

Revenue (1898) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., Nos 28 & 29

Dated 17th January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the proposal of the
United Planters' Association to send Mr. Neopora
to Australia to collect & bring over to this
country a consignment of hardy Birds &
stating that the Govt. is prepared to meet
a moiety of the cost.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
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20. CURRENT No. 7.

The Honorable H. P. Hodgson
Olatamund.

Order

No.

Dated 31 Dec^r

Received 3 Jan. 198.

Registered in

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Enquiring about the getting
ours a consignment of Lady Birds.

none
5.1.98

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Chapman
Hullohamley.
31st Dec 87.

My dear Forbes.
Just a line to remind
you to let me know what
has been done about the
getting over a consignment
of Lady Birds -
I should like to know exactly
how the matter stands as
we are going to send
hempst over. And unless
already ordered he might
bring them. If ordered
let them be sent, and
hempst can bring over
another lot.

Letter of introduction from

note for the Under Secy

This is apparently one of the papers which were sent to the Russ when received from Circ. without being seen by Mr. Secy. Orders are therefore solicited as to whether the proof should be submitted for the Secy's approval.

Wm
4.1.98.

Yes. but it has been an immense amount of long time printing
M
6.1.98

Did the letter to Queensland issue in N.Y.

Where is the original draft James & Mr. H.H.?

Please return this with Mr. Hudson's D. which I sent into the printer

5.7.98

note

The letter was not sent to Queensland in ms.

The original of the G.

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17-1-98
C.6

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G.O. and letter as well as
the Hodgson's letter referred to
by the Secy are herewith sub-
mitted.

MM
5.1.98

Secy

On the day the papers

came back from circulation
as the drafts had been passed
by the Secy and all the G.O. & letter
to issue. The papers were
"urgent" & hence it did not
seem necessary to expressly
instruct the office to issue
the letter urgently. I certainly
thought the letter & G.O. had
gone out at once. Please
explain why this was not
done.

MM
6.1.98

The G.O. and letter

were important ones and
as they were not very urgent,
it was thought desirable that
they should in the usual course
be printed before issue. It was
not anticipated that the Press
would

This delay about issuing
an order passed more than a
month ago is not sufficiently
explained. When was it sent
to the Secy? Why did they take
so long to print it?

I have no doubt that the
Minister will remind us of our
promise to pay half. Of
course we could refuse to
pay half the new ports ex-
penses, but under the circum-
stances I don't think we should.
We should be asked to
the Queensland Govt as depicted
by the Govt of Madras.

JG
7/1/98

Revises had decide the
shape size of cash-
ment

would have taken such a
long time over it. All the pre-
vious papers had been
printed before issue.

Secy

Submitted

MM
6.1.98

H.H.

Please see a d.o. from
Mr Hodgson - Dist. Dist

The Planters it will be
seen are sending Mr Hes-
part to Queensland: &
perhaps it would be the best
way to allow him to bring
the consignment, as Mr
Hodgson suggests. It would
certainly be more satis-
factory. & then it would be
necessary to recommend
him to the Govt office &
the Queensland Govt.

I understood from Mr
H. that the Planters were
prepared to pay all expenses
- not merely one half

8.1.98

G. A. Vaidyanama Aiyar &
K. Sundararaja Aiyar will explain the day.
G. A. V. 1/1/98

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 249

From the Hon. Mr. H. P.
Geddes

Order

No. —

Dated 10th January 1898

Received 12th do

Registered 12th do

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SUBJECT:

Enquiring whether the Govt
would approve of a proposal
made by the United Planters
Association of Southern India
to send Mr H.O. Newport to
Australia to bring over a con-
signment of lady birds and to
arrange for the transmission
of future consignments.

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10th Janry 1898

To
G. S. Forbes Esq.
Acting Revenue Secretary to Government

Sir
Lady Birds
request
I have the honor to address you at the request of the Chairman of the United Planters Association, with a view to ascertain if Government would approve of our sending Mr. Newport to Australia at once to collect and bring over a consignment of Lady Birds and to arrange for future consignments being sent over to us.

