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Extract paragraphs 1-4 and 6-8 of a Despatch to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 8 (Education), dated Simla, the 9th June 1896.

AS promised in paragraph 23 of our Financial Despatch No. 351, dated the 11th December 1895, we have the honour to communicate for Your Lordship's sanction our recommendations as to the officers of the Subordinate (future Provincial) Service of the several Provinces to be specially promoted to the Indian Educational Service.

2. We understand from Sir Henry Fowler's Public (Educational) Despatch No. 41, dated the 26th June 1895, that, if there are any officers now holding appointments classed as Provincial but who have acted in the Graded Service under such circumstances that they had a reasonable expectation of eventual confirmation in it, they may be declared eligible for appointment to the Indian Educational Service when vacancies to which they can be appointed occur. In framing our recommendations we have also taken into consideration the question whether the officers concerned are of the class and have the qualifications which would have justified us in requesting the sanction of the Secretary of State to their permanent appointment to the Graded Service. We have also borne in mind the fact that, under the scheme for the reorganization of the Educational Services sanctioned in Your Lordship's Public (Educational) Despatch No. 22, dated the 12th March 1896, a considerable proportion of the Inspectors of Schools are to belong to the Provincial Educational Services, and that the prospects of officers in these services have been improved. We have therefore scrutinized somewhat strictly the proposals made by Local Governments in this matter.

3. We accept the view of the Governments of Madras and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh that no officer serving in the Provincial Educational Services in those Provinces need be declared eligible for promotion to the Indian Educational Service.

4. The Government of Bombay recommend that Mr. R. D. Prior, Headmaster of the Elphinstone High School, should be included in the Indian Educational Service, subject to the condition that his first increment of Rs. 50 per mensem should commence on the expiration of five years of service on Rs. 700 (his present pay). The Local Government also propose that Mr. H. M. Page, Headmaster of the College of Science, Poona, should be admitted to the Indian Service, the appointment held by him being transferred to that service on the understanding that it will be restored to the Provincial list when it becomes either temporarily or permanently vacant.

Mr. Prior's position has been somewhat misunderstood by the Bombay Government. He is already in the Indian Educational Service, having been appointed by the Secretary of State and holding an appointment included in the list of that service,—*vide* paragraph 10 of our Financial Despatch of the 11th December 1895.. His appointment, however, carries a special salary, and, as explained in paragraph 5 of that Despatch, he will not be entitled to the pay of Rs. 500—1,000 unless he becomes an Inspector, Professor or Principal. Should he be at any time appointed to one of those offices, he should, we think, begin on the pay, whether Rs. 700 or Rs. 750 per mensem, which he may be drawing at the time and remain on that pay for five or for six years before receiving a further increment.

We concur in the Bombay Government's recommendation that Mr. Page should be held eligible for promotion to the Indian Educational Service, both on account of his approved service and in consideration of the number of times that he has already officiated in the graded list; but we think it unnecessary to transfer to that service, even temporarily, the post of Headmaster of the College of Science, Poona, at present filled by him. He can be admitted to the Indian Educational Service when a suitable vacancy occurs.

6. We agree in the recommendations of the Governments of Bengal and the Punjab and of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, in favour, respectively, of Messrs. W. Billing, F. H. Cope and A. P. Mitchell. Mr. Billing has officiated as Principal of the Krishnagar College from 1888 to April 1895, when he was confirmed, and has officiated in the Graded Service for more than seven years. His management of the College is said to have been marked by a very creditable degree of success, and he is reported to be a good teacher and an excellent disciplinarian. His case appears to us to be similar to that of Mr. W. B. Livingstone, whose appointment to class IV of the Graded Service was sanctioned in Lord Kimberley's Public (Educational) Despatch No. 104, dated the 27th October 1892. Mr. Cope has held substantively the Principalship of the Central Training College, Lahore, since March 1888, and has officiated in the Graded Service, either as Professor in the Government College, Lahore, or as Inspector of Schools, for over seven years in all. As Inspector of Schools, Lahore Circle, and of European Schools in the Punjab, he has given very general satisfaction. Mr. Mitchell is a non-graded Inspector of Schools in the Central Provinces. In the opinion of the Chief Commissioner and of the Inspector-General of Education he is an excellent officer. He has frequently officiated in the Graded Service with credit and efficiency.

