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No. 159. Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 5th January 1876, No. 1:—

I HAVE the honor, with reference to the orders of Government quoted in the margin, to suggest that some definite order should be passed regarding the supply of young Cinchona plants from the Government nurseries to persons desirous of cultivating them in Wynaad.

G. O., 28th August 1874, No. 1,105.
" 18th December " " 1,589.
" 17th April " " 457.

2. In paragraph 2 of the last quoted G.O., it was observed: " * * to enable Mr. Melvor to comply with indents which may be made upon him, timely intimation of the wants of planters must be sent to him." In accordance with these instructions, I submitted on the 27th November last, through the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to Mr. Melvor a requisition from Captain Cox for 5,000 *C. Ledgeriana* and 10,000 *C. Succirubra* to be supplied in June and July of the current year; and from the Commissioner's reply, dated 22nd ultimo, it appears that Mr. Melvor will be "unable to supply the full number of Cinchona plants applied for by Captain Cox," and that he is "unable to say what number of Cinchona plants of each variety he may be able to supply to Captain Cox in June and July next."

3. I fancy that Government will be of opinion with me that timely intimation of Captain Cox's requirements was given in the present instance, and yet the result is, it seems to me, most unsatisfactory. Mr. Melvor not only cannot supply the full number of plants required, but he is even unable to hazard a guess as to the approximate number which may be available.

4. If I were to remain satisfied with this answer, it is quite evident that Captain Cox must look elsewhere for a supply of plants, with the result, probably, that he would be discouraged from continuing his efforts to extend the cultivation of the plant in Wynaad; but I am unable to think that this action on the part of the Superintendent of the Cinchona Plantations is in accordance with the wishes of Government, who have always looked upon the extension of this cultivation, and more especially in a feverish country like Wynaad, as one of great importance. Moreover, it seems to me to be a most suicidal policy on the part of the Superintendent to choke off (so to speak) the demand for plants which, at the price charged for them, viz., two pies each, ought to bring in a very considerable revenue to Government if properly encouraged.

5. I would, therefore, suggest either that the Superintendent should be directed to comply in full with all *timely* requisitions for plants, and in order to this that he should be asked to fix a date on which such requisitions should reach him, or that planters should be informed that they must look elsewhere than to the Government plantations for supplies of the plants.

6. It is no doubt most creditable to the Superintendent's management of the Cinchona plantations that Crown bark should be quoted at fabulous prices in the London market; but, at the same time, it would be as well for him to recollect that the true interests of the country demand rather that the price of the Cinchona alkaloids should be so lowered that a cooly on four annas a day should be able, out of his pittance, to purchase a sufficient quantity of the drug to insure himself and family against attacks of malarious fever. And this, it is needless to observe,

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will never be brought about till private enterprise comes to the aid of the Government in this direction. The industry has not as yet been sufficiently developed to throw it on its own resources with a fair prospect of success, and for some considerable time further the energies of the Superintendent should, in my opinion, be devoted to aiding private individuals in propagating the different species of the plant.

7. I trust that early orders may be passed, as the season for preparing the ground for planting in Wynaad has already arrived, and it is of great consequence that some definite understanding should be come to; and if these views have the support of Government, I would further suggest that the Superintendent should be directed to comply, as far as possible, with Captain Cox's request.

No. 160.

ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1876, No. 80.

Miscellaneous.

25th August 1874, No. 1,105.
16th December " " 1,589.

The Government observe that in the orders noted in the margin it was definitely decided that seed only would, in future, be supplied to the public.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar,
the Board of Revenue.

Edw. F. R. Bantleman.

Malabar Collectors Office,
Calicut, 5th January 1876.

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From, W. Logan, Esq.,
Collector of Malabar;

To, The Honble W. Huddleston
Chief Secretary to Government
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Sir, I have the honor with reference
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G.O. 20th August/74
W.O. 1105
10th December/74
W.O. 1509
17th April/75 W.O. 1457

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient servant

W. C. Cogan

As Collector.

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