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From.

The Sanitary Commissioner, Madras
President of the Committee appointed
under G.O. No 329 of 10th March 1881.

To.

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department, Fort Saint George.

Sir

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I have the honor to forward for the consi-
deration of Government Proceedings of the Committee
appointed under G.O. No 329 of 10th March 1881.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your most obedient servant.

M. C. J. J. J.

M. D. J. R. S.
Deputy Surge General, Sanitary Commissioner for Madras
President of the
Committee appointed under G.O. No 329 of
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In pursuance of the above order, the committee appointed by Government met on Monday morning March 21st 1881.

The committee, having fully considered the different matters alluded to in the various G.O.s, and confining themselves strictly to the order of Government, report as follows on the questions submitted.

1st "The best means of relieving the Government Astronomer of Meteorological work without additional expense to Government?"

Mr. Pogson C. J. E. is most anxious to be relieved of all connection with the Meteorological department which, he considers, not only impedes his own proper work in Astronomy, but places him in the humiliating position of a subordinate in an inferior science to his own.

The committee would therefore suggest that the Meteorological supervision, at present under the

the charge of Mr. Pogson, be made over to Miss Isis Pogson, his assistant, whose qualifications and scientific acquirements would seem to be admirably suited for the work.

Miss Pogson, the Committee ascertained is willing to undertake the work and promises punctuality in its performance. Indeed the Committee incidentally ascertained that the present advanced state of the returns, formerly so much in arrears, is mainly owing to Miss Pogson's recent return from Europe.

If another person not connected with the Observatory were appointed, it would be necessary to entertain assistants, thus causing "additional expense" to Government.

One point arising, however, as regards this appointment needs notice. In letter N^o 148, dated Simla 9th September 1879 from C. Bernard Chief Officiating Secretary to the Government of India Home, Revenue and Agricultural Department (and incidentally in other papers) it is mentioned that His Excellency in Council attaches great importance not

not only "to the punctual submission of the Meteorological registers and reports" but to "the proper supervision of the Observatories". This would entail some travelling on the part of the superintendent and thus some additional expense to Government. It may be as well to mention, however, that nearly all the stations to be inspected are on the line of Railway, so that no difficulty would be experienced by Miss Pogson in reaching them.

If the arrangement viz the appointment of Miss Pogson to superintend the Meteorological department were carried out, Mr. Pogson, freed from the incubus of "inferior pursuits," would be able to devote himself entirely to his Astronomical work, and would not need Miss Pogson as his assistant in that department. He hopes therefore he might be allowed to draw the pay now given to Miss Pogson as Astronomical assistant. The Committee pointed out to Mr. Pogson that this would not necessarily follow, but were prepared to recommend it.

The Master Attendant begs here respectfully

respectfully to point out that the Meteorological returns called for by Mr. Blamford are for the purpose of furnishing statistics which, indirectly, and at some future time, may be found useful to this Presidency.

The liability of the Madras Coast to be visited by Cyclones, and the necessity of early information regarding their approach in order to warn shipping and Civil officers, whose districts are ~~about to be flooded~~, is the branch of Meteorology to which the Government attach great value to Mr. Pogson's opinion, and for which they will probably consider his assistance still required. The Marine Department can only telegraph directly with the sub-ports through the Observatory, and with Mr. Pogson himself, whose time is therefore devoted to this duty on every recurrence of bad or doubtful weather. The allowance might therefore be continued to him on this consideration alone.

2ndly. The Committee will take the opportunity to ascertain precisely what is the present position of the Meteorological returns.

The accompanying tables furnished by

by Mr. Pogson show at a glance the present position of the returns. It will be seen that many, especially the returns from Madras and Negapatam for 1878, 1879 and 1880 have been much delayed. This, Mr. Pogson explains, was mainly owing to his three Chief Assistants Miss E. Isio Pogson, C. Raghunatha Rao and T. Moorthosawmy Pillay falling ill - about the same time, but no special assistance to supply this loss seems to have been applied for.

M. C. Sumell.

Mr. D. F. Redd
Surg. Genl: Surg: Commr: Madras
President.

