

Revenue (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Directing the immediate transfer of the
Herbarium at Behar and to the Govt.
Central Museum at the same*

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The Superintendent
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SUBJECT.

Suggesting some modification
of the proposals re the
Herbarium, consequent
on the departure of
Mr Hooper to Calcutta

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No. 748.

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,

Pantheon Road, Egmore,

Madras, 31st August 1896.

From

EDGAR THURSTON, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT,

Government Museum,

Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Educational Department.

SIR,

With reference to my No. 475.15th June 1896, on the subject of the herbarium, the departure of Mr. Hooper to Calcutta necessitates some modification of the proposals made by me therein.

2. I regard it as of great importance that the herbarium should, if possible, be returned to the Museum between the S. and N.E. monsoons, and I would suggest that I should come up to Adacanund, for a few days and supervise the commencement of the packing of the herbarium bundles. On the arrival

Educational, (1896) Department.

From

Edgar Thurston Esq.,
Superintendent, Govt. Museum.

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Enclosures. Nil

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Subject.Suggesting some modification
of the proposals made in his
No. 475. 15th June, 1896, on the subject
of the Herbarium —
consequent on the departure of
Mr. Hooper to Calcutta.

Kelso Villa.

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July 18. 1896.

Dear Mr Arundel,

Nothing has been done
to think of it
18.7.96

You will have seen
from an occasional note
in the "Madras Mail" of the
16th, that it is not generally
known that the herbarium
is still located in Oota-
camund & that I am in
a position to match or
identify any plant from
any part of the presidency.
I am working in the herb-

arium every day,
I have been in a
small way, identifying
plants sent to me by friends,
but my chief work has been
to arrange the grasses of
Madras according to the
last part of the "Flora of
British India."

H.E. the Governor & Mr.
Thurston considered it
desirable that I should be
placed in charge of the
herbarium until the
arrival of the new Govt.

Botanist next year, but I
have received no instructions
at present from Government.

I should like to write to
the paper & intimate my
willingness to assist any
one in naming plants, but
I do not feel justified in
doing so until my connec-
tion with the herbarium is
officially recognised.

Could you kindly tell
me if any steps have been
taken with regard to my
being placed in charge

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of the botanical collections?

Yours sincerely

recd 1st/9/96

J. Hooper.

Dear Mr. Hooper,

I am sorry to hear

that of today nothing
has yet been
done towards placing

you in charge of the
botanical collections.
The enclosure you were
sent is returned.

R. B. S. J.

Dear D. ... business museum ...
I am ...
R. D. ...
Parisienne ...
will you ...
watch on ...
behalf the ...
of my No 435-15 ...
wherein I recommend
that the herbarium
should return to the
bosom of its family
between the two
monsoons? i.e. will
you, when orders are
passed on it, let me
know what has been



Application for post
of library attendant
runs thus: "As for
testimonials, I did
not try to get one
from any one, as they
I think, only cover
the faults of a man.
Check on originality?"

Yours sincerely
Edgar Thurston

done, so that I may
know in advance of
the hinted G.O.
which will probably
take time to get out?
Various events hinge
on this order, viz. my
own movements, and
those of Bourne, as
well as the date of
Mrs Bourne's departure
to England. If the
herbarium returns
when I suggest, Bourne
will probably come
and stay here, so
that we can peg
away at it in
mornings and evenings.

Ootacamund, 15th June 1896.

From.

D. Hooper Esq.

Government Quinologist,

Government Cinchona Plantations, etc.,

Nilgiris.

To
E. Thurston Esq.,

Superintendent of the Central

Museum,

Madras.

(Camp) Ootacamund.

Sir,

The recent G. O. No 212 dated 23rd May

1896, referring certain matters connected with the

separation of the Cinchona and Botanical

Departments, requests the Director to arrange for the

despatch of the Herbarium and Botanical

Library to Madras.

2. With regard to the Herbarium, it was

Mr. Sawson's intention to retain in Ootacamund

a small collection of typical Nilgiri plants,

and of the introduced plants, that have flowered

at different times in the Government Gardens.

This

means of the general Herbarium, should

ultimately be placed in charge of the Curator of the Government Gardens, who would allow it to be used for reference by persons interested in Botany. As the preparation of the small collection will require some time, and the whole of the plants should be examined and cleaned before they are sent away, perhaps it would be well if you could prevail upon Government to suspend their order for their immediate removal to Madras. Any leisure I may have during this year would be willingly given to the upkeep of the Herbarium, if it is to remain on the hills; and it would be better to hand it over in good preservation to the new Government Botanist. The Botanical Department, to which the Herbarium was attached has had its head quarters for so many years in Ootacamund, that I think it would

be

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,

Fortneon Road, Egmore,

at any rate, until the new ~~intimacy~~ 1896.
in India.

