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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the information asked by the Director of the Govt Cinchona Plantations in regard to the price at which Cinchona bark is purchased by the Bengal Govt will be obtained from that Govt

Letter
~~Requesting~~ Enquiring ~~that~~ how Cinchona bark is b
purchased by the Bengal Govt from private ~~cul~~ growers

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*From* W. M. Standan Esqr.
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SUBJECT

Price of Cinchona bark

Requesting to obtain information from the Bengal Government as to the —— paid for the and also whether the Carriage charge is borne by the Planter or by Government.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
OOTACAMUND, 17th March 1897.

From

W. M. STANDEN, ESQ.,
DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT
CINCHONA PLANTATIONS,
*Nilgiris.*

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

SIR,

With reference to G. O. No 707-Revenue- dated 9th December 1896, sanctioning the purchase of bark from private growers, I have the honor to inform you that the Bengal Government has, for some time past, been purchasing bark barks in their Presidency and in Madras, and as it is, in my opinion, undesirable that there should be competition between the two Governments in regard to the price paid for the bark, I shall feel obliged if you will be good enough to obtain for me information from the Bengal Government as to the price per unit of Sulphate of quinine per

per pound at which bark is bought, and whether the cost of carriage from the Estate to the Factory is borne by the Planter or by Government.

2. The cost of carriage of bark from S. India to the Mungpoo Factory is considerable, and private growers would naturally prefer to sell their bark to the Nedivattam Factory, if the price per unit of quinine per pound of bark delivered at the respective quinine Factories were fixed at the same figure by both Governments.

3. Whether the cost of carriage is borne by the Bengal Government, or by the Planter, it is evident that the bark must cost more delivered at Mungpoo than it would at the Nedivattam Factory, and consequently the cost price of the quinine extracted from purchased bark must be greater at Mungpoo than at Nedivattam.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servt
Lon Standen
Director

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The information asked for by Mr Standen in para 1 of this letter read above will be obtained from the Govt of Bengal

2 As regards the remarks contained in paras 2 and 3 of this letter, it is presumed that Mr Standen has not overlooked the fact that the bark is to be purchased at the cheapest rate available and that this should be done by inviting tenders "for such quantities as may from time to time be required in order to supplement the existing yield of the plantations" It should also be remembered in this connexion that the rates at which quinine and febrifuge are sold in Madras are fixed arbitrarily with reference to the prices obtaining in Bengal and not to the actual charges incurred in the

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Govt Surgeon

the manufacture of the drugs and the cost price of their raw material

I shall be obliged if the following letter will be despatched to the Bengal Govt.

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No. 1578 A.

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To The Secretary to the Govt of Bengal
Financial Dept

dtd 25-3-97
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In continuation of my letter No [illegible] of the [illegible] inst, I am directed to state that H.E. the G. in C. has decided to purchase Cinchona bark from private growers to supplement the yield of the Govt plantations ~~in order to~~ understand that unconscious competition is likely to ensue between the Bengal and Madras Govts unless the prices at which they respectively purchase the bark are known to each other. I am accordingly (and) to request that with the permission of

dtd 25-3-97

To The Director of the Govt Cinchona Plantations Ooty.

Letter asking for the price of genuine Sulphate separately among

of His Honour the Lieut Governor H.E. in C. may be informed at an early date of the price per unit of sulphate of quinine per pound at which bark is purchased by the Bengal Govt and whether the cost of the carriage of bark from estates to the factory is borne by the planters concerned or the Govt.

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