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Public Works (191) Department.

G.O., No. 248-494

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DATED 25-1-191

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr R. Parsons, Chief Assistant, P.W. Sectt

Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed
re: the grant of a personal allowance of Rs 50 to —

Addressed accordingly.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

To

The Secretary to Government-

Public Works Department

Sir,

In consequence of the approaching retirement from the service of Mr. D. Parsons, Record Supdt., a sum of Rs 250 becomes available for the entertainment of a new clerk, and for distribution, if thought fit, among deserving men already on the establishment. A sum of Rs 50 has already, with the sanction of the Govt. of India, been granted to Mr. C. S. Simpson, 2nd Assistant. It is at present drawn as a personal allowance, but will be merged in substantive pay with effect from the 8th January next. There will then remain a sum of Rs 200 available.

It will be seen from the attached statement that with the exception of myself, every person on the establishment has received an increase within recent years; and most of them have had several increases in rapid succession.

My own case is somewhat peculiar. I rose
to the highest position in the office many years ago,
and

and have been debarred from promotion ever since. In
consequence of being English by birth I am ^{also} precluded
from looking elsewhere - this being a race disability
under Statute. Notwithstanding this stagnation
^{extending over 16 years,}
of promotion, my zeal and industry in the service
of the State have not, I may perhaps venture to af-
firm, ever relaxed; in testimony whereof I beg to
appeal to the accompanying copies of testimonials
given me by my official superiors during the
course of my service as ~~Chief~~ Assistant to the
Secretary to Govt. in this Dept.

At one time of my service I was selected
to fill the office of Chief Assistant to the Chief
Secretary, and though I received no additional
emolument, I cheerfully undertook the more ar-
duous duties for a period of two years. That I
gave satisfaction will be apparent from the
testimonial recorded by Sir Henry Stokes.

Recently I have been selected by Govt.
to assume the position and perform the duties
of Secretary to the Sanitary Board. For this
additional work and responsibility no
remuneration

remuneration has been offered.

I would now venture, after so many years
of approved service to solicit the sanction of Govt.
to a small personal allowance of, say, Rs 50, which
could be met from savings on the abolition of
the post of Rs 250 which now becomes feasible; and
I trust you will be pleased to accord your support
to my application.

The strength of the office cannot well be
reduced, and this is guarded against in the
proposed arrangement as shown in the attached
statement.

I beg to remain,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

N. Barlow

Chief Assistant, P.W. Secretariat

14 December 1896

Statement B

Office Establishment P. W. Secretariat

Name	Designation	Pay	Total under Govt.	Date of last increase of pay	Proposed increase of pay	Personal allowance
R. Parsons Esquire	Chief Assistant	600	26.7-12	1-12-80	50	Personal allowance
Mr. C. S. Simpson	Second Assistant	350	25-10-8	1-11-95	50	Already drawn under separate sanction.
Mr. W. Lyons	Head Clerk	225	17-10-20	1-12-93	25	
Mr. A. Jayarama Swamy	Clerk	160	13-10-18	1-12-93	15	
Mr. H. Lincoln	Do	130	17-5-23	22-1-96	10	
Mr. F. R. James	Do	110	13-1-26	22-1-96	10	
Mr. J. McDonnagh Sahib	Do	100	28-5-16	22-1-96	"	Not considered for further advancement
Mr. Abdul Aziz Sahib	Do	90	5-8-28	22-1-96	5	
Mr. Kadir Sahib	Do	85	13-8-25	22-1-96	5	
Mr. Pythianatha Aiyar	Do	80	12-11-17	22-1-96	15	Performs specially important duties
Mr. Sayed Raza Hussain Sahib	Do	75	19-7-21	15-4-96	5	
Mr. Rahimuddin Sahib	Do	70	12-8-11	15-4-96	5	
Mr. Radicassavaloos Ravidoo	Do	65	15-9	22-1-96	5	
Mr. J. W. Boon	Do	60	6-10-44	15-4-96	5	
Mr. J. Sadasivam Pillay	Do	55	5-5-4	15-4-96	5	
Mr. Rathnasami Aiyar	Do	50	9-2-2	15-4-96	5	
Mr. V. Gangadara Sastry	Do	45	4-6-29	22-1-96	5	
Mr. Krishnamachari	Do	45	4-10-5	15-4-96	5	
Mr. Rajasami Aiyar	Do	40	4-6-15	15-4-96	5	
Mr. Subramania Aiyar	Do	35	3-6-21	22-1-96		
Mr. Hamiduddin Sahib	Do	35	2-9-15	15-4-96		
Mr. S. Ramasami Aiyar	Do	30	2-10-2	22-1-96		
Mr. V. Subramania Aiyar	Do	30	2-9-13	15-4-96		
Mr. Kalijandaram Aiyar	Do	25	1-8-13	15-4-96		
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RICHARD PARSONS.

