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G.O., No. 2819-20-21

DATED 4th July 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving with remarks the proposals of Director of Govt. Cinchona Plantations for the purchase of Cinchona bark at Amsterdam or London and for fixing the price of ~~[illegible]~~ quinine supplied to Govt. institutions at 15 Rs per lb.

G. I. letter

Informing the Govt. of India that sufficient Govt. land is available for the extension of the Cinchona plantations and that therefore there is no necessity to purchase land from private owners.

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CURRENT No. 4015

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
24 JUN 98
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

From W. M. Standen Esqr
Director
Govt Cinchona Plantations
Nilgiris

Order No. 24

Dated 3rd June 1898

Received 4th June 1898

Registered 5 —

Enclosures — Nil —

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SUBJECT.

Reports that there will be no necessity to acquire land from private parties, and that additional grant for the extension of 80 acres of new land is not required this year, and informs also that he has succeeded in obtaining 250,000 lbs bark and has submitted already an indent for additional chemicals.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,

OOTACAMUND, 3 June 1898.

From

W. M. STANDEN, ESQ.,

DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT

CINCHONA PLANTATIONS,

Nilgiris.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

SIR,

With reference to para 2 of G.O No 2198 Revenue dated 21 May 1898, I have the honor to report that in para 18 of my letter No 2 dated 15th January 1898, I stated that about 900 acres of suitable land could be found in the neighbourhood of the Nedivattam and Hooker Estates. The whole of this land is at the disposal of Government, and it will be necessary to select 300 acres of Government forest elsewhere, to bring the total to 1200 acres. A further report on this subject, indicating the plots which it is proposed to open during the next 15 years, will be submitted, after

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Consultation with the District Forest offices, but it may be stated here that there will be no necessity to acquire land from private parties, as there is an abundance of suitable land on these hills at the disposal of Government.

2 In Consequence of the fall in the price of bark since my estimate of the cost of purchasing 400,000 lbs was made, there will be no necessity for an additional grant for the extension of 80 acres this year, as the expenditure will be met from savings in the total Budget Grant.

3. With reference to para 4 of the letter from the Government of India in which it is laid down that while it is desirable that Quinine should be produced as cheaply as possible, the price of supplies to Government institutions should be left out of Consideration, I would suggest that for the current year, at least, the price of the Quinine supplied to Government institutions be fixed at the rate quoted by Howard & Sons on the 1st January - This has been the practice, hitherto, and might, I think, be continued until the maximum output from the Nedivattam factory has been reached. It is desirable that a decision on this point be arrived at, as early as possible, as Quinine is being supplied daily to Medical Institutions, and until the rate is intimated, the value cannot be recovered. In this Connection it may be mentioned that in the letter from the Government of Bengal dated 19th March, Communicated under G.O. No 1489, Revenue of 28th March, it was stated that a further Communication would be made on this subject.

4. With reference to para 5 Sanctioning the immediate purchase of 400,000 lbs of bark, I have already succeeded in obtaining about 250,000 lbs, and there remains a balance of 150,000 lbs to be purchased.

Tenders

Tenders have been invited, but the unit has fallen so low ($\frac{3}{4}$d) that planters do not seem inclined to part with their bark at the present rate. Some offer at 1 penny the unit, while others prefer to hold, in the expectation that prices will improve later on. Under these circumstances, it is a matter for Consideration whether bark should be purchased locally at 1 penny the unit - an advance of 25 per Cent on the London Market rate -, or whether the necessary supplies should be purchased in the London or Amsterdam Markets. In para 17 of my letter of 15th January, I stated that I could not recommend the paymant of more than the London market rate for bark purchased locally, and pointed out that if 6 per cent bark were bought in London or Amsterdam and the Cost of freight etc to this Country were 1 penny per lb, the increased cost per unit would be only ½ penny, which would be more than Compensated for by the Saving effected in Chemicals, labour, etc, by working so rich a bark. The expenditure on Chemicals, labour, fuel, etc is practically the same for each pound of bark whether it yields 3½ per Cent or 6 per Cent of Quinine, and I would therefore recommend that a trial be made of purchasing in London or Amsterdam a portion, if not the whole, of the 150,000 lbs bark still required. In the event of Government Sanctioning this proposal, it would be necessary to indent for the richest bark procurable, in order that the cost of freight etc per unit might be as low as possible. So long as planters are unwilling to sell bark to Government at the marked rates, they have no ground for Complaint if Government purchases its supplies in the European Markets.

