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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from M. A. LAWSON, Esq., Director of Government Cinchona Plantations, Parks and Gardens, Nílgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 9th October 1885, No. 65 :—

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| Name of Plantations. | Description of Bark. | AMOUNT REALISED FOR 100 LB. OF CINCHONA BARK. | | |

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Cinchona Bark.

Letter from the Director forwarding a statement of the prices of — realised at the local sale held in October 1885, recorded.

No 1 Print in abstract

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AUCTION SALE
OF
GOVERNMENT
CHINCHONA BARK.

MESSRS. OAKES & Co.

Under instructions from the Director of the Government Chinchona Plantations, Botanical Gardens and Parks.

WILL
SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
AT THEIR
SALE ROOMS, EXCHANGE HALL, MADRAS,
ON MONDAY
THE 5TH OCTOBER 1885,
COMMENCING AT 12 NOON PRECISELY,

176 Bales of Chinchona Bark as specified below.

DODABETTA CROWN BARK.

1	Renewed	141	Bales containing	14,100	lbs.
2	Mossed	11	„ „	1,100	„
		152		15,200	

NADUVATAM CROWN BARK.

1	Mossed	11	Bales containing	1,100	lbs.
2	Root	13	„ „	1,300	„
		24		2,400	
Grand Total...		176	Bales containing	17,600	„

TERMS—CASH.

Conditions of Sale.

1st.—The highest bidder to be the purchaser, and in the event of any dispute arising between two or more bidders at the same price, the lot so disputed shall be put up again and re-sold.

2nd.—The lots to be removed by the purchasers at their own expense and risk. A deposit of 25 per cent. to be paid at the time of sale immediately after the lot is knocked down to the purchaser, when demanded, and in case of refusal, the lot shall be re-sold at the risk (in the event of any loss) of the party so refusing.

3rd.—Lots to be taken with all faults and errors of description.

4th.—All lots to be at the risk of the purchasers from the time of sale, and such as remain uncleared after five days may, at the option of the Auctioneers, be re-sold either by public or private sale, the first purchaser to be held liable for any loss arising from such re-sale, but to forfeit any advantage together with the Auctioneer's commission.

Name of Cinchona Plantation.	Description of Cinchona Bark.	Number on Bales for each lot.	Amount realized.	Remarks.
Dodabetta Estate ...	Renewed Crown.	1 to 10		
Do. ...	Do. ...	11 to 20		
Do. ...	Do. ...	21 to 30		
Do. ...	Do. ...	31 to 40		
Do. ...	Do. ...	41 to 50		
Do. ...	Do. ...	51 to 60		
Do ...	Do. ...	61 to 70		
Do. ...	Do. ...	71 to 80		
Do. ...	Do. ...	81 to 90		
Do. ...	Do. ...	91 to 100		
Do. ...	Do. ...	101 to 110		
Do. ...	Do. ...	111 to 120		
Do. ...	Do. ...	121 to 130		
Do. ...	Do. ...	131 to 141		11 Bales.
Do. ...	Mossed Crown...	1 to 11		11 Bales.
Naduvatam Estate ...	Do. ...	1 to 11		11 Bales.
Do. ...	Root Crown ...	33 to 45		13 Bales.

Each lot contains 10 Bales.

REPORT ON THE ANALYSES

OF CINCHONA BARK

FROM THE GOVERNMENT PLANTATIONS,

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

ON 5th OCTOBER, 1885.

Description of Bark.	Quinine.	Cinchonidine.	Quinidine.	Cinchonine.	Amorphous Alkaloids.	Total.	Crystallized Sulphate of Quinine.
Dodabetta Renewed Crown.	3·02	1·20	·40	·64	·75	6·01	4·06
Do. Mossed Crown ...	3·50	1·36	·18	·50	·52	6·06	4·70
Naduvatam Do.	3·01	1·39	„	·97	·27	5·64	4·05
Do. Root Crown. ...	3·32	1·61	·60	1·46	·51	7·50	4·46

N. B.—Results expressed in percentage on the air-dried bark.

(Signed) DAVID HOOPER,
Government Quinologist.

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Statement showing the prices realized at the several sales since January 1882 to October 1885.

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Name of Plantations	Description of Bark	Amount realized for 100 lbs of Cinchona Bark: In January 1882	In September 1882	In February 1883	In December 1883	In January 1884	In March 1884	In August 1884	In November 1884	In February 1885	In March 1885	In September 1885	In October 1885 for 100 lbs: Reserve Price	Prices at which sold	Remarks
Dodabetta	Do														
	Do														
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Nadivatam	Do														
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Pykara	Do														
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Statement showing the aggregate number of pounds sold and the total amount realized at the Auction Sale of 5th October 1885.

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Description of Bark	Number of Bales	Quantity	Amount	Remarks.
Dodalutta Renewed Crown	141	14,100	17,476 " "	at Rs 123, 124, and 125 per Bale
—— Do —— Mossed —— Do ——	11	1,100	1,452 " "	at Rs 132 per Bale
Naduvatam —— Do —— Do ——	11	1,100	1,243 " "	at Rs 113 —— Do ——
—— Do —— Root —— Do ——	13	1300	1,625 " "	at Rs 125 —— Do ——
Total	176	17,600	21,796 " "	
Add Sale of 7th September 1885.	175	17,500	16,288 " "	
Grand Total	351	35,100	38,084 " "	

Director's office
Ootacamund 9th Oct 1885

R. K. Lawson
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No 4. Comparative statement showing the rate per lb in Indian and English currency at which Cinchona Bark was sold.

Name of Plantation	Description of Bark	Auction Sale of March 1885		Auction Sale of September 1885		Auction Sale of October 1885		Value of the mark of Sir G. Clarke's Scale	Remark.
		Rate per lb in Indian currency	Rate per lb in English Money	Rate per lb in Indian currency	Rate per lb in English Money	Rate per lb in Indian Currency	Rate per lb in English Money		
		R a p	£ s d	R a p	£ s d	R a p	£ s d		
Dodabetta	Renewed Crown	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	1 3 10	1 11¾	5.85 d	Calculated at the official rate of Exchange 1s 7d per Rupee
— Do —	Mossed Crown	1 4 5	1 2 1	" " "	" " "	1 5 2	2 1¾	5.48 d	
Nadunadam	Mossed Crown	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	1 2 1	1 9¾	5.37 d	Calculated at the official Rate of Exchange 1s 7d per Rupee
— Do —	Root Crown	" " "	" " "	1 2 "	1 10¼	1 4 "	2 "	5.38 d	

Directors office
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N. A. Lawson
Director

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Statement showing the number of lbs packages sold and the total amount realized at the auction sales of 5th October 1885.

No. 65 Director's Office
Octacamund 5th October 1885

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Parks and Gardens
Nilgiris

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Director

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Revenue (1885) Cinchona

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The Director
Govt Cinchona Plantn
Nilgiris

5.d.

Sir,

Order No 11537/15.10.85. I am directed by the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
to forward herewith

Recorded. No 65

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Dated
Received 26 October 1885

Enclosures-4.

Subject

Local Sale of Cinchona bark

Reporting the particulars of a — held on the 5th October 1885 and furnishing the usual statements.

R.D.C.

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5 to Dr Govt Cin Plantations
6 a Asst Conservator
16 a Board of Revenue
5 a Financial Dept

dis - 26.10.85

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