Remarks as to Character, &c.

Date.	By whom.	Remarks.
28th April 1871	... Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E., Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	Although Mr. R. Parsons joined the office of the Public Works Secretariat at a comparatively recent date, I have had sufficient opportunity of forming an opinion of his capacity and fitness, and I believe that he will prove a useful and valuable public servant.
15th April 1872	... Colonel J. Carpendale, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	Mr. Richard Parsons, second Assistant in the P.W.D. is of short experience in a public office but he has taken kindly to it and appears to have natural aptitude for the work. He is a respectable young man of good education, very willing and attentive and I have been quite satisfied with him.
14th August 1875	... Major J. O. Hasted, R.E., Offg. Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	I have formed a very favorable opinion of Mr. R. Parsons. He conducts the work of the office with much ability and is, I think, a valuable assistant.
31st January 1877	... Major-General G. W. Walker, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	Mr. R. Parsons has practically taken the leading part in the work of the P. W. Secretariat office ever since Mr. D'Vas's death in August 1874; and his efficiency in the management of its duties has been remarkable. I desire to record my entire satisfaction; and to recommend that he be confirmed in his present post to which Mr. Cardoza has given up all claim, when Mr. Cardoza's leave expires in January 1878.
31st January 1877	... Major-General G. W. Walker, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	(Extract from a memorandum recorded by General Walker). * * * Mr. R. Parsons will accept for himself, and express to the members of the office generally, the Secretary's satisfaction with the manner in which its business is transacted.

Date.	By whom.	Remarks.
9th June 1879	Major-General E. A. Foord, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D. (Retired.)	Before giving over charge of the office I filled up the remarks column of the Service Register of most of the clerks, and then found that I had been doing that which was quite unnecessary, as, by recent orders of Government, the signature only of the officer giving over charge is required. If I did not record my opinion of the way in which you did your work, that was the reason. During the time I was Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, I had every reason to be satisfied with your ability, zeal, and industry, and was much obliged to you for the assistance you gave me. * * * * * If any changes are made in the organization of the office, I hope you may benefit by them.
29th June 1881, G. O. 1615, W.	Madras Government	The Manual of Instructions for the conduct of business in the Public Works Secretariat will be printed for information and guidance. 2. Copies also will be supplied to other Departments of the Secretariat for information. 3. The care and ability shown by Mr. R. Parsons, Chief Assistant, Public Works Secretariat, in the compilation of this useful Manual merit the approval of Government.
Administration Report for 1881-82.	Madras Government	"Manual—A complete Secretariat Manual for the Department was issued in the course of the year, and its compilation by Mr. R. Parsons, Chief Assistant in the Public Works Secretariat, elicited the approval of Government."
September 1883...	The Hon'ble Major-General R. H. Sankey, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	It affords me much pleasure to endorse the above favorable opinions of Mr. Parsons' entire fitness for the very responsible post which he held. I consider him a most valuable and trustworthy servant of Government.
September 1883...	The Hon'ble Major-General R. H. Sankey, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	I cannot quit my present appointment without expressing to you the very great satisfaction I have had in the painstaking, conscientious and intelligent manner in which you have conducted your duties as chief assistant. I can safely say that I have never owing to your thorough business habits, had the slightest anxiety regarding the prompt disposal of all references, and in fact I have never been connected with an office so thoroughly well managed. In wishing you good bye with much regret you must allow me to leave with you the accompanying small token of my personal esteem.

