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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th October 1867.*

No. 136. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Public,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 23rd August 1867, No. 32 :—

* Revenue, March 12th (No. 17), 1867. 1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches, of the numbers and dates noted in the margin,* on the subject of Chinchona cultivation.

2. The specimens of bark forwarded with your Despatch, dated March 12th (No. 17), 1867, in the Revenue Department, are now exhibited in the Paris Exhibition. It is to be regretted that so few specimens were sent, and those only of one species. There should have been good specimens of the bark of all the species now cultivated on the Neilgherry Hills, together with flowers and capsules of such as have borne fruit.

3. Mr. Broughton's interesting preliminary report, together with the report of the Chinchona Commission, have been printed for the information of physicians and chemists in England and on the Continent. The report of the Commissioners appointed in your Presidency, as to the efficacy of Chinchona alkaloids other than quinine, is fully concurred in by the medical men who were appointed to make similar investigations in the Bombay Presidency. Their conclusions are highly important, and I shall be glad to receive the results of their further inquiries.

4. Mr. Howard has been requested to analyze and report upon the specimens of bark sent home with your Despatch in the Revenue Department, dated May 13th (No. 31), 1867, but his report has not yet reached me.

5. The three chests containing each about 100 lbs. of Chinchona bark, the despatch of which was reported in your letter, dated May 23rd (No. 35), 1867, in the Revenue Department, arrived last month. They were put into the hands of a broker and sold by public sale on the 25th ultimo. The bark in the two cases (lots 109 and 110) sold at 2s. per lb.; and that containing quill bark at 1s. 9d. per lb. This is considered by the broker, and by Mr. Howard, to be a very satisfactory result of the first offer of East Indian bark for public sale, in the London market. Mr. Howard has analyzed samples of the bark which was put up for sale, and found the best to contain about seven per cent. of alkaloids, after only four years of growth. He made the average of the whole consignment to yield three per cent., but the French estimate was that the three chests only averaged one and a half per cent.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1867, No. 2,347.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Superintendent of the Government Chinchona Plantations, the Government Quinologist, Board of Revenue, Chamber of Commerce, Agri-Horticultural Society, Conservator of Forests, to the Inspector General of the Medical Department, and to the President of the Chinchona Commission.

2. Ordered also to be communicated to the Governments of India and of the other Presidencies.

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3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Despatch, the Acting Superintendent of the Chinchona Plantations will be directed to make a complete collection of specimens of the bark of all the different species of Chinchona now growing on the Neilgherries, with flowers and capsules when available, for deposit in the India House Museum, and a duplicate collection for the local Museum.

4. The specimens will of course be collected gradually, as bark of good growth may become available.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintendent of the Government Chinchona Plantations.
To J. Broughton, Esq.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. the Chamber of Commerce.
.. the Agri-Horticultural Society.
.. the Conservator of Forests.
.. the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
.. the President of the Chinchona Commission.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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under date the 7th October 1867.

Read the following
Despatch from the Home
Government

Offering remarks on
letters transmitting Chinchona
barks and Mr. Broughton's
Report; together with the
Reports of the Chinchona
Commission.

(Here enter 23rd Aug 67
No. 32)

Ordered to be
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Acting Supt of the
Govt Chinchona Plan-
tations, the Govt Zoo-
nologist, Board of Revenue,
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Local Museum.

The specimens will
be forwarded to the
Government at the
end of the year.
If good growth may
be made available.

1 Copy to the Asst. Secy of Agric. Plantations
1 - J. Broughton Esq.
1 - Copy - Asst. Secy
1 - Chamber of Commerce
1 - Agric. Horticultural Society
1 - Asst. Secy of Forests
2 - Inspector Genl. Indian Med. Dept.
1 - President Chiv. Commis.
5 Copies each to the Asst. Secy of India Museum
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