Chibm.
Sub: Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Member.

W. Taylor
Master attendant
Member.

D. J. Sturmes.
Secy: Surgeon Genl: with the Government
of Madras - Member.

M. R. Pogson R.D.S.
Govt. Astronomer and Meteorological
Superintendent. Madras
Member

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State of Dispatch of Meteorological Registers from 1855 to Calcutta.

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Bellary	76 Mar. 10	76 May 10	76 June 10	76 Aug. 12	76 Aug. 25	76 Oct. 27	76 Oct. 27	76 Dec. 1	76 Dec. 10	77 Jan. 19	77 Jan. 19
Bichur	76 Oct. 25	76 Oct. 25	76 Oct. 25	77 Jan. 17	77 Jan. 17	77 Jan. 17	77 Oct. 19	77 Dec. 1	77 Oct. 19	77 Oct. 19	77 Oct. 19
Bimbar	76 Mar. 10	76 Mar. 10	76 Mar. 10	76 Mar. 23	76 Mar. 23	76 Mar. 23	76 Dec. 1	76 Dec. 1	77 Oct. 10	77 Mar. 3	77 Mar. 3
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Mandapam	76 Oct. 14	76 Oct. 14	76 Oct. 14	76 Oct. 25	76 Oct. 25	76 Oct. 25	76 Nov. 10	77 Mar. 13	77 Mar. 13	77 Mar. 13	77 Mar. 13
Mysore	76 Dec. 10	76 Dec. 10	76 Dec. 10	77 Jan. 26	77 Jan. 26	76 Dec. 20	76 Dec. 4	76 Dec. 4	76 Dec. 23	77 Oct. 10	77 Oct. 10
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Madras 27 Mar. 3	27 April 20	27 April 20	27 June 1	27 July 6	27 Aug. 30	27 Aug. 30	27 Sep. 10	27 Oct. 22	27 Nov. 26	28 Dec. 23	28 Jan. 24
Mysore 27 June 1	27 June 1	27 July 6	27 July 6	27 Sep. 10	27 Sep. 10	27 Sep. 10	27 Sep. 10	27 Dec. 23	28 April 1	28 May 15	28 May 15
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Singapore 27 Mar. 3	27 July 6	27 July 16	27 July 16	27 July 16	28 May 7	28 Oct. 11	28 Oct. 11	28 Oct. 11	28 Mar. 12	28 Mar. 14	28 Mar. 12
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Chandannagar	79 Aug. 25	79 Aug. 25	79 Aug. 25	79 Oct. 27	79 Oct. 27	79 Oct. 27	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19
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Mytham	79 Aug. 25	79 Aug. 25	79 Aug. 25	79 Oct. 27	79 Oct. 27	79 Oct. 27	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19
Palani	79 Aug. 25	79 Aug. 25	79 Aug. 25	79 Oct. 27	79 Oct. 27	79 Oct. 27	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19	80 Aug. 19
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 President of the Committee
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 of 10th March 1881.

To
 The Chief Sanitary Officer
 Public Department
 Fort Smith Camp.

Dated 25th
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From Govt. Astronomer
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From

M. B. Pogson Esq. C.I.E.

Government Astronomer & Meteorological Superintendent

To

The Hon. R. Davidson C.I.E.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following suggestions upon the G.O. 10th March 1881, No. 329 Public, and the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the best means of relieving the Government Astronomer of Meteorological work without additional expense to Government. —

I beg to remark in the first place that it is not so much meteorological work, or work of any kind of which I complain, but far more the unbecoming and unmerited degradation inflicted upon me by that office. The 1st Paragraph of Enclosure No. 1 Page 3 of the G.O. states as clearly as I can express, my feelings and views upon the subject. Undoubtedly when deprived of the aid of the Assistant Government Astronomer and of the two senior native assistants, as I was practically, by illness and furlough, throughout the three years 1878, 1879 and partially in 1880, it was impossible for me to keep up the reductions of both offices; and if one must suffer, it was not likely that I should permit the higher duties, for which alone I ever came to India, to give way to distasteful inferior pursuits which I had implored to be relieved of ever since they involved the indignity of subordination to another Officer. —