7. We are of opinion that, when these officers are appointed to the Indian Educational Service, on the occurrence of vacancies, they should continue to draw their present pay (if it is equal to, or greater than, the initial pay of the Indian Service) as nearly as possible, but that, before receiving further increments, they should be required to serve the full time prescribed in Article 171 (a) of the Civil Service Regulations.

8. We have not in this Despatch dealt with the points raised in Your Lordship's Public (Educational) Despatch No. 22, dated the 12th March 1896, some of which need a reply, but we shall communicate our views on them in a separate Despatch.

INDIA OFFICE;
London, 30th July 1896.

Public (Educational).

No. 74.

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor General of India in Council.

MY LORD,—I have considered in Council the letter, No. 8, from your Government, dated 9th June 1896, in which you recommend that four Educational officers, belonging respectively to the Provincial services of Bombay, Bengal, the Punjab, and the Central Provinces, may be appointed on certain conditions to the Indian Educational Service.

2. The inquiries which have led to these recommendations seem to have been undertaken in consequence of the remark in the second paragraph of Sir H. Fowler's Despatch on Mr. Oliver's case (No. 41, dated 26th June 1895) that, in connection with the reorganization of the Educational Department, it would have to be considered whether provision should be made for the case of other Provincial officers who might appear to have claims to be promoted to the Imperial list. But since that Despatch was written your general scheme has been submitted, a number of Imperial appointments have been made over to the Provincial services, and among the general provisions which the scheme included, and which have been sanctioned, is one authorizing the appointment of a Provincial officer to officiate in a post ordinarily reserved for members of the Indian Educational Service, and assigning to such officer an allowance of Rs. 100 a month while so officiating.

3. These two concessions taken together have greatly improved the position and prospects of the Provincial officers, and I do not consider that Sir Henry Fowler's remark just cited can reasonably be understood as an intimation that over and above any such concessions he would have been ready to entertain proposals for the promotion to the Imperial list of any considerable number of Provincial officers. At all events, I am so far in agreement with your Excellency in Council that I should not be prepared to sanction the transfer to the Indian Educational Service of any officer now on the Subordinate or Provincial lists who does not possess such qualifications as would have made him eligible for selection in England to fill an Imperial post, and who has not acted in the graded service for so long, prior to the date when appointments to that service were stopped, and in such circumstances, as to justify his entertaining a reasonable expectation that he would eventually be confirmed in it.

4. I think that Messrs. Cope and Billing may fairly be regarded as within this category. Both are graduates, and both have acted continuously, or almost continuously, for nearly eight years in appointments previously reserved for the graded service. I therefore sanction your proposals in regard to those gentlemen.

5. But I am not satisfied that either Mr. Page or Mr. Mitchell comes up to the necessary standard, or cannot be adequately rewarded by a suitable Provincial appointment with the sanctioned allowance on any occasion on which he may be selected to officiate in a post reserved for the members of the Indian Educational Service.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,
GEORGE HAMILTON.

No. 274

From

C. H. A. Hill, Esq.,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.



Home Department.

(Education)

Simla, the 8th September 1896.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 927, dated the 11th December 1895, I am directed to forward for information and guidance copies of the Despatches noted in the margin

- (1) Paras. 1-4 and 6-8 of Govt. of India Despatch No. 3 Education dated 9-6-96. on the subject
- (2) Secy. of State's Despatch No. 74 Public (Education) dated 30th July 1896. of the admission of certain

officers of the Provincial Service to the Indian Educational Service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. H. A. Hill

Under Secy. to the Government of India.

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