The rapid and continued spread of the scale insects, both on the Pulneys and in the Nilgiri District, is causing us the gravest apprehension, and we feel that something ought to be done at once to arrest it. Fields of coffee affected by the pest are threatened with extinction, and if they are to be saved something must be done immediately to relieve them.

Mr. Newport is an intelligent man, and has given the subject considerable study, and is in our opinion well fitted to perform the duty we propose to send him on; if he starts at once he will be in time to make collections of Lady Birds this season, other wise another year will be lost before it can be done, and the consequences of such delay may be serious.

At Rs 7000. I suppose of the proposal of the United Planters Association to send Mr. Newport to Australia at once to collect & bring over a consignment of lady birds. It has been quite accepted that Govt will pay half

G. F. (12/1/98)

A draft G.O. & amended letter

sent to Mr. Morgan when he went to S. Africa
Draft on President of Union of Rhodesia

Very truly
 We trust therefore that Government will approve
 your proposal to send him at once. Subscriptions
 amounting so far to say ~~Rs~~ 5,100 have been
 already collected by the U. P. A. S. I. for the purpose of
 sending him to Australia, and I presume I may rely
 upon the promise contained in G. O. No. 634 Press, dated
 the 27th July 1897, that Government will contribute half
 the cost of importing the Lady Birds.

Letters of introduction from the Government of
 Madras will be of the greatest assistance to Mr.
 Newport, and I have the honor to ask that such
 letters may be provided, and I will send the names
 of the persons to whom introductions would be required
 should Government approve of the suggestion.

Finally, I would urge the importance of something
 being done as soon as possible, and trust to receive
 the support and assistance of Government in carrying
 out this experiment, which I have every reason
 to believe will be attended with success.

I have the honor to be
 Sir

Your most obedient servant

Alfred Hodgson,

Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 249

*Ans
20/2 + 100 = 120
\$75 + 35
= 110*

From

The Hon. P. Hodgson

Order

W. Pearson get out the drafts
to Queensland (at introducing
at Newport & asking them to
give him every assistance
(There are probably precedents
in office of the form of such
communications)

W. Pearson is here & I saw
him ~~the other~~ today. He is
going by next steamer if
possible. He says the
cost will probably be about
£6000 & £7000. I suppose
it has been quite accepted that
Govt will pay half

S.F. (2/1/98)

No.

Dated 10th January 98.

Received 12th — do —

Registered 12th — do —

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that he may be informed as
to whether the Govt would approve
of the proposal of the United Planters'
Association to send Mr. Newport to Australia
at once to collect & bring over a consignment
of lady birds.

*Draft on friend out of all in
from W. Pearson
Morgan when he went
to S. Africa*

A draft £0. & amended letter

are submitted below. For
facility of reference the
present state of the matter
is explained below.

In his letter of 23 June 97
recd in G.O. 634 Rev 27 July 97
Mr Hodgson stated

"The Australian Govt
could find someone
then with sufficient
knowledge to collect
& forward the right
insects to us, if the
expenses of so doing
are paid" He went
on to say that if the
Govt wished the planters
to meet a portion of
these expenses, he wd
guarantee half the cost
& undertake to distribute
the insects on arrival.

~~But~~ The Govt (para 1 of
G.O. 634 of 27 July 97) considers
it unsafe to apply for
or introduce ladybirds
from Australia except
under the professional
advice and supervision
of an expert, but went on to say

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

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FOR ORDERS.

that if when such an
expert was procured
he advised that a
consignment of these
insects should be
obtained, the Govt
wd take the necessary
action in the matter
& contribute half the
cost as proposed by
Mr Hodgson.

Entomology being
Imperial the Govt of
India was addressed
as to whether the
services of the Imperial
Entomologist wd be
shared or another officer
appointed for this purpose.

The Govt of India in
reply states that no
Entomologist was available

Received
No. 105/97
11/11/97

FOR ORDERS.

No.