When the establishment of Meteorological Stations throughout India was first proposed, about 1863, I offered to undertake the arrangements for all India without extra pay, and secured the promise of voluntary aid from upwards of twenty scientific and medical officers, but could not then obtain sanction for the supply of instruments or for the smallest staff of assistants to make the requisite reductions. Three years later, when sanitary matters began to excite attention, and newly appointed Sanitary Commissioners explained that they had no satisfactory data for knowing the climate of any station in India beyond the three Presidency cities, Government at once ordered five independent establishments; viz. Bengal, Madras,

Bombay, Central and North West Provinces, each under independent direction. I protested against this at the time, but was overruled, and the scheme resulted, as I feared it would, in each Meteorological Superintendent or Reporter having different forms and fancies and in nothing being comparable. Though disapproving of this scheme I did not refuse to participate in it, but advised at least a conference of the five Superintendents, to agree upon uniform methods and forms, but this also was passed over unheeded. For eight years, from 1867 to 1875, the five Superintendents or Reporters continued in independent control of their respective divisions; but in 1875, without inquiry, whether they were prepared to accept subordination to a new chief, Mr H. B. Blanford was suddenly appointed Meteorologist to the Government of India, and the former Superintendents became his subordinates. Mr Chambers Director of the Bombay Observatory, discreetly refused to accept the new arrangements, and his brother Mr G. Chambers was accordingly appointed Meteorological Reporter for that Presidency. I unwillingly remained in charge as Madras Superintendent, never as Reporter, merely only undertaking to superintend the reductions of the observations, and pass them on to Mr Blanford, but never agreeing to furnish reports to anyone, except my own local Government. Mr Blanford has undoubtedly had good cause of complaint at the delay of the reduced results since 1877, but the very peculiar circumstance of the Observatory Establishment before stated should amply explain that unavoidable misfortune, and since the restoration of the Observatory staff to its usual very limited strength, the result has been brought up, and will very soon be as nearly to date as possible.

My communications to this effect, the late Governor, made at his express desire, in December 1877, but as it now appears only recorded since his departure, were at a time, when, according to the G. O. rules, which apply to the Meteorological Department, I invited under eleven years towards the first step for pension as Meteorological Superintendent, and I could then gladly have foregone all claim, at once to escape further interruption and humiliation in the matter. But as three and a half years have since passed, and counting the three months' privilege leave always standing over to my account, (as I have never had a day's leave since my arrival in India) I am now within seven months of the first or one third pay pension step; I hope that Government will not deprive me of that advantage in the event of my being relieved of the Office before the completion of the time.

Of the suggestion of the Committee, to hand over the Office of Meteorological Superintendent to my daughter, Miss Elizabeth Esis Pogson, is carried out, many difficulties will be obviated. It would be better in such case to alter the title of the appointment to Meteorological Reporter, and to have it clearly understood

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that she has to furnish Reports to Mr Blanford as the Head of the Department, and to carry out all his wishes promptly; and I may safely assure Government that under her management, health permitting, such will be satisfactorily accomplished. — She would continue to reside at the Observatory; the present telegraphic arrangements for transmission of daily weather telegrams would be available for her use; and the Observatory meteorological records would be either always at her disposal or if Government preferred under her charges, so long as I remained in Madras; whereas, the appointment of anyone else would necessarily involve the total separation of the two Offices, and a separate Meteorological Office and Establishment distinct from the Observatory. — But as the G. O. 10th March 1888 merely specifies that no extra expense is to be incurred and does not aim at effecting a reduction of present outlay, I respectfully suggest to Government the question, whether in consideration of the extra astronomical duty thereby thrown upon me, her present salary as Assistant Government Astronomer might not be conceded to me as a special allowance for the remainder of my tenure of the Government Astronomership. In that capacity I am not an Uncon-
manned Officer, but hold a special covenant precisely similar to members of the Ecclesiastical Department; my service and pension arrangements being identical with those of Chaplains. I am already five years beyond my full service term for maximum retiring pension as Government Astronomer or Junior Chaplain, and only retain office from a desire to finish the important works now so nearly completed before resigning. — I am sure the Madras Government, which has ever shown me the kindest personal consideration during my service, would be most unwilling to see me suffer needless loss by reduction of pay, and even if I were permitted to draw the allowance of Rs. 100 as a special favor, it would be no additional charge to Government, and only a very moderate concession in consideration of the numerous discoveries I have made during my twenty years' residence as Government Astronomer. Pushing decision upon this point, as the same amount of work has to be done between us, whoever draws the pay, it will be better to permit Miss Pogson to hold both appointments, if reference to the Secretary of State for India is requisite, before the concession can be granted. — Government has already saved Rs. 100 per month since June 16th, 1870, amounting to Rs. 1200, out of the Assistant Astronomer's pay, through my failure to publish the result of my predecessors, outstanding since 1841: The suggestion then being, for the Assistant Astronomer to draw Rs. 100 until the magnetical and meteorological annals were published;