3. With regard to the Botanical Library, most of the books in the Garden office, are duplicates of those already in the Madras Museum; and for this reason the Library is not mentioned in the reports of Dr. King and Mr. Sawson. I will however have a catalogue of all the books carefully compiled, so that you, or the Government Botanist, may select any copies you are likely to require.

Shave, etc,

(Sd.) D. Hooper.

Government Oculologist.

(True copy)

Sd. J. H. M. S. L.

Superintendent,

Government Museum.

Madras, 15 June 1896.

From

EDGAR THURSTON, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT,

Government Museum,

Madras,



To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue
Educational Department

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith
copy of letter received from Mr. D. Hooper on the
subject of para 3 of S.O. No 212, dated 23rd May
1896, relating to the herbarium and botanical
library.

2. The herbarium is composed of—

(i) The "Hooker and Thomson collection" of
Indian plants, which was in the custody of the
Conservator of Forests till 1866, when it was
transferred to the Madras Museum; collection
made or presented by Wight, Cleghorn, Beadome,
King, and other botanists; and specimens of
Indian plants presented by Kew Gardens.

season, during the time that the
herbarium was temporarily transferred to his
charge, and which form such an important
collection that it will doubtless be known in
future, among botanists, as the "Savsonian
herbarium". This is certainly a unique
representation of the flora of those parts of
Southern India which Mr. Savson visited,
and, as such, may easily be ruined, unless
extreme care be taken in the selection of the
duplicates. Many of the specimens, which
might, on cursory inspection, appear to be
duplicates, really illustrate geographical
distribution, or represent different varieties,
or different phases due to season or locality,
to which matters Mr. Savson paid the most
careful attention.

3. It follows, therefore, that the only
specimens, which should be set apart for

the

the end in making a herbarium box
duplicates as regards variety, precise local
and time of year at which the specimens were
collected.

4. I would strongly urge that, after the
selection of each specimen, it should not be
removed from its place in the series, but should
be marked with a coloured label, pinned on so
as to overlap the sheet, to make it at once obvious
which are the specimens proposed to be set
apart for the Octacennid herbarium.

5. The work of selection could, doubtless, be
accomplished by Mr. Hooper within three
months, and it is extremely desirable that, if
possible, the transit of the herbarium, and its
cases, to Madras should take place in the
interval between the South-West and North-
East monsoons, and that the first week in
October would, in all likelihood, be the
most suitable time for the attainment of

this

object.

It will be observed that my proposals necessitate the transfer of the collection to Madras in its entirety, as I think it most desirable that the final separation of the Ootacamund herbarium should be carried out in the Museum, with the whole collection at hand.

7. Further, as the officer responsible for the herbarium, which is the property of the Museum, I should not feel justified in making over any portion of the collection without personal examination.

8. I may mention that it is my intention, subject to the approval of Government, to proceed on furlough in February next, and to recommend hereafter that Dr. Bourne should be permitted to act for me, which would doubtless be able to do in

addition to the duties of his present appointment. Dr. Bourne is, at the present time, engaged

engaged in making a herbarium for educational purposes, and is anxious to make a detailed examination of the Museum herbarium. And, if it reaches Madras at the time I suggest I shall be able to secure Dr. Bourne's assistance definitely settling which specimens shall be kept apart for the Ootacamund herbarium before I start on furlough; while, if Dr. Bourne is left in charge of the Museum, he would combine his examination of the herbarium with its arrangement in the section allotted to it in the Museum.

9. I observe that Mr. Hooper proposes that "the whole of the plants should be cleaned before they are sent away" from Ootacamund. Any such process may be detrimental to them as they are very fragile, and would, moreover, remove the preservative covering. I hope, therefore, that no such measures will be taken.

