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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the Ladybirds brought over from Australia by Mr. Howard O. Newport, have not thrived

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A copy of the final report promised ~~should~~ may be awaited before anything is said about the matter

If anything is to be done about these Mrs.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR · MADRAS ·

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Ootacamund
1st July 1898.

My dear Forbes,

His Excellency thinks that Hon'ble Members may like to see the enclosed.

James Bruce

A. Thorp

Madras, 29th June, 1898.

From
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To
The Director of Agriculture.

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for information, a report that the Lady-birds brought from Mr. O. Newport have not thawed out

paring his report, a copy of which

n as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Harry Ormond

Secretary.

Forwarded.

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UNITED PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTHERN INDIA.

Madras, 29th June, 1898.

To the Private Secretary to,

H. E. The Governor,

Ootacamund.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the Lady-birds brought over from Australia by Mr. Howard O. Newport have not thawed out alive.

Mr. Newport is now preparing his report, a copy of which shall be submitted to you as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

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Secretary.

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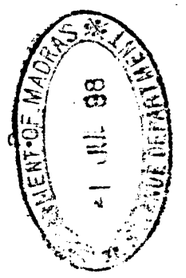
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UNITED PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTHERN INDIA.

Madras, 7th June, 1898.

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The Private Secretary,

to His Excellency the Governor,

Ootacamund.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter of 9th instant. I beg to inclose a copy of Mr. H. O. Newport's narrative report in regard to his visit to Australia in quest of Lady-birds.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Harry Ormerod

Secretary.

Sydney on the 28th instant- To catch this I leave Brisbane by boat on the 25th instant & should arrive at Colombo on the 17th or 18th June.

Before leaving I will, of course submit my insects to Mr. Tryon's inspection. Should he advise me to wait for another fortnight and collect more of any one kind of insect I will do so and leave by the boat of the 11th June, but I do not anticipate his suggesting this.

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Gatton,

Queensland,

I4th May I898.

To the Secretary,

United Planters' Association of Southern India,

M a d r a s.

Dear Sir,

I regret I was not able to write last mail as I intended to do- I was away from head quarters and returned too late to catch the English Mail-

Since I last wrote I have had some trouble with the ice chest- I found an ordinary ice chest would not bring the temperature low enough to suspend animation in the Lady-birds- This had to be done, of course.

Mr. Tryon had had no experience of this part of the business and in my perplexity I called upon the Engineer in charge of the Railway cold storage works. He, I found quite by chance, had had some practical experience in this very line, having sent insects from N.S.W. to California. He had, he said, put the insects into a temperature below freezing point. He gave me a plan of a brine chest that would bring and keep the temperature low enough to keep the insects dormant. This I took to Mr. Tryon and with his approval had constructed.

In fact the Agricultural Department had it done for me in their own workshop. The construction of this case delayed my collecting work for some ten days or more but it was absolutely necessary- Since it has been completed I have been collecting steadily and have been successful in getting a good number of insects- I am making arrangements now to return to India by the O.S.N. Coy Steamer leaving Sydney on the 28th instant- To catch this I leave Brisbane by boat on the 25th instant & should arrive at Colombo on the I7th or I8th June.

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UNITED PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTHERN INDIA.

Madras, 14th June, *189* 8.

The Private Secretary,

to His Excellency the Governor,

M a d r a s.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in enclosing copy of a further letter received from Mr. Howard O. Newport regarding his quest of Lady birds.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Harry Bowen

Secretary.

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I beg to report that I have at last succeeded in getting a chest that will keep at a fairly low temperature, i.e. about 25° to 35° F. It has been a great deal of trouble and entailed a lot of work and more worry. I hope however to be able to bring out my collections safely and alive. I have been collecting steadily and have some 4,000

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Bank Street,
Brisbane,
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H. Ormerod, Esq.,
Secretary United Planters' Association of S. India.,
M a d r a s.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th April for which many thanks.

As mentioned to you in my last letter, the funds I have in hand will be ample, and I shall therefore not need any more while away from India.

There is no need for me to write you re packing and transit, I think, as I am not sending any consignments before I come. I certainly think via Tuticorin the better route and will come that way.

With regard to the share of the consignment that is to be sent to the Nilgiris I could do as the Chairman suggests if thought most advisable. I think however that it would be better if I were to divide the consignment at Dindigul, leave half on ice there for a day or two while I took half up to the Pulneys freeing them and leaving them in my brother's charge there- Then returning and taking the other half to the Nilgiris.

I think this most advisable as the consignments will have to be examined for parasites on opening- There is no need for me to stay long on the Nilgiris and I could give the hints for propagation better verbally than by letter.

Distribution is a matter that will come later on, I think. Once on the Hills a dozen or two of each kind could be sent round to any interested parties to experiment with if desired without any trouble but it would, I think, be better to let the Lady birds propagate first and distribute them after acclimatization.

