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13TH MARCH 1884, No. 366, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from M. A. LAWSON, Esq., Director, Government Cinchona Plantations, &c., Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th February 1884, No. 7 :—

I have the honor to send, herewith, the half-yearly report on the work carried out in the Government Cinchona Plantations.

2. I regret much that there should have been so great a delay in sending it to you.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from M. A. LAWSON, Esq., Director, Government Cinchona Plantations, &c., Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th February 1884.

In accordance with instructions contained in G.O., No. 855, dated 14th July 1883, I have the honor to submit the half-yearly report ending 30th September 1883, on the Government Cinchona Plantations on the Nilgiris, of which I took over charge on the 18th June 1883, from Colonel Jago, Deputy Conservator of Forests.

2. *Season and Rainfall.*—The rainfall was as under :—

	INCHES.
Dodabetta...	32.48
Wood ...	71.11
Naduvatam ...	86.64
Hooker ...	75.54

The number of wet days was Dodabetta 99, Wood 110, Naduvatam 125, and Hooker 115 days.

A severe hail-storm visited the district in April. No damage was done to Naduvatam, Dodabetta or Wood, but the Hooker estate suffered very much. Whole plots were destroyed, the trees on which had to be subsequently uprooted. The south-west monsoon was not near so bad as in the previous year both as regards wind and the quantity of rainfall. For comparison I quote below the rainfall on the two principal estates during the half-year under notice compared with the fall during the same period in the two previous years :—

Estate.	Rainfall in 1st half of 1881-82.	Rainfall in 1st half of 1882-83.	Rainfall in 1st half of 1883-84.
Naduvatam ...	INCHES. 60.71	INCHES. 174.11	INCHES. 86.64
Dodabetta ...	31.20	38.43	32.48

Rather severe wind prevailed on all four estates during the month of August, doing a little damage to coppice shoots.

3 *Receipts.*—The receipts for the six months under report amounted to Rs. 4,096-8-8 :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Naduvatam ...	1,783	5	4
Dodabetta ...	264	7	4
Total	2,047	12	8

The above receipts were for plants and seedlings sold direct from the plantations. The receipts from sale-proceeds of seed, &c., by head office amounted to Rs. 2,048-12-0, making a grand total of Rs. 4,096-8-8, credited into the treasury during the period under notice.

4. *Expenditure.*—The expenditure of all the plantations for the half-year amounted to Rs. 29,789-8-6, as follows:—

Salaries.

	RS.	A.	P.
Naduvatom	1,399	4	0
Hooker	300	0	0
Dodabetta	1,758	0	0
Wood	420	0	0
Total ...	3,877	4	0

Conservancy and Works.

	RS.	A.	P.
Naduvatom... ..	14,245	1	7
Hooker	2,801	13	4
Dodabetta	7,617	2	0
Wood	1,248	3	7
Total ...	25,912	4	6
Grand Total ...	29,789	8	6

5. *Permanent Plantations.*—The following statement shows the number of trees coppiced, and uprooted, the number of plants permanently planted out, and the balance of old standing trees on the 30th September 1883:—

Plantations.	Number of trees on 31st March 1883.	Number of trees uprooted.	Number of trees coppiced.	Number of plants planted out.	Balance on 30th September 1883.
Naduvatom	236,580	826	7,612	84,533	312,675
Hooker	255,482	5,654	19	86,260	336,069
Dodabetta	372,749	1,557	608	119,105	489,689
Wood	102,984	97	1,699	89,588	190,776
Total ...	967,795	8,134	9,938	379,486	1,329,209

Besides the above plantings, the following "renewals" were put out:—

Naduvatom	15,987
Hooker	104,740
Dodabetta	9,900
Wood	250

The growth of the young plantings at Naduvatom and Dodabetta was very satisfactory, but that of those of Wood and Hooker very bad.

	Plants.	Seedlings.
Naduvatom	36,000	339,000
Dodabetta	5,000	34,000
Total ...	41,000	373,000

6. *Nurseries.*—All nurseries were attended to, particular attention being given to the better varieties of cinchona, as stated in paragraph 5; 41,000 plants and 373,000 seedlings, as per margin, were sold to the public.

The propagation of the *C. Carthagensis* was pushed on. There were several rooted cuttings in the forcing houses at the close of the year, besides 15 plants which were raised and put out in the field at Naduvatom. The following plants were also issued to the Forest Department for experimental planting at Mudumalai and Malabar:—

- 1,000 *C. Pubescens*.
- 1,000 *C. Succirubra*.
- 600 *C. Calisaya* var. *Ledgeriana*.
- 10 *C. Carthagensis*.
- 550 *C. magnifolia*.