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

after an interview with Mr Hewitt, that the simplest plan would be to ask the Queensland Govt to send a consignment of the insects to Colombo to which place Mr Hewitt might go for the purpose of bringing them to India. Draft was prepared accordingly & approved with a few slight modifications by the other Am members. I marked the G.O. letter for issue on the 11th Dec but they have not been issued yet owing apparently to the fault of the turn clerk not sending the proof

and pay it as their premium that the serious of a Govt entomologist would first be to enquire into the diseases of the main staples that are grown by those too poor or too ignorant to help themselves in the matter, and that the diseases of such products such as tea coffee etc which are cultivated by persons possessed of both capital & intelligence must ^{in the main} be borne by those interested.

Meanwhile Mr Hodgson asked this Govt to reconsider its decision & to get a consignment of these Ladybirds at once. He stated that Mr Hewitt was ready to go to Australia for the purpose.

The Hon Mr Gore thought we could trust Mr Hewitt with the work. He noted however

Govt. for decision
11 Dec 97 B

11 Dec 97 C

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to me during the holidays.
Meantime Mr Hodgson
has written D.O. & also
officially saying that
Mr Newport is going
to Australia & asking
for letters of introduction
to persons to be named
by Mr Hodgson on
learning that Govt
approves of the suggestion.

Mr Hodgson also presumes
that Govt will pay half
Mr Newport's expenses.

As pointed out above
Govt promises to ^{pay} half
the cost of ~~bringing~~
getting a consignment
of Lady birds sent
to India from Australia
& not half the expenses
of somebody to Australia
& back.

The Hon Mr Gore
has noted that Govt could
refuse to pay half the
Newport's expenses, but
does not think that
under the circumstances

it should. The Hon Sir William
& H.E. have not seen ^{last} Mr Hodgson's letter
to the Hon Mr Gore ^{13/1/88}

FOR ORDERS.

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Revenue Secretariat
14th Jan'y. 1898.

Dear Mr. Newport,

With regard to our con-
versation as to the expenses of your trip
to Queensland to obtain "Lady birds", I am
to point out that the Government ~~is~~ of-
fering to pay "half the cost as proposed
by Mr. Hodgson" (vide para 1 of G.O., 27
July 1897) clearly referred to the cost
of procuring a consignment collected by
the Queensland Government & packed & for-
warded as indicated by Mr. Marsden.

His Excellency the Governor in
Council is however quite prepared to meet
a half of the actual cost of your pas-
sage money to & from Queensland, together
with some additional sum on account of
your expenses there; & I should be much
obliged by your letting me know the cost
of a passage & giving me an estimate of
what you may consider reasonable expenses
so that the final orders of Government
may be obtained.

Yours sincerely
Signed/. G.S. Forbes,

Washed 14/1/88 5:30 P.M.
If you should like to see me on the
subject & if it is convenient to you --
I shall be in Office at 1 P.M. to morrow
(at the Fort).

Estimate of Expenses in connection with importation
of Lady Birds.

Passage Madras to Australia & back.	(1) 810. 0. 0.
Return Sydney to Brisbane £ 6.	(2) 100. 0. 0
Expenses in Australia say for two months say £ 100.	(3) 1,600. 0. 0.
Travelling Expenses in Australia say £ 30.	(4) 480. 0. 0.
Expenses for collecting the Lady birds packing &c say £ 25 & freight £ 5.	(5) 480. 0. 0.
~~From Sydney to Honolulu & back say.~~	~~700. 0. 0. (6)~~
~~Stay in Honolulu say a fortnight & travelling say £ 35~~	~~560. 0. 0. (7)~~
Salary for whole period of collecting, and distributing Lady birds in India say (6) months @ £ 25 per month	1200 2,400. 0. 0. (8)
Sundries say	400 870. 0. 0. (9)

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2,400. 0. 0.
5,600. 0. 0.

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Office.
(I have informed Mr. L. D.
of the general result)
Have put up a draft and
agreeing to contribute to the

The estimate included a trip to Honolulu to watch the practical application of the experiment. I pointed out that nothing had ever

been mentioned on this subject.
It was no doubt a most
useful experience to have, but
perhaps the Planters sh^d.
arrange for this themselves.