10. There is, on the staff of the Botanical Department at Ootacamund, no one well competent

dependent to carry out the duties of herbarium-
assistant. The Museum herbarium-keeper, who
has been of very great use to me in connection
with the botanical and economic questions, and
is in an advanced stage of consumption, is
presently absent on Medical Certificate, and
it is very unlikely that he will ever be fit to
rejoin his appointment. There is at my
disposal half the pay of his appointment, and,
as my own time is fully occupied, I would
suggest:—(i) that I should select a man in
Madras, and send him for a few months to
Bengal, there to learn the duties of herbarium-
keeper; (ii) that, while going over the herbarium,
with a view to selecting the duplicates, Mr. Hooper
should be deputed to instruct the man in his
duties, so that he may be ready to carry on the
work of the herbarium-keeper in Madras,
when the herbarium is returned
to

to the Museum.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

your most obedient servant

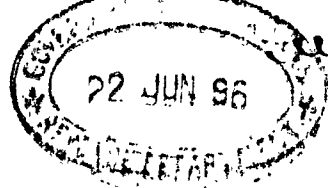
Edgar Thurston

Superintendent

Government Museum

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Edgar Thurston Esq.,
Superintendent, Government
Museum.



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Dated 15th June }
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No. 81.

Subject.

Forwarding with his

remarks and suggestions, Copy

of Mr. D. Hooper's letter relating

to the herbarium and

Botanical Library.

Revenue (1896) Department.

CURRENT No.



From

The Collector of Pulpis

Orders of Secy

Submitted
that this current
may lie over along
with the others re:
the reorganization
of the Botanical and
Cinchona Depts. Mr
Thurston was informed
that no action could
be taken regarding
the transfer of the
herbarium until
the receipt of the
Secy of States' despatch
on the future of the
Botanical and
Cinchona Depts. (vide D.O.
dt 11-9-96 in the note

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Requesting that the
herbarium and library
be not sent to

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For. Secy.

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J. von Muller.

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M. G. Cooke.

Bulbous Plants.

Loudon.

Catalogue of the Hamburg Herbarium.

E. M. Holmes.

Cinchona Planter's Manual.

J. G. Owen.

Comparative Anatomy of the Phanerogams + Ferns.

De Bary.

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- Do -

Conspectus Florae Europaeae.

Nyman.

Cryptogamic Botany.

Bennett + Murray.

Cyclopaedia of India.

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Dictionary of the Economic Products of India.

Eucalyptographia.

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— Do —

Flora of Southern India.

— Do — of India:

— Do — Ceylon.

— Do — Australiensis.

— Do — Hongkongensis and Supplement.

— Do — Mauritius and the Seychelles.

— Do — Tropical Africa.

— Do — Capensis.

— Do — of the British West India Islands.

— Do — Orientalis.

— Do — Rossica Plates

— Do — Southern United States.

— Do — British India.

— Do — Indica.

— Do — Sylvatica.

W. G. Smith.

Walt.

H. von Muller.

R. H. Beddome.

— Do —

Burmanni.

A. Trimen.

Benthams

— Do —

Baker.

D. Oliver

Harvey + Sonder

Grisbach.

Borowie.

Chapman.

J. D. Hooker.

Burmanni.

R. H. Beddome.

Flowering Plants of Western India.

Forest Trees and Catalogue of Plants

— Do — Flora.

Forester's Manual.

Gardener's Chronicle.

Genera Plantarum.

Geological Survey of California.

Hand Book of Hardy Trees, Shrubs & Herbaceous Plants.

Himalayan Botany.

Icones.

— Do —

— Do — Plantarum.

Iconum Botanicarum.

Indian Agriculturist.

— Do — Forester.

— Do — Economic Products list.

Indigenous Fodder Grasses.

Journal of the Linnaean Society.

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A. H. Naine

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W. H. Brewer, S. Watson
& A. Gray.

Hemslay.

Royle.

Beddome.

R. Wight.

J. D. Hooker.

Pritzgal.

J. N. Mukharji.

J. F. Duthie.

J.

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— Do — Nilgiris.

— Do — Coimbatore.

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Medicinal Plants.

Mensuration of Timber and Timber Crops.

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Monographiae Phanerogamarum.

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Nature

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W. Logan.

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Chetty.

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A. B. Prigg.

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A. Gray.

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P. J. Bailey.

W. Dymock.

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Nouvelles Etudes Sub. Les Quinquinas.

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Pharmacographia.

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Plants to the Flora of Ceylon.

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Quinology of the East Indian Plantations.

Rainfall Data of India. 1874.

~~Rosier~~

Roxburgh's Bromandel Plants.

Report on the Fibers of Southern India.

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Synopsis Filicum.

Tenth Book of Botany.

Thearus Literaturae Botanicae.

Treasury of Botany.

R. Wight.

J. Triana.

Griffith

Bonavia.

W. Griffith

Gardner.

S. H. Vines

Thüchsen & Hamburg.

Dymock, Warden & Hooper.