5 With reference to para 6, I may mention that an indent for the additional chemicals etc required

required was submitted through the Accountant General with my letter No 22 of 16 May; and as the manufacture of the 10,000 lbs Quinine, during the current year, depends on the timely arrival of Fusil oil, I have the honor to request that the Director General of Stores may be asked to treat the matter as urgent.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant
Wm Standen
Director

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Revenue (1898) Department.

D.O. CURRENT No. 92.

From
W. M. Standen Esqre
Ootacamund.

Order

No.

Dated 21 June
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SUBJECT.

Stating that it would be well to settle the rate of quinine and charge it at Rs 15 per lb.

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21.6.98

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
GOVT. CINCHONA PLANTATIONS,

Ootacamund, 21. 6. 1898.

No. 1476/58

My dear Major Waddell

In para 3 of my official letter No 24 of 3rd Inst I suggested that for the current year at least Howards rate of 1s. 3d. per lb. be charged for the Quinine manufactured at Nedivattam — I might have added that Howards rate was 1s. 3d per oz which at 1/4 Exchange is Equivalent to Rs 15/- per lb —
This would be a fair rate to charge and as the Govt of Bengal has not

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yet communicated its own
take to us & think it
would be well to settle the
matter and charge Rs 15/- fds.
Some decision on the subject
is required to enable us to
keep our work in hand
by sending out bills promptly.
Since 1st April we have not
been able to send bills as
we have all Rivers that time to

charge. There will soon be a
3 months accumulation owing
to delay in the part of
Bengal.
I leave for Madhavaram tomorrow
Yours sincerely
L. M. Standen

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From the Director of the Cinchona Plantations No 24 d 3. June 1898 Also D.O. d 21 June 98

Secy

Please see the Govt of India's letter on our cinchona proposals No 1081/34-6 d. 29 April 1898 & thro Govt's order thereon 2198 d 21-5-9.

The current is Mr Standens reply.

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The Govt of India enquired as to the cost of taking up extra land for the 1200 acres of extension we proposed to make to the plantations.

In his letter No 2 d 15 Jany 98 para 18 Mr Standen reported

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that abont 900 acres of suitable land could be found in the neighbourhood of the Nedivattam & Hosher Estates. With reference to para 2 of G.O. No 2198 B & 21-5-98 asking Mr Standen to give particulars with as far as possible of the land he would propose to take up in each of the next fifteen years, Mr Standen promises a further report after consultation with the D.F.O. of the Nilgiris. But he reports that there will be no necessity to take up any private land.

It is submitted that the Govt of India may be informed that there is plenty of Govt land available & that no acquisition from private owners will be necessary

28/8/98

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though some disafforestation may be reqd.

II In para 3 of their letter (A) the Govt of India sanctioned the opening of 50 acres this year on the understanding that the cost was covered by Budget provision. As anticipated in para 3 of G.O. 2198 & 21-5-98 the fall in the price of bark will permit of the cost (7000 Rs this year) being met from savings in the total Budget grant for the Plantations & factory. No further reference on this point of the Govt of India is therefore necessary.

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III In para 4 of their letter the Govt of India stated that the question of the price to be charged to Govt institutions should be separately considered Mr Standens remarks

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that it would be best to continue the existing practice of charging the rate quoted by Messrs Howard & Sons on the 1st January each year until the full output of the Madras factory is attained.

It is submitted that the question of fixing the rates to be charged to Govt institutions will be best decided when we are in a position to know the minimum cost price (to Govt) of the quinine &c when the factory has worked its full extent for a year.

Meantime as Mr Standen points out some rate must be fixed for this year the Govt of Bengal have hitherto fixed

the rate at that quoted by Messrs Howard & Sons on the 1st January of each year & intimated the fact to us. This year the Govt of Bengal stated (vide para 2 of Mr Ridley's letter No 1799 dtd 19-3-98) that "the question of fixing "the price of locally "manufactured Quinine "supplied to the Medical "Depots is under con- "sideration & further "communication will "be made ... on the "subject."

No further communication has however been received from Bengal. As Mr Standen points out, until the rate is fixed the price of the quinine he has been supplying to Medical Depots from 1st April last cannot be recovered. Please also see Mr Standen's D.O. dtd 21-

submitted that this Govt may address Bengal on the subject & recommend the price to be fixed at Rs 15 per lb (Howard's rate on 1st Jany 98) for the current year.