then Rs. 200 until all astronomical arrears were in print, and Rs. 250 when all arrears were surmounted up to date (I presume) of that Order; Secretary of State, No 66 of 16th June 1890. Two Assistant Astronomers in succession have forfeited this increase through no fault of theirs, but simply from my inability to accomplish an impossibility. By practically abandoning my far too extensive astronomical undertakings, I might have saved my assistants this loss, and had they been strangers instead of my own children, I should, in simple justice, have felt bound to sacrifice my scientific views to their advantage; but as matters stood I have studied the promotion of my science before the interests of my assistants and they have had to bear the loss in consequence.

The immense waste of valuable time in my past discharge of the duty of Meteorological Superintendent has been augmented in no small degree by the stupid trifling of too many of the local Superintendents in charge of the up country Stations; who instead of getting necessary repairs to sheds or other minor wants supplied, have troubled me with needless correspondence about matters which they should have had carried out at once and submitted bills for in the ordinary way as contingent charges. A case in point has just arisen at Negapatam upon which I shall have occasion to report to Government immediately. Another difficulty has been my not having power to enforce my demands upon the Meteorological Assistants when negligent of their duties and of my repeated orders. I agreed some years since with Mr Blanford that the Assistants should reduce as well as record their observations, but this has only been done at about half the Stations. I would have enforced my orders by placing those who could not or rather would not comply with this reasonable demand on half pay till they obeyed, but found I had no authority to do so without troubling Government for a special order in each case. It is manifestly unfair that worthless idle assistants, who shirk their work, and in some cases are even open to great suspicion as to the honesty of their records, should draw the same amount of full pay as those who do all that is required to the best of their abilities; and I would suggest the sanction of Government to an Order authorising me, or any fresh Meteorological Reporter, to put refractory assistants on half pay until they complied with all demands and furnished properly reduced returns as well as the mere records of the instruments. Occasional inspection of the Stations would have prevented all this, but I could not leave my astronomical studies

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and so the negligent have had far too little control; especially during the last three years, when the diminished strength of the Observatory Establishment caused me so much extra work at Madras.

In my present communication I have confined my remarks chiefly to the affairs of the Meteorological Department, but I purpose shortly to submit further suggestions upon the office of Government Astronomer, especially in regard to the publication of a series of volumes, either here or while on special duty in England.

The two heavy works in hand throughout my service are nearly completed, and after the close of the current official year, it will be advisable to suspend all further observations beyond the most limited records for signalling Madras time, until arrears of every kind are printed and distributed.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant
M R Piggott
Government Astronomer &
Meteorological Superintendent

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R. D. (Meteorology)