W Newport readily cut
out the Honolulu trip i.e.
items (1) & (2), thus reducing
no. (8) & (9) also, as the period
w^d. be thereby cut down to
2 months in Australia &
1 m. discharging in India.

I told him that I did
not think govt. contemplated
meeting expenditure based
on any items other than (1)
(2) (3), & (4) of the most.

However cutting out
the Honolulu scheme the
total of W. N.'s estimate may
be put at Rs 5000, which
w^d. make the govt. contribution
Rs 2800. W. N. suggests, & it
is no doubt the best plan,
that govt. sh^d. decide to contribute
up to a max^m. ^{this w^d. be} based on a
total expenditure in respect of items

(1) (2) (3) (4), (5), (8) & (9), or such other
items as ^{govt.} may select. say (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) only

Est expenses on the
basis of a max^m
expend of Rs 4000 under
1-5 & 9 of estimate
(The order sh^d. not refer
to this estimate but
detail the heads)

Authorize an advance
up to Rs 1000

S/P

16/1/98

See

The drafts in pp 7 &
8 of the notes have
been altered according
and are resubmitted.

W.N.
16/1/98

Rs
810
100
1600
1480
480
2) 3470
1735

i.e. a total expenditure of
Rs 5000 Rs 4000 or Rs 3000 ~~either~~
or any intermediate figure
- the govt. contribution being
limited to one half of that.

W. N. says his estimates
are of course very rough
& he believes that considerable
savings on the items (except
passage money) are probable.

He would be very glad
of orders by Monday 20th
at latest, as he must
leave then.

S/P
16/1/98

V. urgent

To Fri. Sept. for counter
initials = see notes on p 9-11

(left)
17/11/98
To the Hon. Mr. H. P. Hodgson.
See to General also the Enclosure
H. P. Hodgson Esq.
copy to the Hon. Mr. H. P. Hodgson
... See to the Hon. Mr. H. P. Hodgson
... See to the Hon. Mr. H. P. Hodgson

Press
but before me
first.

- ~~calculated on the basis of a~~
~~maximum expenditure of~~
~~(Rs 4000) calculated as follows:-~~
- (1) Passage to Australia & back Rs 2000
 - (2) Return Sydney to Brisbane Rs 200
 - (3) Expenses in Australia, say for 2 months Rs 200
 - (4) Travelling expenses in Australia Rs 200
 - (5) Expenses for collecting the birds, packing etc & freight Rs 200
 - (6) Sundries Rs 200

In other words the Govt. is willing
to contribute a contribution of Rs 4000
in respect of the expenses of the mission
there to the extent of the Govt. Dept.

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Read again

G.O. No 1040 d 11 Dec 1897
also G.O. No 2316 d 14 Dec 97
Read letter from the
Hon. Mr. Hodgson on No
249.

G.O. No 28 d 17th Jan 1898.

In modification of the
decision expressed in para
2 of the first of the orders
read above H.E. the Govt. C.
resolves to approve of the
proposal made by the
United Maunten Association
to send Mr Newport to
Australia to collect &
bring over to this country
a consignment of Lady
birds & ~~is prepared~~ to meet
a moiety of the expenses of
defray half the expenses
of Mr Newports mission.

Mr Newport will be furnished
with a letter of introduction
to the Colonial Secretary
to the Govt of Queensland.
2. The Acct Genl is requested to
place an advance of Rs 1000 at Mr
Newports disposal.

14.1.98
M. J. 1.98 R.T.O. for letter

No 294/17-1-98

17/1/98

To the Colonial Secretary
to the Govt. of Queensland

Sir

I am directed by the
Government of Madras
His Excellency the Governor
in Council of Madras to
commend to the favorable
notice of the Govt of Queensland
the bearer of this letter
Mr H. O. Newport,
a representative of the
United Planters Association
of Southern India.