IV In para 5 of their letter the Govt of India sanctioned the purchase of 100,000 lbs of bark. Mr Saunders reports that he has got 250,000 lbs & that 150,000 lbs remains to be purchased. He reports however that the rate per unit has now gone so low, viz ¾d per unit, that planters are unwilling to sell at this price and offer to sell at ½d the unit i.e. 25% over the London rate. Mr Saunders asks therefore whether the balance of bark required viz 150,000 lbs should not be purchased at Amsterdam or London. Vide please para 17 of Mr Saunders letter No 3 d 15 Jany 98 F C

Witness with a view

8/2 Yes. Better say we propose to do this & ask for a reply by telegram. This will hasten Bengal & enable us to issue his bills the sooner. MA

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Of course if the unit price rises & planters are willing to sell at that rate before the bargain at Amsterdam is ~~completed~~ made, the arrangement will be cancelled & the supply obtained locally 8/2. MA

It will be remembered that this Govt recommended the purchase of 400000 lbs of bark so as to have a Govt supply in hand, 200000 lbs being the quantity required to supplement the yield of the existing plantations so as to secure an annual output of 10000 lbs of quinine until the Extensions came to maturity. It is of importance therefore to get the whole stock this year & as funds are available & as Mr Saunders has shown that purchase of bark in London will be profitable such purchase of the required amount. May it is submitted be sanctioned. Mr Saunders should then send up an indent for it soon.

V The Govt of India say that they await the result of our consultation with Bengal before deciding in further

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owners with a view

8/2 Yes. Better say we propose to do this & ask for a reply by telegram. This will hasten Bengal and also enable him & Madras to issue his bills the sooner.

8/2 AA

Of course if the unit price rises & planters are willing to sell at that rate before the bargain at Amsterdam is made, the arrangement will be cancelled & the supply obtained locally. 8/2 AA

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purchase of bark. The Govt of Bengal may be requested to reminded to reply to our letter No 142 Rev & Co marg 8. dated 28th November last.

VI The indent referred to in para 5 of Mr Saunders' recent letter has been forwarded to the India Office with a letter asking for early compliance therewith. Please also see the file below.

27/6/98

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The suggestions made by the U.S. in the note above can be approved, & effect given to them.

S.H 28/6/98

To under Secy

Please see draft G.O. and letters to the Govt of India & Govt of Bengal submitted below for approval.

Cirs 28/6/98
Rep 30/6/98

1.7.98

Answers with the rest

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G.O. 25-2 & 15-6-98
Price received & put up. 28/6/98

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disposed of separately.

yes - but see in.
NH 9.6.98
S.S.H 2.7.98

V.E

Put me before 30th inst
Mr 4/7/98

R.S.H
2.7.98

Read letter from the director, Govt Cinchona plantations
No. 24 dy 3.6.98 (C. No 4016/98)

G.O this no. 2819 dy 4th July 98.

With reference to para 3 of the letter read above the Govt considers that the general question of the price to be charged for Quinine supplied to Govt may best be decided after a year's experience in working the factory, & will be fully sufficient for that purpose if the minimum cost of the article to Govt has been ascertained after the factory has been worked for a year. (to its full capacity) In the meantime the Director's suggestion to fix the price at Rs 15 per lb which is equivalent to the rate quoted by Howard & Sons on the 1st January last is approved. The Govt of Bengal will be informed of this decision and requested to communicate its views in the matter by telegram.

2. As the circumstances reported by the director in para 4 of his letter exist is accorded for the purchase

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of 1,50,000 lbs of Cinchona bark at Amsterdam or London. The Director is requested to submit the necessary indent with the least practicable delay. If the unit price asked by ~~the~~ Dutch growers and planters ~~are~~ be willing to sell at that rate, ~~before the Deputn bargain is made at Amsterdam or London, the arrangement may be cancelled and the supply obtained locally~~ the Director shd report the fact so that, if possible, arrangements may be made to cancel the indent & to obtain the bark locally.

3. The Director will be informed that the indent for additional chemicals referred to in para 5 of his letter has already been forwarded to the Right Hble the Secy of State for India ~~Locally~~ (Vide G.O. 2526 d 15-6-98)

4. The following letter will be despatched to the Govt of India.

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To
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The Director G.C.P. (Q.+O.).

Cr. Ind
KRK
1.7.98

Weesp 4/7/98

To
Al. the Forester
S/7/98

8.SH
27.7.98

Suitable Govt land in the neighbourhood of the existing Govt Cinchona plantations on the Nilgiris

Letter no. 2820 dy 4th July 98.

To
The Secy to the Govt of India
Revenue & Agri: Dept

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1081-34-6 dated the 29th April last: regarding the measures to be adopted for increasing the production and supply of quinine in India. In reply I am directed to state with reference to para: 2 of the letter under acknt. an abundance that there is no Govt land available for the extension of the Govt Cinchona plantations, and that therefore there will be no necessity to incur any expenditure in acquiring lands from private owners.

