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Director's Office,

Ootacamund, 7 February 188[illegible].

From

M. A. LAWSON, Esq.,

Government Botanist and Director of

Government Cinchona Plantations, &c.,

Nilgiris.

To

The Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you a small parcel containing one hundred paper packets, each of which has in it five grains of the Sulphate of quinine. The whole parcel is priced Rs 1-8-0; *and each packet three fie[illegible]*

As quinine is not readily effected by damp, there can be no fear of the medicine turning bad, although it is only wrapped in common paper.

I have further to request that you will be so good as to obtain the opinion of the Surgeon General, as to whether it would not be more Convenient and cheaper to dispose of

of the quinine, made at Nadavatam, in this way, than by sending it out in vials or tins; and 2nd if it would not be desirable to send these packets to Post Masters, Revenue Officials, and heads of villages, who should be instructed to sell the packets to the natives for three pies each. This would give to the seller a commission of one anna on each parcel, or one anna on each Rs 1-8-0 or a little over 4 per cent on the total value of the parcel.

By adopting some method such as this, quinine would be brought within the reach of the poorest classes; for a dose of five grains would cost them only three pies; and thus, the main object which the Government had in view, when they went to the trouble and expense of introducing the Cinchona tree into India would stand a good chance being at last accomplished.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
M. A. Lawson
Govt. Botanist and Director

1-5-16

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Referred to the Surgeon General for favor of his opinion.

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To
The Surgeon Genl.
thro' the Public Deptt.
with parcel containing
100 paper packets of Sulphate of quinine
to be sent.

Revenue Department

REVENUE {1890.} CINCHONA.

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No. 75

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Subject.

Sulphate of quinine

Forwards a parcel of 100 packets of — at 3 pies each, asking to obtain the opinion of the Surgeon General, as to its being sent in paper, a much cheaper method than in metal or tins, and as to its distribution to General officials for sale and points out that by such method it is brought within the reach of poor classes, the object which the Govt. had [illegible] in view.

C.K
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