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Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
2 December 1878

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

TO THE

*Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.*

SIR,

With reference to the appointment of Mr. Pringle to be First Assistant in the Chief Secretariat, I have the honor respectfully to invite attention to G. O. No. 1228 Public, dated 9th August 1877, communicating for information and guidance Secretary of State's Despatch No. 12 dated 10th July 1877 with its enclosure Government of India Home Department Circular No. 21 dated 18th April 1877, and to enquire, whether His Grace the Governor in Council does not consider that Mr. Pringle's appointment is one which, under para 2 of the Secretary of State's Despatch, requires the previous sanction of the Secretary of State, as Mr. Pringle is not a native of India, and his previous appointment was not in the branch of the Department in which he is now promoted as required by para 3

para 3. C of the Government of India Circular referred to above:

In the above circumstance, I have been obliged, pending the receipt of special orders from His Grace the Governor in Council, to disallow the pay claimed on account of Mr. Single in the Establishment Pay bill of the Chief Secretariat for November 1880.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

H. D. D. D.

M. J. Account General

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From

The Accountant General,
Madras, 2^d December
1880, N^o 4501.

Sanam
FOR ORDERS.

I expect the off's
scriptures are just.
The rule is strictly laid
down, but an exception
is made in favor of any
person who "entered the
"branch of the dept, the wife
is now the promoter,
"before Jan'y 79". Now,
surely, the Secretariat has
several branches, and the
work of the Public works
branch is quite distinct
from the work in the
bureaus which are presided
over by the Chief Secy - Mr.
Colonel Sankar, ex. gr.,
our able Secretary for
works, the ~~public works~~ ^{and}
Chief Secy, and if not,

Submitted that
Mr. Pringle's case falls
under exception (c) to
paragraph 3 of Government
of India Resolution
N^o 21-746-53. of the
18th April 1879. The
Government Secretariat,
though composed of
different offices, forms
but one department.

Public Works Dept
The Accountant General

DEPARTMENT.

ACCT. GEN'L'S OFFICE, MADRAS.

No.

From

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Department

Dated 2^d December 1880
Recd. No. of order.
And

Subject.

Respectfully drawing
attention to para 2 of the
of the departmental
rule made by the
1879. Public works
that funding special order
he has disallowed the pay
of Mr. Pringle as the
of the Public Works
the Chief Secretary for
January 1880

in the sense of the
clause, which was
clearly introduced in
order to impose no
disability on persons
who, prior to 1st January
1879, had already entered
Government Service. The
Resolution, indeed, guarded
against the transfer of
such persons to entirely
different departments,
which would be obviously
equivalent to a fresh
appointment. But had
the intention of the clause
been that imputed to
it by the Accountant
General, it would hope-
lessly bar the advance-
ment, which they have
a legitimate right to

how is one of his clerks
qualified to become the
Chief Secy's right hand
man -

It may very well be that the
Chief Secy is able to show
that he has made the happiest
selection possible; that Mr.
Parry, during his short term
of service, has displayed
qualities which cannot be
found in any one of the
thousands of old & experienced
"natives of India" available
for the position. This evi-
dence, however, should be laid
before the S. of S. in a manner
previous sanction an appl
of this highly exceptional,
character, ~~unapparent~~ ^{overriding}
the other and certainly of
the spirit of his recent Procla-
mation, cannot, in my
opinion, be allowed.

Sd/- J. P. [unclear]
Secy to Govt.

I am, Sir, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
H. M. C. [unclear]
expect

Correct. But I have
not [unclear]

State P. [unclear]
is [unclear]
in [unclear]
Secret [unclear]
on [unclear]

I have [unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]

I consider that the app. General, the Chief Secretary
in question is [unclear] submit for approval
of the [unclear] the [unclear]
[unclear] of the [unclear] in
question, while on General [unclear] of the Resolution.
[unclear]

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effects of persons like the
subject of the present
reference, for no fault of their
own save being European.

The Accountant General
appears from his letter to
be in some doubt, and he
may possibly accept without
demur as ruling in the
sense of the foregoing re-
marks. Submitted therefore
than an order be issued
stating that the case is
considered to fall within
exception (c), the Secretariat
Office establishments being
really but one department.
If further objections are
raised by the Accountant

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considerations I am that
strongly of opinion that the
chiefest ideal importance is
in relation to this one most
immediately important confidential
decision in the for. continent

From a long, considered with
concern to the parent & as one
indivisible. some position
that any other view will very probably
lead to disastrous results from
some collision of separating or
maintaining some like a position
to the understand of the several
departments.

