

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No.

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DATED 10 March 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Officers in India who are granted house rent
a free quarters

Ordered that the grant of house
rent of Rs. 125 temporarily, or free quarters, to the
Sons of British, be subordinated to the fact
of India.

Encl: to the Govt of India.

Govt. Botanist - Home rent
of Rs 125 a month
temporarily or free
quarters.

Director of the Govt.
Cinchona Plantations, } Free quarters.
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No. 740 W.D. 10th March 1899.
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Govt. of India, P.W. Dept.

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Government (1899) of Madras.
REVENUE.

Recd. 20.2. } 1899.
Regd. 20.2. }

Enclosures

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G.O., No. 102, 8th February 1899.

Permitted
The grant of temporary or
FEBRUARY. of Rs 125 temporarily or
free quarters to the Govt. Botanist
will be intimated to the
Govt. of India with reference to
para 2 of its letter No. 29 CW-B
dated 6th Jan'y 1899.

2. For the following entry
Government Botanist. or page 20 of the statement.

Passing orders on papers relating to the appointment of Mr. C. A. Barber as — in this
Presidency and issuing general instructions regarding the scope and conduct of the Govern-
ment Botanist's work.

Govt. Botanist & Director of

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

not Comd.
 READ—again G.O., No. 990, Revenue, dated 26th November 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that a letter will be despatched to the Government of India for obtaining a qualified Botanist from England for the future administration of the Botanical Department in the Madras Presidency.

not Comd.
 LETTER—from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, No. 991, Revenue, dated 26th November 1897.

not Comd.
 ABSTRACT.—Requesting that the sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State may be obtained to the appointment of a Botanist for the Madras Presidency, and that His Lordship may be requested to select and appoint a suitable person for the place at as early a date as possible.

not Comd.
 READ—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 248, Revenue, dated 17th January 1898 :—

not Comd.
 Read—the following telegram from the Secretary to the Government India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Calcutta, 12th January 1898, No. 95 :—

Your letter No. 991, Revenue, dated 26th November last regarding Government Botanist. Government of India propose to recommend to Secretary of State entertainment of whole-time officer for five years with following duties to complete Botanic Survey, Madras, to have charge herbarium and to examine in Botany for University, but not to lecture; lectures likely to interfere with survey work as was recognised by Government of Madras (see paragraph 4 of their letter, No. 92 of 15th February 1897). They might be entrusted with extra allowance if necessary to Bourne who would take over herbarium when survey was finished. Does Governor in Council consider pay now proposed for Botanist necessary over and above examining fees. Government of India consider that botanic survey should be completed in five years if systematic performance of work is laid down. Government of India hope His Excellency in Council will be able to concur in these modifications of his proposals. In view of Secretary of State's telegram that delay is inconvenient; early decision is necessary.

not Comd.
 Read—the following telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Calcutta, 14th January 1898, No. 135 :—

My telegram, No. 95, dated 12th instant. Government of India presume Local Government have satisfied themselves that no competent native can be found for appointment of Government Botanist.

Order—G.O., Mis. No. 248, Revenue, dated 17th January 1898.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Government of India :—

"Your telegrams Nos. 95 and 135. It will be arranged that Bourne lecture on Botany, therefore Botanist not required to lecture. No extra allowance necessary for Bourne. This Government does not consider pay offered too large, but if Secretary of State can procure services of thoroughly competent Botanist for less Government will agree. No suitable native as Botanist is available."

2. Orders will issue in the Educational Department as to Dr. Bourne's delivering a course of lectures on Botany.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
 Secretary to Government.

To the Educational Department.

not Comd.
 READ—again G.O., Mis. No. 3136, Revenue, dated 26th July 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Government of India by telegram that this Government agrees to the nomination of Mr. Barber as Government Botanist on the pay proposed.

not Comd.
 READ—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 4096, Revenue, dated 13th October 1898 :—

Read—the following letter from E. MACONCHIE, Esq., I.C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Economic Products), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 16th September 1898, No. 2507-17-11 :—

With reference to the correspondence ending with the telegram from the Government of Madras, dated the 26th July 1898, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council,

1. Telegram from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated 31st August 1898.
2. Telegram to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated 5th September 1898.

a copy of the correspondence marginally noted, from which it will be seen that the Government of India have agreed to a proposal made by Her Majesty's Secretary of State to give Mr. C. A. Barber a permanent pensionable appointment.