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From

The Government Astronomer &
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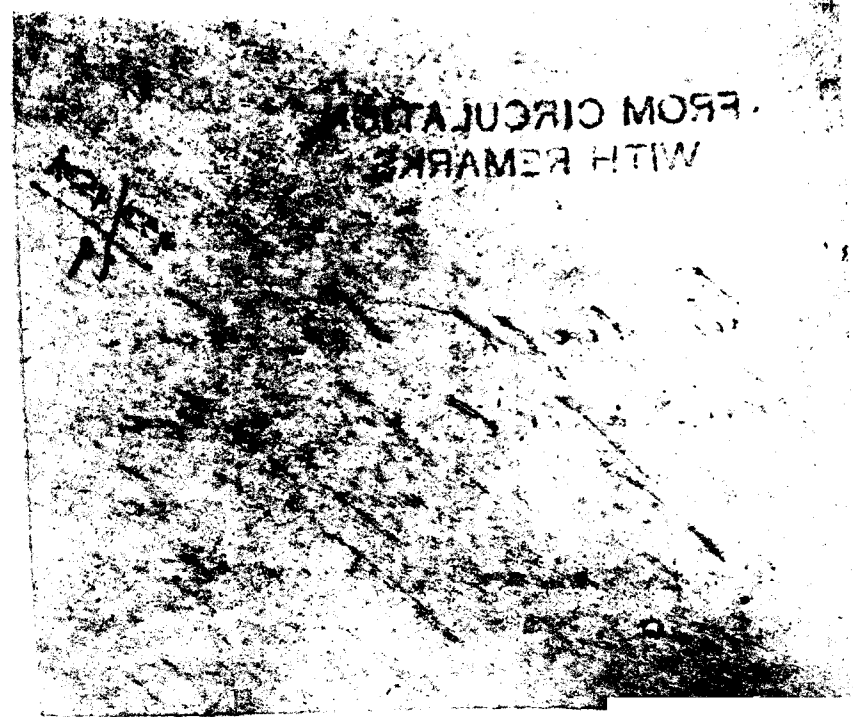
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Telegram
To Government Astronomer.
Madras.

If Miss Pagon
is appointed Entomological
Superintendent Madras
Presidency in addition
to her present office
as ~~Acting~~ Assistant
Astronomer will she
be prepared to join
to the.

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Sd/- E. S. Forbes
Asst. Secy

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This undersigned is
directed to inquire
whether in the event of
Miss Poyson being
appointed Meteorologist
Supt for the Madras
Observatory in addition
to her present office
as Asst Astronomer
she would be willing
to retain both duties
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The Committee appointed
to enquire into the (by Gov. 10 March 1887 no
329) report on the
State of the Meteorological
Office now submit their
report. It may be
doubted however whether
the Govt of India after
the experience they have
had of the impossibility
of getting anything done
by the Meteorological Dept
by Mr. Poyser will be
so ready as to may be.
The Meteorological Dept
are admirably
suited for the work.

The Comtee observe that
her appoint. would be
near the necessity of the
entertainment of assistants.

It is submitted however
that this would not be
good to any great ex-
tent. The reputation of
the Meteorol. & Astron.
dept. would allow
a proportionate increase
in the present Observatory
Staff.

The difficulty in the
way of a lady travelling
on inspection, ~~that~~
most of the ~~commissions~~
that most of the ~~stations~~
are on the
line of Railways.

If Mrs Pagon's
services are detached from
Astron. work, Mr Pagon

who are acquainted
I should expect with
Mrs Pagon's qualifications
to agree to continue
Office in the Pagon
family especially in
the persons of a lady
who may find it
difficult to carry
on the proper instruction
we must therefore
in recommending Mrs P
be prepared to point out
her special qualifications
& also to have this by
adopting the proposal
the work will be
much more economically
done than by appointing
another person.

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I am prepared to
recommend the
transfer of the
Meteorol. Dept. to
Mrs Pagon with
the pay £250.
or £300 ~~if~~
if as I think the
appt. is to be

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claims that she allowed
to draw the amount of
her pay - as she will
have to do the Act. work
now devolving on her.
In one of her letters, Mr
Pagon mentions that a
certain class of the work
can be entrusted to no
native assistant.

The Comtee support the claim
provided Mr Pagon con-
tinues to be referee or
adviser in cases of
great climatic changes.

2. The present position
of the Meteorol. Returns
A return of the dates
of despatch to Valencia
of the registers from 1875
to 1880 has been submitted
by the Astron.