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specimens chiefly of the three kinds mentioned in my last letter. I trust I shall be able to produce most of these alive in India but the most trying time is to come i.e. the voyage back. It will be exceedingly difficult work to keep my brine chest working steadily all the time, but I will do it if it possibly can be done.

I have taken my return passage in the Orient boat "Oroya" leaving Sydney on the 28th instant. I leave here therefore on the 25th instant and hope to arrive at Colombo on the 17th or 18th June.

I will telegraph my arrival to you from Tuticorin.

You will get this letter I think a week or so before my arrival- Would you kindly write me to Colombo (C/o Orient Line Agent) or to Tuticorin (C/o B.I.S.N. Coy Agent) informing me where I can obtain ice in Tuticorin also mentioning any other instruction you may have for me. I anticipate no difficulty about ice at Colombo. On second thought I think my best place would be to telegraph from Colombo to Messrs. G. Mengel & Co, Dindigul, for a consignment of 50 lbs or so of ice to await my arrival at Tuticorin in any case. (Whether I hear from you or not)

On my arrival in India I shall proceed direct to Dindigul If you wish to reply to my telegram announcing arrival at Tuticorin would you kindly wire me at Dindigul C/o my Agent S. Rungasawmy Naidu.

I shall not have time, nor will there be any need for me to write again before my arrival.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sigd) Howard Newport.

United Planters' Association
of Southern India.

Madras, 24th June, 1898.

To the Secretary to,

The Government of Madras,

Revenue Department,

Ootacamund.

SECL. GOVT. MADRAS
24 JUN 98
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Sir,

I have the honour to forward the annex extract from a letter from Mr. Howard O. Newport, dated Dindigul, 19th instant with reference to the supply of Lady-birds he has brought with him from Australia:-

"In the second week in May I discussed with Mr. Tryon the advisability of my returning- and for several reasons he advised me to do so. I therefore left Brisbane on the 25th May and arrived at Sydney on the evening of the 27th May. I had introductions from the Govt to the Co's Manager and so on board the S.S. Leura from Brisbane to Sydney had no trouble and had my brine chest lashed upon deck, where I could attend to it from time to time. I also asked for and obtained a letter of introduction to the Captain of the "Oroya", which I presented on Saturday morning, the 28th May, at Sydney. Capt McWatt said he could not possibly make any arrangements by which I could have the brine chest on deck, but wanted me to put the insects into the ship's refrigerator. I had no alternative therefore but to open my chest and transfer the insects (in their wooden cases) to the refrigerator. I went down with them and saw them put by the Refrigerator Engineer in a spot that would have a temperature varying from 0° to 15°F. I was assured they would be kept dry, and the chamber was not to be opened till Colombo. I therefore left them so. We left Sydney on the 28th May and after calling at Melbourne, Adelaide and Albany, arrived at Colombo on the morning of the 16th instant.

I proceeded on shore early, but had to wait till offices opened at 10 O'Clock, when I interviewed the Agent of the B.I.S.N. Coy. I booked through to Dindigul, the Coy allowing my brine chest

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The B.I.S.N. Agent very courteously arranged for ice to be sent on board and gave me letters to Capt Coope, of the "Katoria". Having arranged this, I came back to the "Oroya" and refilled my brine chest and got out the insects from the refrigerator. On bringing out the package of boxes I found them to be caked with a thin layer of ice. I am therefore afraid that the moisture has got into the boxes; if so I am afraid very few, if any of the insects will be alive now. This, however, I cannot tell until I open out the boxes on the coffee trees and endeavour to thaw out the insects.

I arrived at Tuticorin on the morning of the I7th instant I had previously telegraphed to G. Mengel & Co of Dindigul for ice, but in Tuticorin was met by a telegram saying their works were stopped temporarily. No ice was to be had in Tuticorin- I got a little however from the "Katoria," and this together with what I had kept the chest going till Dindigul- During the night of the I7th I kept the chest under wet blankets and on the I8th morning received ice from Madras and was enabled to get the consignment divided up and arranged in the tin cases I had meanwhile had made for transporting them.

I am now arranging to proceed to the Pulneys with the first half of the consignment and propose, if not successful, to come and get the 2nd half and open them out on the Pulneys also. If successful, I propose coming down again and take the 2nd half of the consignment to the address, that I hope meanwhile to have received from you, on the Nilgiris - coming back to the Pulneys at once to attend to the Lady-birds on the trees there. If neither half of the consignment thaws out successfully, I shall proceed with my report to you and await orders. While actively engaged waiting upon these consignments I shall not have time to write full report, but I will submit one to you as soon as I can- I shall endeavour to be present at the U.P.A. Meeting in August but whether my Association will elect me to represent them and pay my expenses, I cannot tell. If I am still in the employ of the U.P.A. in

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