F. V. Muller.

Trimen.

Wight & Arnott.

De Baudelle.

J. E. Howard.

G. S. Horley.

G. Wath.

G. Bidie

Hooker.

Sachs.

Pritzger

Leidley & Moore.

Tropical Agriculturist.
or Wallich's Plantae Asiaticae Rarior.

Ootacamund, } R. L. Proudlock
17th September 1896 } Curator

No. 350

GOVERNMENT BOTANIC GARDENS,

OOTACAMUND, 24th September 1896

From

R. L. PROUDLOCK, Esq.,

CURATOR, GOVERNMENT BOTANIC GARDENS AND PARKS,

Nilgiris,

To

The Collector
of the Nilgiris

SIR,

With reference to para 3 of G.O. No. 212 dated 23rd May 1896 in which it is stated that it is under contemplation to send the Herbarium and Library down to Madras, I have the honor to point out that if this is done I will be very seriously crippled in my work here.

I. The Herbarium. - It is quite a small one and, from what I know of it now, it is not by any means a very rich one. I would ask that it be left here for my use as it stands in its entirety. Failing this, I would ask that I be allowed to take from it a complete set of type specimens for my use as Curator of the Gardens. In fact it is impossible for me to name plants which are occasionally sent to me for identification without full access to such specimens.

21st is the work
of the Govt. Botanist
not the
Curator

II. The Library. - If it is to be sent down to Madras as contemplated, I shall be left without a single book. The books have been purchased from Garden Funds during the course of several years. The Library cannot be called anything but quite a small one, and I would ask that I be allowed to keep it, also, here in its entirety. I am constantly receiving enquiries relating to botanical and horticultural matters from persons all over India and from abroad, which usually necessitates a reference to be made to one or to several works in the Library and also to specimens. The more complete the Library remains the better able I shall be to answer such enquiries satisfactorily. If, however, I am not permitted to retain all the books, I request that the works mentioned in the enclosed list may be left for my use.

To carry on the work of a Botanical Garden properly, it is absolutely necessary that a good, up-to-date, Library and a good Herbarium should be provided for the use of the Curator or Superintendent of it.

I now have the honor to request the favor of your kindly representing the

Verify, I suppose
it was by the
allotment of
of the Library

The list
of the
works
to be
left
to me

This matter to Government and to kindly ask that the Library and Herbarium be left here just as they stand for the use of the Curator of the Garden.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

R. L. Brondock
Curator

Despatched on 2-10-96

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Submitted to the Secretary
to Government, Revenue
Department for favor of
compliance

W. Tremble
Nilgiri Collectors Office Collector
Aoty 29 Sept 1896. 1.10.96

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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P.O. No. 212 Rev. of 23. 5. 86
para 3.C. 4421 }
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C. 7070 }

Order No. 1540 of 11. 4. 86

~~The Herbarium from Ootacamund~~
to Madras

M. Thurston's approaching departure on furlough renders necessary an immediate decision in regard to the location of the Herbarium. Orders have already issued in the P.O. read above directing the transfer of the collection to Madras, but as the actual ^{removal} transfer has been ~~postponed~~ ^{delayed} pending receipt of a command from the Govt. of India regarding the future management of the

Botanical & Conchology Depts. That communication has been recently received, there is no longer any reason to ~~postpone~~ the transfer of the Herbarium to the Govt. Central Museum from which it was originally removed. Mr. Sherrin will accept to be requested to arrange for the immediate removal of the collection to ~~the~~ the

and ~~the~~ contains nothing which ~~there~~ there is no longer any reason to postpone the ~~transfer~~ restoration of the Herbarium to its original ~~location~~ location, the Govt. Central Museum, Mr. Sherrin will accept to be requested to make the necessary arrangements in connection with Mr. Hooper, who has had temporary charge of the collection. ~~while~~ while the Govt. cannot accept the removal of the Col. of the Philippines that the Herbarium shall be placed in the charge of the Curator of

In the Govt. Central Museum
 In the Collection of the Philippines
 Govt. Curator
 It is considered that such ~~the~~ the Govt. Curator ~~shall~~ shall be requested to permit the latter officer to ~~visit~~ visit the duplicate specimens ~~as in Mr. Sherrin's~~ as in Mr. Sherrin's collection. ~~He~~ He shall be requested to transmit ~~an~~ an early report to the Curator. Mr. Sherrin will be requested to forward the Botanical Department whether there is any objection to ~~the~~ the collection being placed in the charge of the Curator of the Botanical Department.

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MEMORANDUM OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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