The nature of the work
as to the secret. & the all.
in the for. d. is employed, is
in character just the same
as the work of the secret
in another dept. This is not
technical - The technical
matters are supplied by the
outside dept. only to the all.
to work of the secret. & place
them in form. in the all.
human before the all. & that
all necessary confid. arrange
are examined & all.
are isolated. & maintain
all order & discipline in
the all. My impression is

that Mr. Single must obtain the technical branch of the for. d. which the all work has
been in the secret. & that the all work has been in the secret. & that the all work has been in the secret.
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the all. I feel bound in the public interest to report in the all getting against the
work of the all. & that the all work has been in the secret. & that the all work has been in the secret.
combined in the all. & that the all work has been in the secret. & that the all work has been in the secret.
as to the all. & that the all work has been in the secret. & that the all work has been in the secret.
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I agree in the opinion expressed
by the whole all.
It seems to me that the several
Departments of the secret
are quite distinct, though
working ^{directly} under the common
controlling authority.
If a general similarity of duties
be accepted as guiding the
decision, then it would seem
to me that all departmental
separation must cease to
exist, for the duties of the
clerical
needs of offices must have
a

a great similarity.

M. 15/12

The order was the words
from of a Dept.

Having seen the
reply to my
queries. I consider

Mr. Lammie's
view correct &

that Mr. P.'s appointment
is inadvisable with the
previous sanction

minutes 201...
at meeting
on 21st Nov
The Dept
C.D. 12
The

2. 350 miles
and the sum of
the app. amount is
now only 600

J. S. L. 15/12
application for
I am returned of
my sufficient
sums of 10/12

The question therefore is settled:-
the House will be alone in
the minority.

Mr. Pingle, I am glad to understand
will not lose pecuniarily - as he
draws 600 in the D.P.W. branch
of the Penitentiary - but he receives

His certificates are good; but
hundreds of young English gentle-
-men could produce similar
ones - and it is to protect the
Natives of India from an influx

such competitors for
Office, that the Rules quoted
in the correspondence were
essential, as I suppose.

I don't see, finally, why these
papers are sent about under
double covers, as if confidential.
The whole correspondence, numbers
and mis-quotes to be kept regularly
in the Pops - in full print.

22-10-12/6.

I have this morning seen the Chief Secy
on this subject - He informs me that Mr.
Dewar has been tried as an acting man -
failed to show the necessary qualities -
that he does not think there is any one
in the Secretariat a R. of S. competent
- therefore there may be grounds which
had not been brought before me for application
to S. of S. - I make this note in the Appendix
to the previous note Nov 27/12.

These papers relate
to the appointment of First
Assistant to the Chief
Secretary, a ministerial ap-
pointment carrying Rs 600
a month and in the personal
gift of the Chief Secretary.
2. The post fell vacant
at the beginning of November
consequent on the promotion
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who had received his

education in England and
had been for five years
employed as second and
acting First Assistant
to Colonel Sankley the
Secretary in the S. W. Branch
of the Govt. Secretariat who
very strongly recommended
him for the post. As far
as I was aware that it
was to be pro-
moted I made enquiries
regarding a suitable
successor. From what I
had seen of Chief Secretary
work I was distinctly of
opinion it was not desirable
that a Native, even if
otherwise qualified for the
post, should be made the
repository of all the con-
fidential information and
state secrets, which would
pass through his hands. I
was equally well satisfied

that from the Chief
Secretary, who was
acting in the
Dept. Secy. still lately
all of them were working
in the same
building, & the constant
interchange of papers
in the Office rendered
it essentially necessary
that the same should
be confidentially employed.
I found that the
Superior Officer, as
regards the records of
each side the Dept.

I have to propose
in trust to the Hon. Mr.
W. Pingle. but I
think the principle for
B. I continue in
suspicion for the

It is not sufficient
to say that if he
is to be the Secy.
in reputation of
his own order.

It appears to me
quite impossible to
say that a person
who is the Ch. Secy.
Dept. the position of
it is in the
area. I hope the
B. W. Secy. Dept. in
the Govt. Office.

On the principle
of the policy I shall
leave for the two
pension as defined
by law a considerable
sum of the State
employed in India

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that not one of the clerks
in the Department was
thoroughly competent to
control so large an establishment
and discharge in a credit-
able manner the multi-
farious duties of the office.
4. I therefore cast about
elsewhere for a successor
to Mr. Hannett, and I
was much impressed with
the favorable reports I received
of Mr. Pingle, who was
a perfect stranger to me
at that time and unknown
even by sight. After very
carefully considering the
matter I came to the con-
clusion that I could not
do better than appoint him
to the vacancy.

