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[Despatch Abstract.]

EUROPEAN GARDENERS

Communicating to Political officers Proceedings, Revenue Department, on circular from the Government of India forwarding the revised rules sanctioned by the Secretary of State for the appointment of -- for service in India.

23RD JULY 1895, No. 481, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from DENZIL IBBETSON, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India (Department of Revenue and Agriculture—Agriculture), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 8th July 1895, Circular No. 18-68-2:—

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 824, dated the 14th September 1893, I am directed to enclose, for information and guidance, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, No. 53, Revenue, dated the 23rd May 1895, and of the revised conditions sanctioned by him for the appointment of European gardeners for service in India; and to say that these rules will, unless specially extended in individual cases, apply to future appointments only.

ENCLOSURE.

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 23rd May 1895, No. 53, Revenue.

I have received and considered in council your letter No. 44 (Revenue and Agriculture) of the 17th of July last, submitting a draft of regulations for the future employment of European gardeners under the Government of India revised in accordance with the suggestions made by the Director of the Royal Gardens, Kew, and communicated to your Excellency with my predecessor's Despatch No. 2 (Revenue) of the 11th of January 1894, with certain modifications, which have been accepted by Mr. Thiselton Dyer. I approve of these revised conditions of appointment of gardeners for service in India and herewith forward three copies of the same as now sanctioned.

REVISED conditions of appointment of Gardeners for service in India, 1894.

All candidates will be required to pass an examination before the India Office Medical Board, with the view of their fitness for service in India being ascertained.

2. The original engagement will be for three years.
3. For every selected candidate a free second-class passage by canal steamer will be provided.
4. A sum of £ 20 will be allowed for the purchase of an outfit.
5. The original three years' engagement shall be terminable at the end of the third year of service by six months' notice on either side, and a free second-class passage to England will be provided; but in the case of dismissal for misconduct no free return passage will be provided.
6. If the three years' engagement is not terminated by such notice on either side, the gardener will continue to serve upon the like terms and conditions (except as to free return passage), his continued service being terminable by six months' notice on either side.
7. A gardener retained in the service of the Government, after the expiration of the original engagement, will be eligible for leave and pension under the rules in force from time to time for Indian services, the qualifying service for leave and pension reckoning from the date of his joining his first appointment.
8. Every selected candidate will, on arrival in India, be posted to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Calcutta (or to such other public garden as may be directed), as a supernumerary. His pay, while he remains a supernumerary, will be at the rate of Rs. 150 per month. When

the Government appoints him to a particular post, he will cease to be a supernumerary, and his pay will be increased to Rs. 200 a month. Up to the end of five years' service this pay will rise by annual increments of Rs. 5 per month. After the conclusion of five years' service the pay then reached will rise by annual increments of Rs. 10 until a maximum of Rs. 425 per month has been reached.

9. Free quarters, or an allowance in lieu thereof, will, in all cases, be provided.

10. It is open to a Local Government, Administration, or State to grant, under proper sanction, such extra local allowances as they may consider necessary on account of the importance of the charge, expensiveness of living, or other considerations.

11. A gardener may, by consent of the Governments concerned, be transferred from one Province or State to another without loss of pay.

12. Gardeners selected under these rules will be allowed the same privileges in the nature of exchange compensation allowance as may be granted to other officers in a similar position.

ORDER—dated 23rd July 1895, No. 481, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Government Botanist and Director of the Government Cinchona Plantations.

(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
 „ the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
 „ the Government Botanist, &c.
 „ the Political Department.
 „ the Accountant-General.

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