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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from Major J. C. WALKER, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 13th July 1882, No. 492-C:—

I have the honor to submit letter (in original to be returned), No. 572, dated 24th January last, from Colonel Jago on the question of the disposal of the "Wood" Chinchona estate on the northern side of the Pykara river. I postponed its submission till I could visit the plantation and confer with the Deputy Conservator on the spot. I have not yet actually been over the plantation, though I have inspected the adjoining "Hooker" estate on south side of the river; but as I have gone into the question fully with Colonel Jago and Mr. Gass, the Deputy Conservator now in charge, and it affects the questions of establishment and experiments with *C. Calisaya*, &c., dealt with in my letters, Nos. 413A-C and 485-C, dated 4th and 13th July 1882, respectively, I think it better to send it up without further delay.

2. Government Order, No. 1280, of 29th August, paragraph 5, directs the Conservator to "report separately and in detail on the question of retaining these estates," viz., "Wood" and "Hooker" estates. As there has never been any proposal to dispose of "Hooker," I shall confine my remarks to the "Wood" estate only. Colonel Beddome had recommended the abandonment of the lower portion of the "Wood" estate and retention of the upper or avenue portion only.

In my special report, dated 10th July 1878, recorded with G.O., No. 463, dated 24th February 1879, I advised that the estate be sold. In the face of the facts brought forward by the Deputy Conservator as to its profitable working and in view of the lower portion being eminently adapted for experiments in the growth of the "warm climate species and varieties of Chinchona," I have altered my opinion and support Colonel Jago's proposal to retain the estate. The abandonment of the lower and retention of the upper portion appears to me not only "impracticable," seeing that all the buildings are situated in the lower portion, but highly inadvisable, as it is in the lower portion that we wish to experiment with the *C. Calisaya*, *Magnifolia* (?), &c.

3. I have, after careful consideration, no hesitation in recommending the retention of the whole estate, the gradual renewal of the upper portion with *C. Officinalis*, *Magnifolia* (?) and *Pubescens* (?), and the planting of *C. Calisaya*, *Pitayo*, &c., in the lower portion as an experiment on a considerable scale along with small plots of *Ipecacuanha* (*Cephaelis*) and Hevea rubber.

4. After discussing with Mr. Gass Colonel Jago's proposal (paragraph 4) to make the estate an independent charge, I am of opinion that it is better to place it under the Head Overseer (Sub-Assistant) in charge of Dodabetta, who has great experience and can visit the plantation regularly throughout the year. The Naduvattam Officer cannot readily do so when the river is in flood, and the Deputy Conservator might be absent in Mudumalai or in the Coonoor Sub-division, when inspection and orders were urgently required.

I think every necessary precaution will be ensured by placing it under the charge of Narrainasami Naidu, whilst at the same time the Overseer (Ranger) in charge should certainly be a man of intelligence and integrity. Experienced men with other necessary qualifications are not easy to get, and we must trust to that being acquired under Narrainasami's instructions and frequent visits by him and the Deputy Conservator.

ORDER—dated 15th August 1882, No. 852, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government concur with the Conservator in thinking that the whole of the Wood estate should be retained.

The proposed working arrangements and the contemplated experiments are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests, with one enclosure.

Ed. W. J. Lewis.

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REVENUE.

Order, dated 15th August 1882, No. 852.

Wood (Chinchona) Estate—Nilgiris.—Opinion
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C. O. Form No. 63.

OFFICE OF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

Madras 13th July 1882.

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To

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Your most obed^{nt} servant

Wm. D. Nesfield
Deputy Conservator of Forests
for Conservator of Forests

C. Jago

The lower portion of the wood plantation
shows very poor growth - also small area
failure - should be replanted. Replanted

wood keep plots in row or two rows down
down the ravine -

4. To the Treasurer of the
Horticultural Society
- for the sum of \$100.00

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Should be hand set. Should
be retained.

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon. L. L. Sullivan

The Right Hon. The Surgeon

Yes (?)
Yes

Mr. John
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