It was discovered
brought to the notice of
H.E. that in Ceylon
that considerable damage
was being caused to the
coffee plantations in this
Presidency by the ravages
of certain scale pests, ~~and~~ that there was serious risk
that the pest would spread
It was reported that in the
Hawaiian Islands these
pests had been destroyed
by the introduction from
Australia & propagation
of their natural enemy,
the variety of Ladybird

that there was serious risk
that the pest would spread

known as "Cryptolaemus
Montouzieri." The Govt
of Madras accordingly
wrote in Nov 1896 to
the Commissioner of
Agriculture & Forestry
at Honolulu for details
information regarding
the experiments conducted
on the island and also
as to the source from
which the beneficial
insects in question had
been obtained. The
reply received from the
Commissioner ~~has made~~
it abundantly clear
that the most excellent
results had been obtained
in Hawaii by the intro-
duction of this Ladybird.
It would also appear that
that the insect is common
in the colony of Queensland
where it is collected for
shipment to Hawaii.

The United Planters
Association has resolved
to ~~import~~ ^{import} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~pest~~ ^{pest} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~island~~ ^{island} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Hawaii~~ ^{Hawaii}
therefore decided to send

Mr. H. D. Newport to
~~representative~~ to
 Queensland for the
 purpose of collecting
 & bringing over to this
 country a collection
 consignment of the
 variety of the Lady bird
 referred to and of any
 other variety which
 might ~~be~~ ^{be} useful. This has promised a contribution in
 the excellence in
 Council with be much
 obliged if the Govt of
 Queensland will cause
 facilities to be afforded
 to Mr Newport in the
 pursuit of his ~~mission~~ ^{object}

aid of the mission.

Government (1898) of Madras.
 REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 28, 17th January 1898.

JANUARY.

Lady Birds.

Approving the proposal of the United Planters' Association to send Mr. Newport to Australia to collect and bring over to this country a consignment of — and stating that the Government is prepared to meet a moiety of the cost.

11/1/98
 S. J. 11/1/98
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 (C. J. 11/1/98)
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., No. 1040, Revenue, dated 11th December 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the Government is unable to render the planters any substantial help in obtaining the services of a competent Entomologist or an Agricultural Chemist, but that arrangements will be made with the Government of Queensland for the shipment of a consignment of lady birds.

READ—again the following G.O., R. No. 2316, Revenue, dated 14th December 1897:—

Read—the following letter from the Hon'ble Mr. H. P. HODGSON, Craigmore Estate, Kullakambay, Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 26th November 1897:—

As I have had no reply to my letter, dated the 21st September, regarding the introduction of lady birds, I have the honour to ask if anything further has been decided in the matter.

We are anxious not to lose another season, as the reports of the spreading of scale pests are constantly coming in. We should like to despatch our Agent to Australia at an early date, as March and April are good months for collecting the lady birds.

I should like to know if Government would approve of our sending Mr. Newport, and if they will supply him with letters of introduction to the Government of Victoria.

Considerable sums have been already subscribed by several planting associations towards this object, and as Government were good enough to promise us some pecuniary support, to the extent of say half the expenses incurred in importing the lady birds, I should be glad to know if I can apply for the money when our subscription lists are complete.

Order—R. No. 2316, Revenue, dated 14th December 1897.

Recorded, with reference to G.O., No. 1040, dated 11th December 1897.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Hon'ble Mr. H. P. Hodgson.

READ—also the following letter from the Hon'ble Mr. H. P. HODGSON, Craigmore Estate, Kullakambay, Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 10th January 1898:—

I have the honour to address you at the request of the Chairman of the United Planters' Association, with a view to ascertain if Government would approve of our sending Mr. Newport to Australia at once to collect and bring over a consignment of lady birds and to arrange for future consignments being sent over to us.

The rapid and continued spread of the scale insects, both on the Palnis and in the Nilgiri district, is causing us the gravest apprehension, and we feel that something ought to be done at once to arrest it. Fields of coffee effected by the pest are threatened with extinction, and if they are to be saved something must be done immediately to relieve them.

