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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>1065</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>24-8</i>	<i>1870</i>

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
24th August 1870.

No. 123. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 16th June 1870, No. 66, (Public):—

The Despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated the 10th May, No. 103 of 1870, in the Financial Department, requesting my sanction to the appointment of an Assistant to the Government Astronomer at Madras, on a salary of Rupees 150 per mensem, has been considered by me in Council.

2. Under the strong recommendation of your Lordship in Council, and of the Government of Madras, and in consideration of the valuable services of Mr. Pogson, the Government Astronomer, I accord my sanction to this arrangement.

No. 2310.

Ordered that a copy of the above be sent to the Home Department for communication to the Government of Madras, with reference to the Office Memorandum thence, No. 1968, of the 6th April last.

Ordered, also, that a copy be sent to the Accountant-General, Madras, for information and guidance.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
SIMLA, 27th July 1870.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Assist. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 3688.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information with reference to paragraph 4 of the letter from this Department, No. 1511, dated the 21st of March last.

HOME DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC,
SIMLA, 6th August 1870.

(By order,)
(Signed) W. M. SOUTTAR,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1870, No. 1065.
Communicated to the Government Astronomer.
(True Extract.)

To the Government Astronomer.
„ Accountant-General.

Under Secy. to Govt.

Exd. J. Wright.

Memo.

In the enclosed letter Mr Poyser proposes two things:

1. That when the Gov. pass their order respecting the nomination of an assistant they shall insert the term "European" assistant or call him "Deputy Astronomer". I think we might do the first but I don't like the propriety of altering the designation completely which gives quite a new aspect to the appointment.
2. Mr Poyser asks whether he

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THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

to. to. to.

Dated August, 24th.

Recd.

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Nos. 123-124.

Communicating letter from the Government of India, conveying the sanction of the Home Government to the appointment of an Assistant to the Government Astronomer on wages £50 per mensem.

might not apply for his own
expenses not as expenses on flat
would have been paid if an
agent had been sent from
England. I doubt the expediency
of this in Mr. Rogers's interests.
The less the attention of the
gov. of India & the Secretary of
State is drawn to this
question of observing expenditure
the better. There is reason in Mr.
Rogers's suggestion but there

will be prudence in letting it drop.
N.P.

I must not comply with either of the Rogers's
suggestions. There is no prudence in that
country, for making your point at all
events, for asserting the singularity of
an appointment the nationality of the
person by whom it is made. Such
a proceeding would be opposed to the
spirit of all our legislation and
to the letter of the Act of 1844.
It which declared the nation of India
not to be obtained from any office of
war or of peace or of justice. It would
however, in my opinion be very wrong to
brand the nation of this kind as
unfit for the office of Assistant Astronomer.
which is no more than at some future

time the appointment of Astronomer should
not be held by a native.

be agreed to the Council against I agree
in the view taken of it by Lord Napier.

A. D.

I concur. We may, I presume,
give the abolitionists effect from
the date of the leaf of Stated Be.
I state, as we know, that the son
is & has been at work from a date
anterior. I would not seek to limit
the tenure to European.

J. D. S.

Extract from a letter from the Govt
Astronomer to Lord Napier. 7
dated. Aug. 20/70.

I am ever scrupulous about
intruding upon the valuable time
& attention of my superiors, but
it would ill become me to omit
the pleasing duty of expressing
to your Lordship my most
sincere and grateful thanks
for the inextinguishable love
your influential recommendation
has secured for me and my
Observatory, in the conception

of an English Assistant, by
the Right Honorable the Secretary
of State for India. —
The very gratifying information
was given me by my friend,
Colonel J. V. Walker of Mypore,
and what makes the favor
so much greater is the
circumstance that my own

son is the one selected
as my assistant. —

There are two points for
which I think you will
kindly pardon me for
naming before the Order
of Government upon the
subject is made public.
They are these —

The despatch from England
merely states permission for
me to have an assistant.

There is therefore nothing
to prevent any future
Astronomer from filling
up the post with a native,
or an East Indian, and
my experience of their
comparative usefulness is

quite enough to justify
me in requesting your
Lordship to specify the
place as only eligible to
Europeans. This may be
done by using the expression
"European Assistant" or better
still "European Deputy
Astronomer" instead of
the simple word "Assistant",
now applied to the ordinary

native writers in the Observatory
The other point I am almost
ashamed to mention, fearing
that your Lordship may
consider it overreaching;
but a poor man with a
large family is excusable
for trying to get all he
can for them. My son
has been steadily and

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usefully occupied at the
Observatory work at my
private expense for a
period of more than
sixteen months and I
paid his passage out also,
so that during the time
I have been out of pocket
by at least 2500 rupees.
If a stranger had been

sent out from England
his outfit and passage would
have been allowed him as a
matter of course. Would it
therefore appear too grasping
if, when the Order is out,
I were to apply for a refund
of the 900 rupees advanced
me by Government and since
repaid by me in 1869.

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I would on no account
ask such a thing unless
your Lordship advised it
and considered it a justifiable
request, but it really appears
so, and I feel sure of being
kindly pardoned for
presuming to make the
suggestion.

Edward Esq.
Letter from Mr.
Poynton to Sir
Robert.

Public
Ch. 50.

19
India Office
London, 16th June 1870.

To
His Excellency the Right
Honorable the Governor-General
of India in Council.

My Lord, The Despatch of your
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and of the Government of Mirpur,
and in consideration of the valuable
services of Mr. Poynton, the Govt.
Commissioner, I accord my sanction
to this arrangement.

I have &c
W. H. P. G. L.

for communication to the Genl^y
Harrow, with reference to the
Office Memorandum there, signed
of the 2^d April last.

W. H. Allen, also theology
sent to the Accountant General,
Harris, for information and
guidance.

Received of Mr. J. H. Hollingshead
 the sum of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars)
 for the purchase of the book "The History of the
 State of New York" by J. H. Hollingshead
 dated July 1870

Copy forwarded to the Comdr
of the 1st Regt for information
with reference to para 4 of the
letter from this Department dated
the 21st of March last.

Misses Depauht
 Public
 Simla Co. (engt)
 1870

By order
 Wm. S. Cutler
 J. J. Wm. Depauht & Co. Geo. Wm.

Communicated to the Soc.^y Astronomers.

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From

Off. Secy to the Govt. of India,
~~Home~~ Department.

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Comp. Despatch of the
Secy. of State according
Sanction to the app.
of an Assistant to the
Govt. Stationer at
Madras on a Salary
of Rs 150 per annum.

With an Order

Order - Rescinded 44. 1 Aug 1903. 1065.

Commenced to the first.

Admonished.

By Secy.

Chief Secy.

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