2. This proposal has, however, been accepted on the condition that Mr. Barber's services will not be given permanently to Madras, but that he will be available for appointment elsewhere in India on completion of the Botanical Survey of the Madras Presidency, which, it is anticipated, should take about five years. On the withdrawal of Mr. Barber, the office of Botanist to the Government of Madras would be brought under reduction.

ENCLOSURES.

COPY of telegram from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to the Viceroy, Simla, dated London 31st August 1898.

In reply to your Revenue despatch, 27th January last, Barber will only accept permanent pensionable appointment. In view of special qualifications, I propose, if you agree, adopt this footing.

COPY of telegram from the Viceroy, Simla, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated 5th September 1898.

Your telegram of 31st August last. Madras Botanist. We agree to permanent appointment of Barber on the understanding that he will be available for service elsewhere in India on completion of Madras Survey.

3. Mr. Barber is expected to sail for Bombay from London on the 17th November per S.S. "Rome."

Read—also letter from C. A. BARBER, Esq., Government Botanist, No. 1, dated 19th December 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Reporting his arrival in Madras on the forenoon of Saturday the 17th instant.

ORDER—No. 102, Revenue, dated 8th February 1899.

Miscellaneous.

The above papers relate to the appointment of Mr. C. A. Barber as Government Botanist in this Presidency. The terms on which the appointment has been made by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India are contained in the articles of agreement entered into by Mr. Barber. The Government will now issue general instructions regarding the scope and conduct of the Government Botanist's work.

2. The duties of the Government Botanist will consist mainly in the prosecution of the systematic botanical survey of the Presidency. He will be also the constituted adviser of Government in regard to all questions and enquiries in economic botany that may be referred to him.

3. Officially the Botanist will be placed under the immediate control and orders of the Board of Revenue in the Agricultural Department.

4. The Board will, in communication with Mr. Barber, draw up at an early date a tentative programme of work and submit it for the orders of Government. The Board will bear in mind that the Government of India contemplate the completion of the survey within the term of five years. In deciding the order in which the districts should be taken up annually it may be convenient to arrange for districts in different parts of the Presidency being placed in the rota with reference to the monsoon or climatic conditions prevalent at different times of the year, so that field work may be prosecuted for as long a period of the year as practicable in the most favourable conditions. For working up the collections made in the field, the Botanist will enjoy a recess of three or four months at Ootacamund which will be considered his official head-quarters.

5. The Herbarium being a necessary adjunct to the Botanist's work will for the present be removed from the museum and placed in the Botanist's charge at Ootacamund. Mr. Barber will make arrangements to this end in communication with the Superintendent of the Government Central Museum. The more important books which formed the official botanical library of the late Mr. Lawson are now in charge of the Superintendent, Central Museum, and should also be transferred to Mr. Barber.

6. Under the terms of his agreement Mr. Barber is entitled to free quarters or an allowance for house-rent in lieu thereof. Until arrangements can be made to provide him with a house at Ootacamund, Mr. Barber will be granted an allowance of Rs. 125 per mensem.

7. The establishment to be attached to the Government Botanist is at present under consideration and orders thereon will issue shortly. In the meantime the Board of Revenue will furnish Mr. Barber with any necessary help in matters of official routine; and will make timely application for any funds which the Botanist may require for any purpose not provided for in the estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 1225, dated the 14th December 1898. Mr. Barber should also be supplied with the equipment of tents prescribed for a District Forest Officer (elsewhere than in Malabar or South Canara) in G.O., No. 450, Revenue, dated 10th September 1896; he may however, if he so wishes, substitute a hill tent 14' x 14' for the one 12' x 12' prescribed by the scale.

8. The Botanist will submit to the Board an annual report of his work. This report should be incorporated in Part IV of the annual report of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture. Any special reports of the Botanist on matters of general and scientific interest should be issued as bulletins of the department.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Government Botanist, with a copy of the lists of the books in G.O., No. 1094, dated 24th February 1897.

- „ the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
- „ the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).
- „ the Accountant-General, with copy of the agreement.

Copy to all other Departments of the Secretariat.

- „ the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
- „ the Director of Government Cinchona Plantations, Nilgiris.

Public Works Dept

Exd C. Parthasarathy.

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