2. As regards the remarks contained in para 5 of your letter I am to observe that the deputation of an officer to Java is being delayed pending receipt of a reply from the Govt of Bengal to this Govts' letter of the 10th March last referred to in para 9 of my letter

of 150,000 lbs of Cinchona bark at Amsterdam or London. The Director is requested to submit the necessary indent with the least practicable delay. If the unit price asked by ~~the~~ Java growers and planters ~~are~~ be willing to sell at that rate, ~~before the Dutch Company is made at Amsterdam or London, the arrangement may be cancelled and the supply obtained locally.~~ the Director should report the fact so that, if possible, arrangements may be made to cancel the indent & to obtain the bark locally.

3. The Director will be informed that the indent for additional chemicals referred to in para 5 of his letter has already been forwarded to the Right Hon'ble the Secy of State for India ~~already confirmed~~ (Vide G.O. 2526 d 15-6-98)

4. The following letter will be despatched to the Govt of India.

Wells 1.7.98

To

2/7.98

8/7/98

The Director G.C.O. (Q.+O).

Wcospd 4/7/98

Cin Rep 2/7.98

Wcospd 4/7/98

To

Sd. the Governor

8/7/98

8th 2.7.98

Suitable in the neighbourhood of the existing Govt. Cinchona plantations on the Nilgiris

Letter no. 2820 d/ 4th July 98.

To

The Secy to the Govt of India
Revenue & Agricl. Dept.

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letter

letter no 141 of the same date.

3. I am to add that the Govt of the Govt Cinchona Plantations has been asked to submit a full report at the end of the current year on the working and efficiency of the Nedumkam factory a copy of which will be forwarded to the Govt of India ~~in due course~~ on receipt

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Letter no. 2821.

Recd 4/7/98

The Secy to the Govt of Bengal.

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of your letter no 1799 misc. dated the 19th March last intimating that a further communication will be made as regards the price to be charged ~~to the~~ for locally manufactured quinine supplied to medical depôts, I am directed to ~~point out that in the opinion of H.E. the Governor in Council it is not possible to fix the price with any degree of accuracy until the minimum cost of the article to Govt has been ascertained after the Nedumkam factory has been worked to its full capacity for a year.~~ state

In the meantime a decision as to the price to be charged during the current year has been rendered imperative by the fact that until the rate is fixed, it is not possible

A.S.M
27.7.98

What H.E. the G in C was invited the advisability of deferring a decision on the general question of the price to be charged for locally made Quinine supplied to Govt institutions until after the maximum efficiency of the various Govt factories has been ascertained by the experience of a year's working.

possible to recover the value
of the ~~article~~ Quinine which is being
supplied, and as there is
already a three months
accumulation of bills, any
further delay is likely seriously to
hamper work. ~~the Director of the
Govt Cinchona Plantations
in the Presidency
in keeping his mark in
hand.~~ In these circumstances
H.E. in Council proposes
~~to charge for the~~ current
year Rs 15 per lb which at
1s 4d the exchange is equivalent
to the rate quoted by Howard
& Sons on the 1st January
last. I am to request
that with the permission
of His Honour the Lieutenant
Governor the decision of the
Govt of Bengal in the matter
may be communicated by
telegram.

2. In this connection I
am to invite attention
to my letter No 142 dated the
10th March last and to request
the favour of an early reply
thereto.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Secretary to the Government of India

Copy sent to Director of Kew
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Copy sent to Director of Kew
1.7.98

in the Absence of the Director of the Govt Cinchona Plantations in the Nilgiris,

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Telephonic message from the Asst Govt. dy 7.2-99.

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To Underlecy.

The A.G. enquires in the telephonic message he heard whether the selling price of genuine packets has been raised with reference to the enhancement of the rate at which it is sold to the medical stores from Rs 11 to Rs 15..

2. The price to the medical stores was fixed at Rs 15 in G.O. No. 2819 dy 4.7.98. The price to the general public has not been raised. It is now 3 pies per packet - vide G.O. No. 1073 dy 18.12.

3. Pl orders whether the A.G. may be informed that the price of genuine packets has not been raised beyond 3 pies.

Secy

Please see draft reply overleaf.

10.2.99.

Secy
10/2/99

To Asst Genl.

(To be returned)
DM
11.2.98.

Com message about price of Genuine Jackets. The price of the Thornden trial grain Sold under the price Jacket system has been fixed at 3 pics in G.O. 1073 d. 18 Dec 97 and has not since been altered.

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G.O., No. 2822

DATED 4th July 98

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Forwarding the deed executed by the Vizianagaram Maharanis.