Date.	By whom.	Remarks.
26th June 1885	The Hon'ble Colonel J. H. M. Shaw-Stewart, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	In accordance with what I believe is the rule on the subject I have signed my name in your Service Register on the occasion of your transfer to the substantive <i>pro tem</i> post of Chief Assistant in the Chief Secretary's office. I trust the change may prove to be to your ultimate advantage, although I believe it brings no immediate increase of salary. The P. W. D. is, however losing the benefit of your services, and I take the opportunity to let you know how much I personally regret the loss. During the past 20 months your services in the important post you held have been of very great assistance to me, and it gives me much pleasure to endorse cordially the opinions I find recorded by my two immediate predecessors, each of whom had longer opportunity to judge of your qualifications than I have had.
8th September 1886	The Hon'ble Colonel J. H. M. Shaw-Stewart, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	I have great pleasure in endorsing the opinion of Mr. Parsons' fitness for his post, which General Sankey placed on record three years ago. During the last year and a half, Mr. Parsons has been officiating in the Public Department, where the duties are perhaps even heavier and more responsible than those which he discharged in the Public Works Department with so much credit to himself. Whether or not he returns to his former post, I have no doubt that he will succeed in giving satisfaction to any officer under whom he may be placed.
4th July 1887	The Hon. Mr. H. E. Stokes, C.S., Ag. Chief Secretary to Government.	I have great pleasure in recording that I have derived much assistance from Mr. Parsons during the time we have been working together in the Chief Secretariat. I have always found him punctual, careful and conscientious, and quite fit for the post he held.
22nd March 1889	Col. H. R. Mead, R.E., Ag. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	I have known Mr. Parsons for some time, and although he has served with me only a short time I can with pleasure record that I have the same high opinion of him that my predecessors have expressed.

Date.	By whom.	Remarks.
28th July 1890	Lt.-Col. R. K. E. Drake-Brockman, R.E., Ag. Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	During the period of sixteen months during which I have held charge of the General Branch of the Secretariat, Mr. Parsons only worked under me for five months, extending from April 1889 to August 1889, and I have much pleasure in confirming all the good opinions expressed by my predecessors in office as to the manner in which he carried out his duties as Chief Assistant.
4th July 1891	Lt.-Col. A. C. Smith, R.E., Ag. Jt. Secretary to Government, P. W. D.	Although I have held office for only 3 months in the Secretariat I cannot leave without recording how heartily I endorse all the high opinions of Mr. Parsons expressed by my predecessors and my thanks for his valuable assistance.
20th April 1893	L. T. Walsh Esqre, As. Chief Engineer and Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.	During the six months I have been Chief Engineer and Secy. to Govt. and have held charge of the General Branch of the P.W. Secretariat Mr. Parsons has continued to maintain the high standard of efficiency to which my predecessors have borne testimony.
20th Decr. 1895	Col. J. Pennycuik R.E. Chief Engineer & Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.	No praise can be too high for the manner in which Mr. Parsons has done his work during my tenure of office. I doubt whether there is an office in the Presidency in which so high a standard of efficiency is maintained, if an opinion can be based upon the manner in which papers come up for disposal. My own work has been enormously increased by my appointment as President of the Sanitary Board and by the transfer of the Marine Dept. to the P.W. Secretariat, and I doubt if I could have

have got through it, but for the admirable manner in which the work of the office is carried on by Mr. Parsons.

Deuts Gardens
Madras
January 7th, 1896.