Mr. Newport is an intelligent man, and has given the subject considerable study, and is in our opinion well fitted to perform the duty we propose to send him on; if he starts at once he will be in time to make collections of lady birds this season, otherwise another year will be lost before it can be done, and the consequences of such delay may be serious.

We trust therefore that Government will approve our proposal to send him at once. Subscriptions amounting, so far, to, say, Rs. 5,100, have been already collected by the United Planters' Association of Southern India for the purpose of sending him to Australia, and I presume I may rely upon the promise contained in G.O., No. 634, Press, dated the 27th July 1897, that Government will contribute half the cost of importing the lady birds.

Letters of introduction from the Government of Madras will be of the greatest assistance to Mr. Newport, and I have the honour to ask that such letters may be provided, and I will send the names of the persons to whom introductions would be required should Government approve of the suggestion.

Finally I would urge the importance of something being done as soon as possible, and trust to receive the support and assistance of Government in carrying out this experiment, which I have every reason to believe will be attended with success.

ORDER—No. 28, Revenue, dated 17th January 1898.

Miscellaneous.

In modification of the decision expressed in paragraph 2 of the first of the orders read above, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to approve of the proposal made by the United Planters' Association to send Mr. Newport to Australia to collect and bring over to this country a consignment of lady birds and is prepared to meet a moiety of the cost calculated on the basis of a maximum expenditure of Rs. 4,000 under the following items:—

- (1) Passage to Australia and back.
- (2) Return Sydney to Brisbane.
- (3) Expenses in Australia, say for two months.
- (4) Travelling expenses in Australia.
- (5) Expenses for collecting the lady birds, packing, &c., and freight.
- (6) Sundries.

In other words, the Government is willing to make a maximum contribution of Rs. 2,000 in respect of the expense under those items. Mr. Newport will be furnished with a letter of introduction to the Colonial Secretary to the Government of Queensland.

2. The Accountant-General is requested to place an advance of Rs. 1,000 at Mr. Newport's disposal.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Hon'ble Mr. H. P. Hodgson.
" the Accountant-General (through the Financial Department).
" H. O. Newport, Esq.

Copy to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" " " (Revenue Settlement,
" " " Land Records and Agriculture).

Exd. Md. Pahlavan.

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From

The Government of Fort St. George.

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Letter, No. 29, 17th January 1898.

JANUARY.

Lady Birds.

REQUESTING the Government of Queensland to cause facilities to be afforded to Mr. Newport in the pursuit of his object, viz., the collection and consignment of —.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

THE HONOURABLE MR. G. S. FORBES, I.C.S.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF QUEENSLAND;

Dated Fort St. George, the 17th January 1898.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council of Madras to commend to the favourable notice of the Government of Queensland the bearer of this letter Mr. Howard O. Newport, a representative of the United Planters' Association of Southern India.

Miscellaneous.

It was brought to the notice of His Excellency in Council that considerable damage was being caused to the coffee plantations in this Presidency by the ravage of certain scale pests, and that there was serious risk that the pest would spread. It was reported that in the Hawaiian Islands these pests had been destroyed by the introduction and propagation of their natural enemy, the variety of lady bird known as "*Cryptolaemus Montrouzieri*." The Government of Madras accordingly wrote in November 1896 to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry at Honolulu for detailed information regarding the experiments conducted on the Island and also as to the source from which the beneficial insects in question had been obtained. The reply received from the Commissioner has made it abundantly clear that the most excellent results have been obtained in Hawaii by the introduction of this lady bird. It would also appear that the insect is common in the Colony of Queensland where it is collected for shipment to Hawaii.

The United Planters' Association has resolved to institute similar experiments in this country and has therefore decided to send Mr. H. O. Newport to Queensland for the purpose of collecting and bringing over a consignment of the variety of lady bird referred to and of any other variety which might be useful. This Government has promised a contribution in aid of the mission.

His Excellency in Council will be much obliged if the Government of Queensland will cause facilities to be afforded to Mr. Newport in the pursuit of his object.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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