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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Ballard.

No. 966.

FROM

THE HON. D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

SIR,

Mr. Ballard, first Member of the Board of Revenue, appointed by the Government of India to be a Member of the Famine Commission, having reported his wish to be relieved of his ordinary duties, with a view of directing the local inquiries which the Commission has set on foot; of perusing the records of the Madras Famine Department, and of communicating with district officers and others:—I am instructed to request that permission may be obtained for now placing his services at the disposal of the Government of India. It is necessary that this transfer should be formally gazetted, in order that a *locum-tenens* may be appointed to act for him in the Board of Revenue, without loss of time.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council will be obliged by sanction to this arrangement being communicated by the telegraph.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
17th June 1878.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

1878.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

From
The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of
Fort St. George,
To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Dept. of Rev., Agri., & Comce.

Dated 17th June 1878.

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Enclosure.

Mr. Ballard. — Requesting sanction to its being gazetted that his services have been placed at the disposal of Government of India in connection with the Famine Commission, in view to a *vacant* being appointed.

Debenne Board Office,

MADRAS,

June 13 1872.

My dear Carnichael
I heard from Mr. Shack
early last month that they
proposed proposing a set
of questions on the various
terms and that he hoped to
forward them to
various authorities.

He continued to say
proposed that the Board should
at any convenient place
in Madras, or elsewhere
or any other place you like
for the next 2 or 3 months
I see that the local inquiries
are set on foot in a satis-
factory way. The draft of
questions should of course go

"to you for approval, or perhaps
to save time it might save off
"you to add any thing you thought
"requisite subsequently" &c &c

I have not heard again or
any intimation of the question
being out, but expect to do
so very soon -

When Rev. Shaker's letter
reached me Sullivan was
absent. Thomas had not been
at all well and was very
desirous of getting away
this month. I did not know
from what it was desirable that
I should leave the Board Rev.

But when Thomas returns
early next month I hope good
will see no objection to my
being relieved of routine
current work and taking
a little time to prepare for
the serious business of the
Commission. I propose
then, with full sanction, going
up to only for a little to
study some of the past & present
Famine papers carefully &
have the advantage of some
communication with Govt.

Then I should propose to
visit several of the districts
communicate with Govt.

officers on the spot, & have
opportunities of making
various personal local
observations - I await
further communication
from the President before
saying much of substance
but I shall probably want
a good clerk in any case and
if I am to have correspondence
with local officers regarding
the questions above alluded
to as to be set by the Com.
mission I shall of course
require several -

With your kindly
help this note before you
with the supervision of my

Revenue Board Office,

MADRAS,

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hope that they will be
pleased to approve of
my leaving this on
Thomas's return from
his present protracted
leave. i. e. about the
3^d or 4th prox.

I am

Yours very truly
S. S. S. S.

N. 966.

Public Dept

To Secy Govt India.
Dep't of Revenue &c.

Sir.

Mr Ballard, 1st Member of
the Bd of Revenue, app't by Secy. of I.
to be a Member of the Finance Commission,
having reported his wish to be relieved
of his ordinary duties, with a view
of directing the local inquiries into
the Commission has set on foot; &
pending the records of the Finance
Dept, and of communicating
with district officers & others:—
I am instructed to request that
permission may be obtained for an
~~absence~~ ~~absence~~ ~~absence~~
the placing of his name at the
disposal of Secy. of I. It is necessary
that his transfer sh^d be formally
gazetted, in order that a leave
tenure may be app't to act for him
~~substituted~~ in the Bd of Revenue,
in absence of time—

2. His pr. Secy. will be
obliged by the necessary sanction
to his arrangement being comm^d by
the telegraph.

Ordered
17 June 1878

J. G. 17-6/8

Public

To
The Secretary Genl. of India
Office of Rev. Legat &
Comme. &c.

17 June 78. Los Angeles

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Dr. McDaniel, Glasgow, Va.
Section to Henry's office
that he could have been
located with the first office
I've come out with the
James (son) in view to a
few times being opposite,