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**Nilgiri Commissionership.**

No. 119. *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated  
Fort St. George, 25th November 1876, No. 2443.*

Referring to the correspondence noted in the margin, ending with your letter,

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| To Government of India, No. 1671, dated 18th October 1873. | dated 12th August 1876,    |
| From " " " 4, " 5th January 1874.                          | No. 212, on the subject    |
| To " " " 722, " 21st April "                               | of providing for the cost  |
| From " " " 201, " 9th June "                               | of the Malabar Special     |
| To " " " 1797, " 25th September "                          | Assistant, I am directed   |
| To " " " 1914, " 15th October "                            | to state, for the informa- |
| From " " " 32, " 8th February 1875.                        | tion of the Government of  |
| To " " " 2324, " 1st November 1875.                        | India, that, on mature     |
| From " " " 13, " 12th January 1876.                        | consideration, His Grace   |
| To " " " 1290, " 27th June "                               |                            |
| From " " " 212, " 12th August "                            |                            |

the Governor in Council is decidedly of opinion that the reduction, with this object, of the pay of the Nilgiri Commissioner which was proposed in 1874 would be most impolitic—indeed impracticable—as the reduced pay, which would be less than that of a Sub-Collector, would preclude the Government from employing as Commissioner an officer of the standing required for the position which practically is that of a Collector of a District and a District and Sessions Judge combined, and moreover involves intimate administrative relations with a body of European planters who need and claim the services of an experienced officer, and have protested jealously against the employment of one of less standing in the service than has hitherto been appointed to the Nilgiri charge.

2. The actual amount of the reduced pay would also, in the opinion of this Government, be quite incommensurate with the responsibilities of the office and altogether inadequate to enable the Commissioner to maintain that position on the spot which, as local representative of the Government, he should occupy and to satisfy the social demands which it entails.

3. The alternative suggested was a reduction in the strength of the staff on the Hills by the abolition of the appointment either of the Assistant Commissioner, who is District Magistrate, District Munsif, and Small Cause Judge, or of the Joint Magistrate, who is also Superintendent of the European and District Jails. The abolition of the office of Assistant Commissioner is precluded by the increased amount of work which will be entailed by the addition to the Commissionership of the division of South-east Wynaad, which has long been urged upon Government by the European planters resident there, and has, after mature deliberation, been resolved on by His Grace the Governor in Council as a measure likely to prove materially conducive to the progress and good administration of an important planting district, as well as earnestly desired by the planters concerned.

4. In regard to the office of Joint Magistrate, His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that the importance of the attached duties of Superintendent of the European and District Jails necessitates its retention, the Jail charge, including the European prisoners, being a specially responsible one, which could not be entrusted as a merely casual appendage to the other duties of either of the station medical officers who are frequently changing and, from the nature of their duties,

have not the time, even if they possessed the essential qualifications, to discharge the jail duties with regularity and system.

5. The result is that this Government are not in a position to effect the economy which the Government of India desired in connection with the re-appointment of a Special Assistant in Malabar; and, while requesting that sanction for this appointment, irrespective of any corresponding reduction elsewhere, may be obtained from the Secretary of State, I am directed to bring prominently under consideration the very small amount of additional charge really entailed by it.

6. The post of Special Assistant is equivalent to that of Head Assistant, the pay and allowances being Rupees 810-5-4 monthly.

7. The officer selected for the post must necessarily be an Assistant who has passed the special examinations, and who therefore must be already in receipt of Rupees 601 monthly, which charge must necessarily be incurred in any case—whether the Malabar appointment be made or not—as it does not depend on the number of special appointments, but on the general circumstances of the Covenanted Service, which will in no way be affected by the creation of the Malabar appointment or by the reduction of the Nilgiri staff.

8. Thus the cost of the proposal resolves itself into a possible maximum addition of Rupees 209-5-4 monthly to the whole cost of the Covenanted Service, which addition this Government submit is utterly insufficient to warrant the requirement of administrative changes elsewhere in order to effect a corresponding economy, and I am to request that, under these circumstances, the Government of India will recommend to the Secretary of State the employment of the Special Assistant in Malabar as a necessary administrative arrangement without insisting on concurrent reductions elsewhere. The matter has been most carefully weighed by this Government, and the conclusions at which they have arrived are, in their deliberate opinion, essential for good administration.

9. I am to request the favor of sanction by telegraph for the continuance of existing arrangements as the provisional sanction for the Nilgiris expired on 31st October 1876.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,  
Chief Secretary.

MINUTE by the Hon. Sir W. ROBINSON, K.C.S.I., dated 25th November 1876.  
Draft of letter to Government of India on the Neilgherry Commissioner-ship and annexation of South-East Wynaad.

I dissent from the measures treated of in the Draft and have recorded my dissent.

I dissent, too, from the procedure intended and hold that the Proceedings of the Government of Madras should accompany the letter.

W. ROBINSON.



*Handwritten signature*

Kindy let me know  
after praying

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*Minute by the Hon. Wm. B. Ewing, dated 28 Jan 1860*

Draft of letter to Gov. of India  
on the Mulberry Com. imp. ship  
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DEPARTMENT

No. 2443

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT  
OF INDIA,

Home DEPARTMENT

SIR, -

Referring to the correspondence noted in the margin, ending with your letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 1876, No 212, on the subject of providing for the cost of the Mahabhar Special Assistant, I am directed to state for the information of the Govt of India that on mature consideration His Grace the Governor in Council is decidedly of opinion that the reduction, with this object, of the pay

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L.A.

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~~Detachment~~  
{ 25<sup>th</sup> ~~Sept~~ 1876.

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[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes and signatures follow]

*Official*

House (1876.) DEPARTMENT.

No. 2443

To

The Secretary to the  
Government of *India*  
House Department.



Dated 25 November 1876.

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Relief Commission

*State. Requesting to know  
the appointment of the  
civil Assistant, who  
may be entrusted  
with the duties  
connected with  
the salary of the  
Commissioner of the  
Chargis.*