Political (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 227

Dated 30th Mar: 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

NAIB RAWAL OF THE BADRINATH TEMPLE IN BRITISH GURHWAL.

Informing the Resident in Travancore and Cochin that the------ receives Rs. 30 monthly and food gratis.

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Copy of a letter dated 18th December 1895, from His Highness Raja Kirti Shah of Tehri to the Commissioner of Kumaun.

I am glad to receive your letter of the 6th instant. Certainly I am very anxious that the new Naib Rawal should be appointed at once; in the event of the sudden death of the present Rawal there will be no one to worship the god. As has several times been discussed the qualifications of the applicant should be as follows:— (1) that he should be a Namburi-brahmin; (2) he should not be a married man; (3) he must be an educated man possessing a thorough knowledge of Sanskrit, be well versed in the Vedas and in the form of worship usually observed in the temples of Vishnu; (4) his age must be between 25 and 40, and (5) he must be of a respectable family and one who has hitherto borne unblemished character.

In accordance with your predecessor's wishes I had sent Banwari Lall in search of a suitable person for the post, who entered into arrangement with a certain Appacharya

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who afterwards expressed his inability to fulfil the promise he had made, and a correspondance followed. Ever since I have not had anything to do with this affair. Although I am not aware of any suitable person in these parts still I think it will not be impossible to get some suitable man for the post. But if an application were to be made to Travancore Durbar the matter can be settled more conveniently and satisfactorily than otherwiso.

CHIEF SECRETARY
31 JAN 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

True Copy

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Registrar ~~Home Department~~

The Secretariat, N. W. P. & Oudh.

Dated Allahabad 2nd January 1896.

My dear Hewett,

With reference to your demi-official letter of 18th October, regarding the affairs of the temple of Badrinath, I am desired to say that before initiating proceedings under Section 539 of the Civil Procedure Code Sir Antony MacDonnell would like to make one more attempt to secure the appointment of a Naib Rawal through the Raja of Tehri.

A suit to settle a scheme of management for the temple would lie in the High Court of Kumaun i.e. in the Court of the Commissioner, and before a suit was instituted it seems desirable to convene a committee of well known orthodox Hindus who could give advice as to the form of a scheme of management.

I am therefore to enclose a copy of a letter dated 18th December from the Raja of Tehri. The Raja is willing to appoint a qualified person, but he is unable to find one. He desires the aid of the Travancore Durbar, who no doubt in a matter of this kind

kind would gladly give all the assistance in their power. If a Naib Rawal be not appointed there is a danger, or rather a certainty that on the death of the present Rawal the affairs of this shrine will fall into the utmost confusion.

I am therefore to ask that if the Government of India see no objection the Raja's letter may be sent on to Travancore.

Yours sincerely
(Sd) J. J. D. La Touche.

To

J. P. Hewitt Esquire, C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department.

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D.O. 63

HOME DEPARTMENT
INDIA

CHIEF SECRETARY
27th JAN 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Calcutta, the 3 January 1896.

My dear Mr. Price,

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, enclosing one from the Raja of Tehri to the Commissioner of the Kumaun Division on the subject of the appointment of a Naib Rawal at the Temple of Badrinath in British Garhwal. An official correspondence on the subject exists, I believe, in your office, as the Resident in Travancore and Cochin furnished a report on it to the Madras Government in his letter No. 7 dated 26th January 1895. The Government of India have informed the North-Western Provinces Government that they do not consider it proper for them to ask the Maha Raja of Travancore to select a person as Naib Rawal, and have conveyed to it their opinion that the proper method to pursue is to resort to the Civil Procedure Code in order to provide a scheme for the management of the Temple. A Committee of orthodox

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Hindus

Hindus is being formed to advise as to the shape such a scheme should take, but it will take some time to form the Committee, and in view of the disorder that would ensue in case of the sudden death of the present Rawal who is an old man the appointment of a Naib Rawal is an urgent matter.

In these circumstances the Government of India think that the letter of the Raja of Tehri might be communicated through the Madras Government to the Travancore Darbar, and the Governor General in Council would be obliged if the Governor in Council could instruct the Resident when forwarding it to the Darbar to ask that, in view of the urgency of the matter, early consideration may be given to it.

Yours Sincerely,

J. P. Hewett.

The Hon'ble J. F. Price, C. S. I.,
Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

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From J. P. Hewett Esq.
Calcutta

D.O. 173/96

No.

Dated 27
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Govt of the N. W. P. and Oudh, enclosing one from the Rajah of Tehri on the subject of the appointment of a Naib Rawal at the Temple of Badrinath in British Garhwal, and requesting that the letter of the Rajah of Tehri might be communicated to the Travancore Durbar and the Resident instructed to ask the Durbar to have early consideration given to it.

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R 191: 27-11-91
R 174: 2-11-91
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My dear Thomson,

2 Feb

Copied 3/2.

I ~~send herewith~~ copy of a demiofficial with its two enclosures received from the Secretary to the Govt of India, Home Dept. regarding the appointment of a Naib Rawal for the temple of Badrinath in British Garhwal. Will you please move the Travancore Darbar to take early ~~steps~~ towards meeting ~~to~~ the wishes of the Raja of Tehri and report the result ~~to me~~.

1/2/96.

J. Thomson esq. ICS (A.Gen) } dated 4/2/96
~~with Copy/[illegible] & encls~~

Note

Please see the correspondence under cover of D.O. 68/7-2-95

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D.O. 172

Camp Nagercoil
March 7th 1896.

15 MAR. 1896

My dear Price

Your D.O. of the 4th ultimo regarding the selection of a person for the office of Naib Rawal of the Temple of Badrinath in British Garhwal: will you kindly let me know for the information of the local authorities what emoluments the Naib Rawal will receive. Without this information it would seem difficult to induce applicants to come forward.

Yours sincerely
Thomson

To. The Honorable J. F. Price C.S.I.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

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4,000—23-1-96.

Current No. D.O 173

DEPARTMENT.

From
T. Thompson Esq.
(Travancore)
Camp Nagercoil.

No.

Dated 7 }
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SUBJECT.

Requesting to be informed of the emoluments that the Naib Rawal of the Temple of Badrinath will receive, in view to induce applicants to come forward.

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C.S.

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Telegram to Home Department
Calcutta

107 X Your demi-official 15-D January 27th – Please let me know for information Travancore authorities what emoluments Naib Rawal will receive.

C.S.
17.3.96

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From Govt of India Home Dept

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Dated 28/3 }
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SUBJECT.

Stating that the monthly pay of the Naik Rawal of Badrinath temple is Rs 30, with food gratis

No 227 d/ ~~31~~ 30 March 96

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The following telegram will be despatched to the Resident in Travancore

133, Your demiofficial seventh. Naik Rawal, Badrinath temple receives cash thirty rupees monthly and food gratis.

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For C.S.
30/3/96

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