5. Mr. Pingle took
charge on the 9th of Nov.
1880. The beginning of the
following month the

I do not wish to discuss
any question. But
I feel called on to
protect our rights
after the manner of
the manifest of
his Englishmen
some Englishmen in India
under for. unless in
the Colonies or former
lands. The theory is
that the robbery
absolutely inevitable
but most unfair
to the nations of Great
Britain shown for
our own purposes be
bring out of this country
then often turn a drift
here in case of
of true hardship.
I have written this

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L. Grohman
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7. The general tenor of these instructions points to offices which are in the gift of the Governor General of India or of the local Governor or in other words to Gazetted appointments which are made exclusively by the Governor in Council.

8. As already stated the first Assistantship is a Ministerial and not a Gazetted appointment, but the officiating Accountant General reads the instructions as covering it as well. The salary, Rs 600, exceeding the money limit of Rs 200 fixed with

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reference to the salary is
allowed to Native Probationers
admitted to India to
the Civil Service.

9. This view has been
embodied in my note of
the 6th Decr and the
Honble Members of Govt
and His Grace the Duke
of Buckingham have
recorded their views on
the subject. It will be
seen from their notes and
minutes that the Honble
Mr. Middleton differed from
the Honble D. J. Carmichael
and His Excellency the Com-
mander in Chief (who has
however recorded his opinion
only on one point. The unity
of the Govt. Secretariat) while
His Grace the Duke of Buck-
ingham has in his final note
qualified the opinions

an opinion I may say that
fully accepting as I do the policy
enunciated in the despatch of July
1879 I cannot think that this
is a case that ought to be governed
by its provisions.

In the first place I look upon the
Secretariat as a unity. It
is under a Chief Secretary, a
fact which implies that the
branches not immediately
dealt with by him are still
to some extent under him,
and he may I presume under
instructions from Govt. alter
and redistribute the work of
the branches as thought
desirable. If this be so then
the appointment now under
consideration is a transfer &
could not come within the
purview of the despatch.

I am however further contented
that even if the Secretariat be
so distinct in its branches as to
form separate services, still
this appointment is not barred
by the despatch. This distinctly

personal, it is in the actual
eff of the Chief Secretary, and
is not even gazetted. It is of the
nature if not under the name
of a private Secretaryship,
and I do not think that
the Secretary of State ever
contemplated interfering with
individual freedom of
choice in such cases.

I do not say anything
as to the hardship of the
person appointed if he
be removed from
delegated to his former
position, and the consequent
displacement of others who
have been appointed in
succession to him, I shall
merely record my opinion
as to the bearing of the
despatch on this case

W. R. A. Jan 28 1881
W. R. A.

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expressed in his previous
notes.

10. The effect of an adverse
decision will be to deprive
me of the man whom I
have selected as most
suitable for the appoint-
ment and to require me
either to accept the nomi-
nation by Govt. of a junior
and inexperienced civilian,
or to appoint a Native.

11. As regards the former,
no civilian can with pro-
priety accept the post.
it being a subordinate
ministerial appointment
or clerkship. and as
regards the latter I have
already stated that such
a nomination would be
objectionable on grounds
of public policy. The con-
sequences to Mr. Spingle

personally, would also be
of so grave a nature that
they are I would submit
deserving of special con-
sideration.

12. He entered the P.W.
Secretariat in 1875 at the
age of 23, under the full
expectation of being eligible
like his predecessors in
time to appointments in the
other Govt. Offices, there being
then no bar to transfer
from one to another of these.
He has had five years
experience of Secretariat
work, the duties of the
Assistant in the P.W.
Office being (as the Honble
Member in charge of the
P.W. Dept. has remarked
in his minute) precisely
the same in kind as those
of Assistants in the other
Secretariat Offices. If it be

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decided that the resolution
is applicable to his case,
and that there are no con-
siderable grounds for specially ex-
empting him from its
operation, he is either cast
adrift, or he is relegated to
the second Assistantship
in the P.W. Secretariat.
an appointment now carry-
ing Rs 300 less than the one
he at present occupies. It
may be remarked that
the second alternative will
involve the cancellation of
the appointments made
in the interim, Col. Sneyd
having filled up Mr.
Springle's late post.

13. I would submit
that it is an established
principle of administration
that no servant, of whatever
nationality, actually in

Govt service should be denied the prospect of advancement. The Resolution in question expressly contemplates such advancement in clause (C) which provides that advancement is open to those (not being Covenanted Civilians or Natives) who entered the branch of the Dept. in which they are to be promoted prior to January 1879.

14. The whole tenor of the Resolution would seem to show that it was framed with special reference to appointments in the higher branches of the Govt. Service and not to those on Ministerial Establishments which are only filled by Clerks in subordinate grades. In respect of this however it

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is quite certain that it was never intended to bar the promotion of a clerk in the same office. The Madras Govt. Secretariat is one, and although it may be divided and subdivided for convenience in the disposal of business, its unity is not thereby affected. There is nothing to prevent the Govt. transferring a particular branch of the business from one portion of the Secretariat to another, e.g. the "Telegraph" to the P.W. Secretary, the "Revenue" to the Revenue Secretary, or even the "Public Works" to the Chief Secretary, if on grounds of public policy this course be considered desirable. Such changes have been made, and may be made again

Similarly Clerks may with
equal propriety be inter-
changed - and the transfers
would unquestionably be
held to be within the
Secretariat. It is thus
clear that the promotion
of Mr. Springle is within
the same office. viz: the
Madras Govt Secretariat,
and as such is not barred
by the Resolution under
notice.

