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G.O., No. 777, 28th November 1895.

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Forest Officers.

Withdrawing the prohibition contained in G.O., No. 673, dated 26th May 1884, and permitting the grant of promotion to — in privilege leave vacancies.

WITH ORDER

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1432, dated 30th September 1895 :—

Read—the following letter from A. W. LUSHINGTON, Esq., District Forest-officer, Kistna, to the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle (through the Collector of Kistna), dated Masulipatam, 10th August 1895, Forest C. No. 564 :—

I have the honour to forward a copy of extract from the Burma Official Gazette, No. 185, of 30th May 1895.

(5) With effect from the 21st of April 1895, *consequent on the grant of privilege leave* to Mr. H. Slade, Deputy Conservator, 2nd Grade—

- Mr. A. Weston, Deputy Conservator, 3rd Grade, to officiate as Deputy Conservator, 2nd Grade.
- Mr. G. F. R. Blackwell, Deputy Conservator, 4th Grade, to officiate as Deputy Conservator, 3rd Grade.
- Mr. W. T. T. McHarg, Assistant Conservator, 1st Grade, to officiate as Deputy Conservator, 4th Grade.
- Mr. G. R. Long, Assistant Conservator, 2nd Grade, to officiate as Assistant Conservator, 1st Grade.

2. The *italics* are mine, and I have inserted it to show that in other provinces promotions are given to members of the Forest Department when higher officers proceed on privilege leave as well as when such officers proceed on furlough. There can therefore be no regulation prohibiting the grant of such allowances to us in this Presidency, and probably all that is required is a strong representation on the part of Conservators to the Government to allow us in this Presidency the privilege that our *confrères* in other provinces enjoy.

3. As promotion now seems very slow (I have been drawing the same salary for seven years), I have the honour to ask you to move the Government on our behalf to enable us to enjoy promotion when senior officers are granted privilege leave.

Endorsement by J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Collector of Kistna, dated 16th August 1895.

Forwarded.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated 18th August 1895, R.C. No. 524.

Forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue with the earnest request that the Forest Member, as Head of the Department, will urge on Government the equity of cancelling its present regulations whereby officers serving under it are placed at a disadvantage compared with their brother officers under the Government of India.

Read—the following letter from H. A. GASS, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 30th August 1895, Ref. on Cur. No. 827 :—

[Reference.—Disposal No. 209, dated 18th August 1895, from the Conservator, Northern Circle.]

I have the honour to inform you that the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, has been good enough to send me a copy of his R.C. No. 524 of 18th August 1895, submitting a letter from Mr. A. W. Lushington to you.

I observe another instance of promotion obtained by the absence of Mr. Gamble, Conservator of Forests, on privilege leave, given in the Gazette, dated Simla, 15th August 1895, whereby several officers have obtained a step.

2. I fully agree with Mr. Hooper's remarks.

I have suffered in the past by the present ruling, and as recently as last year when Mr. Popert was absent on three months' privilege leave, and I may possibly feel its effect again later on.

The cancelment of the order would be an encouragement to many officers in the Department to whom promotion has come very slowly.

Read—the following letter from F. A. LODGE, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kurnool, to the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle (through the Collector of Kurnool), dated 23rd August 1895, Forest C. No. 843 :—

I have the honour to bring to your notice that in other provinces acting promotion is given to Deputy and Assistant Conservators whenever vacancies occur through the absence of officers on privilege leave, and to request that you will kindly move Government to allow similar acting promotions in this Presidency.

In the comparatively recent gazettes of other provinces such acting promotions are referred to on the following dates :—

Gazette of Burma, dated 22nd Dec. 1894 and 20th May 1895.
 " of Bengal " 5th " " 11th Feb. 1895 and 8th March 1895.
 " of Punjab " 14th May 1895.

2. I do not wish to make this entirely a personal appeal, but considering my past promotion and future prospects, I must say that a little acting promotion would be most welcome. In the past I was (for some unknown reason) placed below Mr. Battie in the list for nearly eight years and was thus deprived of numerous acting appointments during that period; at the same time my permanent promotion was so retarded (through no fault of mine) that I was half way through my sixth year of service before I was made a permanent 1st-grade Assistant, a grade which Mr. Porter (one year my senior) attained after two years and one months' service. I remained Assistant Conservator till October 1891 when I had almost completed eight years' service. My first acting appointment as Deputy Conservator commenced after 7 years and 3 months' service as against—

	YES.
Mr. Porter	4½ or less.
" A. W. Lushington	4½
" Homfray	5½
" Brazier	5½
" Peake	5½
" P. M. Lushington	5½ confirmed.
" McArthy	5½
" Thornton	4½
" Jackson	4
" McIntosh	3
" Bryant	3½

3. As for the future: I have been No. 15 on the list for the last four years and am likely to continue so for another five, without even acting promotion, unless acting promotion is given for privilege leave vacancies. My chance of ever becoming

Conservator is infinitesimal as, of the four men immediately above me, one is of my year and the remaining three are only one year senior. Since August 1887, I have held charge of 1st-grade Deputy Conservator's districts on considerably less than 1st-grade Deputy Conservator's pay, having only once (for seven months) touched 2nd-grade Deputy Conservator's pay.

4. Although, as I have shown, my promotion has been worse than that of any other Secretary of State's man for some distance above and below me in the list, I do not ask for any special concession, but simply that the practice in force in other provinces may be introduced here.

Endorsement by C. M. MULLALY, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, dated 29th August 1895.

Forwarded.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Vizagapatam, 11th September 1895, R.C. No. 680.

Forwarded. A similar reference has already been submitted from Mr. A. W. Lushington who has not shown such good reason for the encouragement of privilege leave promotions in his own case as Mr. Lodge does though all Madras officers are denied the privileges allowed to their brethren in Bengal under the Civil Service Regulations.

Read—the following letter from E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 19th September 1895, No. 560 :—

I have been asked to draw attention to the hardship sustained by officers in the Forest Department in Madras compared with their *confrères* in other provinces in the matter of officiating promotion for officers absent on privilege leave. I have the honour to remark I am well aware such promotion is given in other provinces and venture to suggest a similar boon may be conferred upon Madras officers. The suggestion, if adopted, will entail a small increase in expenditure, but I would point out promotion of officers in the Presidency is very slow and the prospects of promotion very poor.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1432, dated 30th September 1895.

The papers read above will be submitted for the orders of Government with reference to G.O., No. 673, Revenue, dated 26th May 1884.

2. In that order Government ruled that officiating promotions should not be granted to Forest-officers in privilege leave vacancies except in cases where such promotions involve a change of station and of work. It is represented that this ruling places the Forest-officers in this Presidency at a disadvantage as compared with their *confrères* in other provinces. The Board thinks that it is not desirable that the officers serving in this Presidency should be treated with less consideration than those serving elsewhere and accordingly recommends that the practice in force in other provinces may be adopted in this Presidency also. There does not appear to be any thing in the Civil Service Regulations (*vide* articles 149—153) to debar Forest-officers from being promoted when vacancies occur owing to the absence of men on privilege leave.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with four letters in original (to be returned).

4 No. 777, REVENUE, 28TH NOVEMBER 1895.

ORDER—No. 777, Revenue, dated 28th November 1895.

Forest No. 300.

In the circumstances now reported,
the Government is pleased to withdraw
the prohibition contained in G.O.,
No. 673, dated 26th May 1884, and to permit the grant of promotion to Forest-officers
in privilege leave vacancies.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
with Enclosures.
„ the Accountant-General.
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