Dear Mr. Parsons

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I have expressed my opinion regarding your own services in the Register, & need only here repeat my thanks for the valuable help which I have always received from you. I have never seen, and do not believe there is in India, an office better organised and better worked than the P. W. Secretariat and no small share of this efficiency is due to yourself.

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Yours sincerely

(sd) J. Pennycuik.

R. S. 14 Dec 96

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His Excy. the Governor,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

P. W. Secretariat,
Re-arrangement of
salaries.

Read the following:—

Letter from Mr. R. Parsons, Chief Assistant,
P. W. Secretariat, dated 14th Decr. 1896.

FOR ORDERS.

Owing to the retirement
of Mr. D. Parsons, Record Supdt., on
Rs 250 per month there will be a
vacancy in this office, and I propose
to make the arrangement shown in
the accompanying statement, that
is to give an increase to most of
the clerks and appoint a new clerk
on Rs 20. I believe this to be a more
just arrangement than bringing
in a new clerk on high pay and
thereby stopping promotion. The cost
of the office establishment will
remain as at present.

The case of my Chief
Assistant is peculiar. He reached
the

1. It is not clear to me who, under the
proposed scheme, would perform the
duties of Mr. Parsons, the retiring
Supdt. of Records. A new clerk
on Rs. 20 a month is proposed,
but I do not understand that he
is meant to replace Mr. Parsons.

2. Is it not rather soon for the gentlemen
whose names are marked that
to receive increments? Some of them
received increase of pay only eight

months ago.

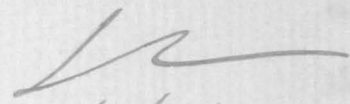
3. I think increase of pay to Mr. R.
Parsons would be a just reward for his
long and good service, but this increase
must not be given at the cost of the
efficiency of the Dept.

4. It is contemplated that the proposed
increases of pay should be permanent?

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the highest position in this office many years ago and has had no increase to his pay for 16 years, and I think the case may be considered one in which para 2 of G.O. No 1359 Financial dated 23rd Decr. 1886 (flagged c) may be applied, and I may mention that the Marine Dept. having been transferred to this office gives him extra work and responsibility and that he has lately been made Secretary to the Sanitary Board for which he receives no extra remuneration.


15/12/86
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FOR ORDERS.

P. W. Secretariat -
Re-arrangement of salaries.

P. W. D.

Note for His Excellency the Governor

"It is to be gathered from this that the clerk on Rs. 250 a month, which is now proposed to be abolished, is unnecessary, provided that a Clerk on Rs. 20 p.m. is added to the Staff. The view of the Secretary's assurance that the efficiency of the office will not suffer, I think the reduction might be made. A.H.

1 One of the senior clerks on the establishment would take up the duties of Record Supdt. on the retirement of the present incumbent, and another senior clerk would succeed to the duties thus vacated, and so on - but not necessarily the next man in point of pay. On an office establishment the distribution of work goes very much according to proved fitness for particular duties; generally, however, the most highly paid men do the most important work. The new clerk on Rs 20 would have to be trained, and would, in the first instance, be put to simple duties.

(2) It is not understood that if there were twelve permanent vacancies in the office establishment in the course of a year, would the Clerks look for 12 increases of pay? A.H.

2 On the occurrence of a permanent vacancy on an office establishment the clerks generally look for an increase of pay.

3. The efficiency of the Dept. cannot suffer by the proposed allowance to Mr. Parsons. If he does not get an increase the Rs 50 would only go to swell the amount of the increases to the other members of the establishment, most of whom have already had several recent additions to their pay.

4. It is proposed that the increase to Mr. Parsons should be personal. It would lapse on his retirement. The increases to the other members of the establishment would be permanent.

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I think that an increase to Mr. Parsons' pay may be properly made. But, will not (3) authority of the Govt. of India, be needed
(4) I cannot see on what grounds such increases could be argued or defended.

R. G. H. 22.12.96

Note for His Excellency the Governor.

