plantations on the Nilgiris, for the official year 1882-83, received with your Secretary's letter, No. 17, of the 21st February last.

2. The only remarks which these papers seem to call for, are with reference to the manner in which the value of the products manufactured in this country are brought to credit. In the Regular Estimate for 1881-82 they are taken credit for at their full market value, by which means, the receipts from the plantations are made to appear higher than if the market value of the bark alone had been taken.

3. In adopting this mode of crediting the value of the products of Chinchona Bark, the chief object for which the Government plantations were established, is in danger of being lost sight of. They were never looked upon as a probable source of revenue, but to provide a cheap febrifuge for the people of India, and from this point of view it seems undesirable to take credit in the estimates for the full market value of the products of Home manufacture, which would seem to imply the sale of these products at the same price as if they had been purchased in the ordinary manner, thus neutralizing the principal objects of Home manufacture.

4. In order to ascertain the lowest possible price at which, without loss, the quinine and other alkaloids may be sold, their values should be entered in the accounts and estimates of the plantations, at their actual or estimated cost to Government, in the same manner as the value of Chinchona febrifuge manufactured at Runghee is entered in the accounts of the Bengal Chinchona Plantations. On the credit should be entered the value of the sales at the rates which are actually, or are likely to be, realized. The effect will be that the account or estimate will, as nearly as possible, show an equilibrium, and the true financial result can be explained by a note stating that the sales, if made at the market price, would have been so much more than the amount for which credit is taken in the account or estimate.

5. The figures necessary for the completion of the accounts for 1881-82 are given in my Despatches No. 6 of the 2nd February, and No. 16 of the 30th March last.

ORDER—dated 23rd October 1882, No. 1163, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Conservator of Forests for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department.
" Collector of Nilgiris.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. F. Aaron.

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Chinchona Bark.—Despatch from Secretary of State suggesting the mode in which the value of — should be credited in the accounts and budget estimates of the Government Chinchona Plantations on the Nilgiris, communicated to Conservator of Forests, for information and guidance.

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Yours most obedient humble
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W. L. G. J. G.

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Letter to Lord St George

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