15. If notwithstanding
these arguments, it be decided
to refer this particular
question for the orders of
the ^{Home} Govt. then
I would submit that it
should be distinctly stated
that the appointment which
has given rise to the dis-
cussion is of a special
and confidential character
requiring in the person

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who fills it, high qualities
of trust and fidelity, of
which the Chief Secretary
must be fully assured
before he can venture con-
fidently to nominate to
the post.

16. There are therefore
the strongest possible
grounds for making an
exception in regard to this
post - at all events in
the case of the present
incumbent, who has been
selected as specially fitted
for the appointment, which
he has already held for
three months, and which,
by the time the final
decision of the Home Govt
is received, will have
extended probably to the
best part of half a year.

a year.

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L.S.

Since writing the above
a further communication
on the subject of restricting
appointments to Natives
has been received through
the Govt of India. The
wording of which appears
to confirm the contention
that the rules of 1879
were introduced with reference
solely to appointments made
by the Governor in Council,

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while in paragraph 5 of
the extract it is expressly
~~again~~ admitted that there
may be special consideration
for at times waiving the
strictness of the rule.

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Note for
information of div 2 & the Genl.

With reference to
the first part of Mr
McCleary's remarks, the
Chief Secretary spoke
to the late General
on the morning of
his departure, in
regard to these papers,
and Mr. Genl. was
hearing that there
were further considerations
to be brought forward,
and his second
note with the
express purpose, as
the

of 20th Decr 1880.

Secretary under
order of settling the
order to be referred.

to be referred in
accordance with the
Minister is referred in
the Secretary's note
to be submitted.

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Charge of the Madras
Genl.

Letter from the
Accountant General A.S. No. 4501 dated 2 Decr/80.

Minute to the Hon
P. T. Carmichael. A.S. dated 7 Decr/80

Minute to the Hon.
H. Madhavan A.S. dated 8 Decr/80

Minute to the
Hon. H. Madhavan A.S. dated 26 Janr/81.

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The appointment in
question is of a kind
that, in the opinion
of the A.S. Genl. the
Governor in Council
cannot

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Asaltment by P. T. Carmichael

...to
...be governed
by the provisions of
the Secretary of
State's despatch
of July 1879.

This is a personal,
suggested appointment
in the gift of the
Chief Secretary, being
of the nature of
a private Secretary's
ship and ~~the~~

~~Secretary of State~~
~~Secretary of State~~
~~Secretary of State~~

...to consider the Secretary of State
contemplates inter-consultation with the
Secretary of State
...with individuals
...of choice
...case.

The Accountant General
is therefore authorized
to withdraw his objection

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objection to the appointment
of the present
first assistant.

The Accountant General } despatch 7/2/81

1. His Ex. H.
4. Hon. W. H. Hall
3. Hon. J. J. Hall
2. His Ex. H.

Council
 18th June 1894
 on account of some
 changes for central almost
 for Council.

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as the treatment of
 this minute, the treatment
 of the whole case must
 of course depend

to ask the Hon. Mr.
 Hadleton whether he
 wishes the second
 minute written on the
 enclosed case to
 be treated in an
 ordinary way, or
 confidentially.
 The question is asked
 with reference to
 the latter part of
 the minute, which
 deals with a general
 matter of policy -
 the exclusion of
 European powers

Office under Govt.,
and they are constantly
in communication with
the various officers.
There may be objections
to having conflicting
views open to perusal
in the halls of Congress.

Public Dept

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See copy.

The appointment in question
is of a kind that, in
the opinion of the Act,
the person is bound
to accept and to be governed
by the provisions of
the Secretary of State's
order of July 1879.
It is a personal, and
not a public appointment
in the gift of the
Chief Secretary, being
of the nature of a
private secretaryship
rather than a public
appointment.

and it is not in the
interest of the U. S. Govt.
to incur in lawsuit,
and the appearance
of the Secretary of
the contemplated action
with the free
will of the individual
to make the nomination
his own responsibility
Accountant General
has been authorized
to make his ab.
to the appoint.
of the present
the appointant.

Attd. D.D.

7/2/81

Genl. Order
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Authorizes the
Inspector to
show his objection
to the appointment
of Mr. A. T. Briggs
as Ins. Insp.
Chap. Scotland