It is proposed to raise the pay of the Head Clerk from Rs. 225 to Rs. 250 on the ground that his duties are very important, and that he will be by no means too highly paid at Rs. 250. It is not shown that the Head Clerk's duties have become more important than they were when the salary was fixed at the present rate. A comparison with other officers tends to show that the present salary is amply sufficient. The Head Clerk, Chief Secy gets Rs. 250, in Local and Municipal Rs. 200, and in Revenue, Rs. 175.

It is also proposed to increase the next Clerk's pay from Rs. 160 to Rs. 175, as he also has important work to do, but here, likewise, it is not shown that there has been any change in the work.

It is stated that Clerks look for a step of promotion whenever a vacancy in a fixed establishment occurs. But, here there is no vacancy, as the abolition

(1) It is really not necessary to have a Record Keeper on such high pay as Rs 250 per mensem. The present incumbent reached this rate of pay after many years service. His successor in the post need not get anything like the same rate of pay, according to my present proposals there will still be an appointment on Rs 250, but it will fall to the Head Clerk whose duties are very important, and will by no means be too highly paid at Rs 250.

(a) The next man on the list, now drawing Rs 160, has also important work to do in connection with Budget & finance, and

and there are a few other clerks lower down whose good work deserves recognition now that an opportunity offers. The increases to the remaining clerks are small individually.

(2) Clerks look for a step of promotion whenever a vacancy on a fixed establishment occurs. The promotion is in some cases rapid, but on the other hand men may go for several years without a rise. The practice is uniform throughout the service.

(3) The increase in this case would require the sanction of the Govt. of India, but as it is met from savings and is a Provincial charge, the Govt. of India is not likely to object, if recommended by the Local Govt.

(4) - Please see para 1(a) above.

of the record office is proposed. It is merely not the custom, where a sum of money becomes available by the abolition of one office, to distribute that sum of money, as it is now proposed should be done, - among the remaining office holders or the Dept.?

But, I am inexperienced in the practice and traditions of the Public Service and matters. I should be greatly obliged to my Hon. colleague, Mr. Bliss, if he would comment on these proposals.

The Govt. of India might, I think, be addressed about a personal allowance of Rs. 50/-

W. Parsons.

A.S.H. 29.12.96

I assent with pleasure to the proposal to give a personal allowance of Rs. 50/- to Mr. Parsons. So far as I am able to judge his work is done as well as it could be, and he is fairly entitled to an increase of pay in view of his recent somewhat considerable increase of work.

As to the record keeper's pay, Rs. 250 seems to me to have been much too much. In fact, the whole office from the record keeper on Rs. 250 half down to the list seems to me to be overpaid. As the Secy says that he can do with the existing staff, let the record-keeper, if another man on Rs. 20 is added, I should sanction that.

R. 20/12/96
H. 23/12/96

Rs. 50 have already been hypothecated, under the sanction of the Govt. of India, to extinguish the personal allowance now drawn by the Secy. As the saving will thus be Rs. 130 and Rs. 180

* arrangement. Then there would be a saving of Rs. 250 + increase of Rs. 50 + 20, a net saving of Rs. 180.

As to the proposal to split up the pay of the retiring record keeper among the clerks generally, which is said to be in accordance with departmental custom, I have never before heard of such a thing being done.

7/1/97

Accirculated to His Excellency the Governor with a draft disposal for approval.

11/1/97

I agree with the Hon. Mr. Bliss. There is no note on the draft.

18.1.97

His Excellency the Governor
The Hon. Mr. Bliss C. J. E.

DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from Mr. R. Parsons, Chief Assistant, P.W.
Secretariat, dated 14th December 1896.

Ordered that the
Govt. of India be addressed.

