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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 173. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September 1867, No. 6,187.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1867, No. 439 :—

* Revenue Department. 1. As required in Government Proceedings,* No. 1,059, dated 3rd May 1866, I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Sub-Collector's report on the cultivation of Chinchonas in this district.

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2. Three plantations were made altogether, two on the General's hill at different elevations, (about three and four thousand feet respectively,) and one on the hills above Papanasam, at about three thousand feet.

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‡ 18th July 1867. of the Succirubra and fifteen of the Officinalis alive and apparently promising. I have Captain Beddome's authority for saying that the Succirubra are as flourishing as possible. The Officinalis, however, do not appear to grow at all on the Chinna Kulirati, and I believe require greater elevation. I propose, therefore, to re-transplant them to the Periya Kulirati and hand them over to Mr. Honiss, who has a house there, and would look after them, either for Government or as private speculation, if Government approve. This move will at the same time give the additional room to the Succirubra which they require.

§ Inspected with Captain Beddome on the 23th July. 4. On the Papanasam plantation§ thirty-two of the Succirubra out of forty planted, and seventy-five of the Officinalis out of one hundred, have survived the year, and both appear to prosper remarkably well; though here again the Succirubra seem better suited to the climate.

5. The plantation, as you are aware, is at present under the care of one of the ten hillmen who are paid to protect the jungles, and is visited from time to time by the Forest Peons. It is too|| far from the plains to be easily inspected, but if the Tinnevely forests are handed over to the department as proposed, I have no doubt they would be able to arrange for its regular and effective supervision.

6. As an experiment, the cultivation seems to me to have been completely successful, though it is manifest that the "Succirubra" variety is far better suited to the elevation (or climate) of our hills than the other.

7. There is a very large tract of forest which was cleared by the hillmen in 1859, within a couple of miles of the plantation, and on which timber will never grow again; there could be no

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8th October 1867.

objection, I think, to having this planted with Coffee or Chinchonas under a regular establishment; or it might even be given up to private enterprise without any fear of further injury to the sources of irrigation, and by putting one of the establishment in charge, the preservation of the Chinchonas would be assured at no great cost to Government.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Board consider the results of the experiment to be satisfactory as far as they go, and though they would not extend the plantation, as proposed in the concluding paragraph of the Sub-Collector's letter, they consider that the present plants should be carefully looked after, and periodical reports submitted of their progress.
3. The Sub-Collector's proposal to transfer some of the plants to Mr. Honiss seems unobjectionable.
4. The Collector should report upon the advisability of allowing private persons to purchase estates in the tracts referred to in paragraph 7 of Mr. Pennington's letter. He should also state how many plants were received from Ootacamund, and whether the hill people will not take some of them. It is observed that Government ordered five hundred plants to be sent, but only two hundred and twelve appear to have been planted.

No. 174. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1867, No. 2,362.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, the Conservator of Forests, and the Agri-Horticultural Society.
2. The transfer of the plants on the Peria Kulirati to Mr. Honiss is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations.
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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. J. Wright.

*Letter to the Collector of Tinnevely
13th Oct 1867
1/5th. Hon. Sec. 1867. No. 2362.*

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Secretary.

*Copy in a letter to the
15th. Hon. Sec. 1867. No. 2362.*

No. 6,187.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 2618.

Dec. 1867.

Department

Submitting for information of Government report of Sub-Collector of Tinnevely on experimental cultivation of Chinchonas in District, and requesting Collector to report upon the advisability of allowing private persons to purchase estates in certain tracts, and to state how many plants were received from Ootacamund, and whether the hill-people will not take some of them.

Dated 20th September 1867.
Received 1/10/67

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