735 plants and 5,900 seedlings of *C. Calisaya* var. *Ledgeriana*, which variety does not find a congenial home at Naduvatom, were transferred to the Wood estate, which has a much lower elevation, and may suit this variety. The *Carthagensis* plants are doing well. There are now near 200, all healthy, and I propose selling half of them at low prices to such planters, as may apply for them, and whose estates I think suited to their growth. The plants of *Santa Fé*

are not doing at all well, and so I have ordered them to be removed from the cinchona department, and have had them placed under the charge of Mr. Jamieson, the Curator of the Government Gardens.

7. *Crop.*—The stripping and mossing system was carried out, on a few selected trees, at Dodabetta and Naduvatom for experimental purposes.

The following crop was collected during the six months under notice:—

Naduvatom.

	LB.
By uprootal	13,614
" coppicing	143,094
" scraping	811½
" stripping	237
" samples and thinnings	6,201
Total ...	163,957½

Hooker.

	LB.
By uprootal	50,630
" coppicing	192
Total ...	50,822

Dodabetta.

	LB.
By stripping	46,629
" coppicing	14,378
" scraping and pruning	5,174
Total ...	66,181

Wood.

	LB.
By coppicing	12,850
" stripping	200
Total ...	13,050

making a grand total of 2,94,010½ lb. of green bark of various varieties.

8. *Buildings.*—The new drying shed at Naduvatom was completed and handed over to this department, but on its being put into use, it was found to be so full of faulty work, that it had to be abandoned, and handed back to the Public Works Department for repairs.

9. *Firewood Plantations.*—24,860 plants of "*Eucalyptus globulus*" were planted out at Naduvatom. This variety of fuel tree does not do well here, and I have therefore arranged to plant up the grass land around Naduvatom with "*Frenela rhomboidia*."

10. *Conservancy.*—The chief work carried on being collection of crop, very little labor was expended on the up-keep of the plantations. The usual necessary incidental works under this head were, however, carried out.

ORDER—dated 13th March 1884, No. 366, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director, Government Cinchona Plantations, Parks and Gardens, Nilgiris.
" the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Aubert.

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G.O., 13th March 1884, No. 366.

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Government Cinchona Plantations,

Nilgiris.—Report on the — for the half-year
ending 30th September 1883, recorded.

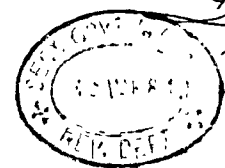
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Director's Office
Cotacumund
29th February 1884

From The Director
Govt. Cinchona Plantations
of Nilgiris
To The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

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instructions, contained in G. O.
No 855 dated 14th July 1883,
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2 Season and Rainfall

The rainfall was as under:

Dodabetta 32.48 inches,

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Wood 71.11 inches

Naduvattam 86.64 "

Hooker 175.54 "

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A severe hail storm visited
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3 Receipts. The receipts
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Naduvattam Rs 1783.5-4

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Rs 2047.12-8

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Salaries

Naduvattam 1399-4-0

Hooker 200-0-0

Dodabetta 1758-0-0

Wood 420-0-0

3877-4-0

Conservancy and Works

Naduvattam 14245-1-7

Hooker 2801-13-4

Dodabetta 7617-2-0

Wood 1248-3-7

25912-4-6

Total Rs 29,789-8-6

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your most Obedt servant

M. L. Lawson.

Director

Scientific and other
Minor Department
(1884)

From
The Director
Govt Cinchona Plantations
Kilgiris

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Dated 29 February }
Recd March } 1884

Subject
Submitting half-yearly
report ending 30 Sept.
1883 on the Government
Cinchona Plantations
Kilgiris.

It should
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difficult to
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Director's Office
Colacumund
27th February 1884.



From,

The Director
Govt Cinchona Plantations
Kilgiris.

To
M. E. Stokes Esq.
Secretary to Government
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W. L. Lawson.

Director

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13-3-84.

To the Director, Govt. Can. Planting
Parks & Gardens, Victoria
16. Board of Revenue.
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The Right Hon. the Governor

From
The Director
Govt. Cane Plantations
Colonial

To the Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

Dated 29 February
Despatched 1st March 1884.
Recd 3rd March

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Subject

Forwards half yearly
report ending 30 September
1883 on the Govt. Cane
Plantations, Victoria.

With an order