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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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3RD FEBRUARY 1890, No. 102, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from G. ROMILLY, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Wynaad Planters' Association, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Malabar), dated Meppadi, 14th January 1890, No. 155-P:—

Under instructions from this Association, I have the honor to address you on the subject of the great mortality of cinchona trees that has recently spread through this district, and to request that Government will be good enough to send us scientific aid to discover its probable origin.

2. Opinion among planters differs considerably as to whether it is a specific disease that is attacking one plant, or whether the mortality arises from natural causes, consequent on the conditions of planting such as from unsuitability of soil or climate.

3. But it is, I fear, a fact that the mortality is on the increase, and this year young cinchona clearings in some parts of the district have died out wholesale.

4. It is a question that we cannot determine for ourselves and where the opinion of an expert would be invaluable.

5. Government has before assisted the planting community under similar circumstances in sending Dr. G. Bidie to Coorg to report on the ravages of the borer among coffee trees, and in Ceylon in investigating the nature of the *Hemileia Vastatrix*; and we trust that in this instance Government will again come to our assistance and send us the valuable scientific services now at its disposal.

Submitted for the favorable consideration of Government. This cinchona mortality is a grievous addition to the crosses of the much-suffering planter.

CALICUT,
16th January 1890.

(Signed) H. M. WINTERBOTHAM,
Collector.

ORDER—dated 3rd February 1890, No. 102, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to direct Mr. Lawson, the Government Botanist and Director of Cinchona Plantations, to proceed at once to the Wynaad, where he will make inquiries regarding the great mortality among cinchona trees, reported by Mr. Romilly, the Honorary Secretary to the Wynaad Planters' Association.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To George Romilly, Esq., the Honorary Secretary, Wynaad Planters' Association.
„ M. A. Lawson, Esq., Government Botanist.
„ the Accountant-General.
Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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G.O., 3rd February 1890, No. 102.

FEBRUARY.

Mortality among Cinchona trees.

Directing Mr. Lawson, the Government Botanist and Director of Cinchona Plantations, to proceed at once to Wynaad and to make inquiries regarding the — reported by Mr. Romilly.

Govt. Madras
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
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My dear father
I have heard, indirectly,
that the Wynaad Planters'
Association are asking Government
to send me down to look at their
Cinchona, which in many places
is said to be dying of canker.
I do not know if there is any
truth in the rumour, but if there
is, I should like very much to go,
if Govt will sanction my doing so.
and I would like to start at once,
before the rains begin, for
then I should be able to do
some plant-collecting on my
road.

I am
yours sincerely
M. L. Lawson

NOTE FOR THE

Secretary

Shall this G.O. be
sent to H.E. the Governor
of information
after despatch?

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P.S. The telegram has been
sent in connection with the
d.o. so I have not mentioned
it in the order - R

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Revenue Secretariat,
756.3 1890.

My dear Dawson -

In reply to your letter
of Jan. 30, I am directed to
state that Govt. wishes you
to start at once for the
Wynnad, in order to make
enquiries into the mortality
among cinchona trees there.
A telegram to this effect
is being sent to you.
Please address Mr. Romilly,
the Hon. Secy of the Wynnad
Planters' Assocn for an

information you may
require, as it is on his
motion that the Govt
has taken action.

Yours sincerely

C.L.

From order

Despatched
2/2/90

Telegram

to. Mr. A. Dawson Esq.
Govt Botanist.

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Your ~~despatch~~ ^{letter} of 30th start at once
for Wynand letter
follows.

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Despatch it more
urgent -
Copy this d.o. and
send to Secy for
signature sharp, so
that it may go by
this eve's post.

Run

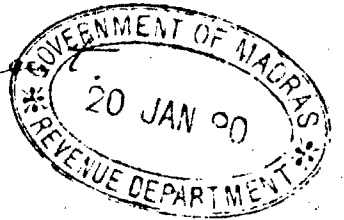
Wynard Planters'
Association.

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Meppadi, South Wynard

14th January 1890.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government



Sir,

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But it is, I fear, a fact that the mortality is on the increase, and this year young Cinchona clearings in some parts of the District have died.

For orders

Search is being made in the office for the papers about Dr. Bidder's deputation to Coorg, but as Mr. Dawson wants orders at once, this current is submitted for orders.

Submitted that Mr. Dawson may be told to go - The fever season begins in Feb^y but is worst when the hot weather is really on, so he should go as soon as possible -

Run
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Dr. Bidder's papers have just been found & are put up.

Run

Containing order to Mr. Dawson to go at once - I think he intends to fire at once.

Certainly - 1/2/90
1/2/90

Revenue
Public Department
1890

From E No. 477.

The Collector of
Malabar

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

The Hon. Secy. to Govt.
The Hon. Secy. to Govt.

Dated 16th January 1890
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End

Cinchona mortality.

Submitting for the favorable consideration of Government letter from the Hon. Secy. to Govt. Wynad Planters' Association on the subject of giving scientific assistance in enquiring into the recent - in the district.

For orders.

P.T.O.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From orders.

Order of 3rd Feb^y 1890, no. 102.
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he will make enquiries
regarding the great mortality
among Cinchona trees, reported
by Mr. Romilly, the Hon. Secy. to
the Wynad Planters' Assoc.

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To George Romilly Esq.
The Hon. Secy. Wynad Planters'
Assoc. Des. 4.2

2 Mr. Dawson Esq.
Govt. Botanist.
Des. 4.2

3 Asst. Genl.
Copy to the - Coll. of Malabar

Des. 13-2-90

Cuo. 477/50.

From order.

Directing No. Lawson
to start at once for
the Wyznaad, in order
to investigate the
Circumstances mortality
there.

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Wm. to the Hon. Secy

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