I cannot think that the form of this letter is right. Mr. Parsons's application is not addressed to the Govt. of India, but to the Govt. of Madras, and it should be forwarded to the former To Govt. The Govt. of Madras The Secy. to the Govt. of India think that for certain reasons, Public Works Dept. Mr. Parsons should receive a personal allowance, but this Sir, requires the sanction of the Govt. of India. In the accompanying application applying for that sanction, from Mr. R. Parsons, Chief Assistant, Public Works Secretariat, we should not put the words, "I am directed to forward" but in the name of the Govt., praying that he may be granted not in the name of the Secy. a personal allowance of Rs 50 per mensem. The following remarks have been recorded by the Secy. as head of the office, in submitting the application to Govt. Please re-draft the letter.

8.1.97
10/1/97

Revised
draft submitted.

P. W. 40.
1,000-11-11-96

10/1/97

The case of my Chief Assistant is peculiar. He reached the highest position in this office many years ago, and has had no increase to his pay for 16 years. I think the case may be considered one in which para 2 of L.O. No. 1359 Financial dated 23rd Dec. 1886 may be applied, and I may mention that the Marine Dept. having been transferred to this office gives him extra work and responsibility, and that he has lately been made Secretary to the Sanitary Board for which he receives no extra remuneration."

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council supports the recommendation of the Secretary, and considers the proposed increase of pay to Mr R. Parsons would be a just reward for his long and good service, and in view of his recent somewhat considerable increase of work.

3. The additional cost will be met from savings due to the abolition of an appointment in the Secretariat establishment of Rs 250 with effect from the 1st

* Note These are the expressions used by H.E. & the H.M.

9th January 1897, from which date the increase now proposed might be granted.

4. A further sum of Rs 50 will go to extinguish the personal allowance drawn by the Second Assistant under the sanction of the Govt. of India communicated in your letter No. 10 L. dated 3rd Jan'y 96, and a sum of Rs 20 will be reserved for a man to replace the clerk on Rs 250 who has retired. There will thus be a saving of Rs 130 per mensem which will be credited to Govt.

13/1/97

to,

His Excellency the Governor

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Personal Allowance to Mr. R. Parsons

No. 248 W of 25th Jan'y 1897

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

letter from Mr. R. Parsons, Chief Assistant,
P. W. Secretariat dated 14th Decr. 1896

Ordered that the
Govt. of India be addressed.

No. 249 W

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
P. W. D.

Sir,
I am directed to request the
sanction of the Govt. of India to the
grant of a personal allowance of
Rs 50 per mensem to Mr. R. Parsons,
Chief Assistant, Public Works Secre-
tariat, under the following circum-
stances.

1. Mr. Parsons has held his present
position since 1876, and for sixteen
years has had no increase of pay

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21.1.97

*HC
15 Jan 1897*

Being an European by birth he has been barred by Statute from any promotion outside his office, and is thus now, and has been for many years, deprived of any hope of further promotion. His case thus falls under para. 6 of the letter of the Finance Committee of the Govt. of India No. 14 dated 9th October 1886, the principle of which was accepted by this Govt. in para. 2 of G.O. 1359 Incl. dated 23rd Decr. 1886. This provides for periodical increments of pay to officers on fixed salaries who, having attained the highest position in the particular branch or Dept. to which they can rise, have no other means of advancement.

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3. Mr. Parsons has elicited the approval and commendation of every officer of the

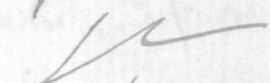
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Secretariat under whom he has served, ~~as the accompanying~~ ~~copy of his testimonials shows.~~ His duties have recently been considerably increased both in quantity and importance by the transfer to the Public Works Dept. of the ^{work of the} Marine Dept., and he has recently also been made Secretary to the new Sanitary Board for which he receives no extra remuneration. The proposed increase is recommended by the present head of the P.W. Secretariat, and would in the opinion of His Secy. the Governor in Council be a just reward of Mr. Parsons' long and good service, and in view of his recent somewhat considerable

increase

increase of work.

4- The additional cost will be met from savings due to the abolition of an appointment on the Secretariat establishment of Rs 250 with effect from the 9th Jan'y 1897, from which date the increase now proposed might be granted.


25/1/97

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25.1.97