The whole of the returns
down to the end of the
first half year of 1880
appear to have been
forwarded (with the
exception of ^{some} ~~the~~ Wellington
which are very irregular)
- many however have
been 1, 2 or 3 years late.
For the latter half of
1880 most have now
been sent, though the
bulk were not despatched
till March 81.

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this Govt. The papers
perhaps don't
show how this is
Govt. makes no

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Therchaup in
Miss Rogers
position. There
no reason why
she should not retain
her position as
Asst. & the Asst.
together with the
Inter. changes.
I believe her
services are very
valuable there in

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looking to need
perhaps going.
I think it would
be ascert. that
she is willing &
to perform the duties
of Asst. I do not
think to be can
advocate transfer
of her pay as Asst.
to the Asst. -
altho' we might
accept some one
in her place.
But the former is
at 2 1/2 for
work on Inspe. of
Int. stations cannot
be done at 2 1/2 for
the W. P. on the

inspect. the cost of
 in the same. I inspect
 breakings in the
 the grade

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It was always I
 think the duty of
 the Act & to
 the Marine Dept.
 any indications of
 serious atmospheric
 disturbance. & this
 to be unchanged.

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The Committee Report on the
 Meteorological
 Honble members

NOTE FOR ORDERS

These papers are
 with reference to the Honble
 L. H. H. note, in
 which it is proposed to
 allow Miss Penson to
 retain her position as Asst.
 in the Observatory, drawing
 the salary of Rs 150, in ad-
 dition to pay as Meteorological
 Asst. on Rs 200.

I think the proposal as
 made by the Honble L. H. H.
 is the best especially as
 it will effect what we
 desire without any
 application of the Govt
 or S of S which I thought
 very unlikely to be
 successful

This would keep the
 money in the family
 The app. of Miss Penson

State is requisite - his pay
being enhanced over the
£500 a year limit.

Orders are reported as
to which of the schemes is
to be adopted

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does not as such seem
to require the sanction of
the Govt of India (vide
Review of Mysore. Report
for 1879-80 dated 24 Feb
1881 paras 11022). The
Office is paid from ~~the~~
Funds (vide Budget).

As Mr. Pagon's salary will
~~be increased~~
however by Hon Mr. Pagon's proposal
to be raised (Rs 250 + 150 = 400)
above the limit of Rs 250
~~the deficit of Rs 150~~

L.M., which a Govt.
can sanction (p 259 Account
Code), a reference to the Govt
of India will be necessary.

If Mr. Pagon be
permitted to draw Rs 400
in addition to his present
pay as Astronomer, as
suggested by Mr. Muthuraj
the sanction of the Govt of

Confess the Govt
of India

* It is not quite clear
whether rule 2 (3) with
its proviso refers to
laboural appts

the present ~~to her father~~ Astronomer
the same rate of pay -
No 250 per annum -
and without prejudice
to her appointment
as Actt to the ~~for~~
Astronomer.

2. The transfer of
~~Dr. Poyen's~~ duties
~~and astronomical~~
~~department~~ will
not however, relieve
the ~~for~~ Astronomer
of the responsibility
which has always
devolved on the ~~for~~
~~Astronomer~~ of notifying
to the Marine Deptt
~~should~~
any indications of
cyclonic or other
serious

the Meteorological shd be
deemed the same dept as the
Astron?

I think it almost
essential that his work
very extended & is connected
change - the Meteor. Deptt.
shd. be someone on the
Observatory staff. LK

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serious atmospheric
disturbance.

3. With reference
to the Committee's
remarks as to the
expense involved in
travelling on inspection,
it is observed that
provision is made
for this in the Meteor-
ological budget.

4. The Government
see no occasion to
alter the title of the
appointment as suggested
by Mr. Poyen, but
all reports will in
future be furnished
to the Meteorological
Reporter.

Reporters to the Govt.
of India, to whom
the local Super.
~~Local Super.~~ will be
in direct subordination
in this capacity.

5. In his letter above
recorded, Mr. Poyson
complains of the conduct
of some of the local
Superintendents -
While not prepared
to authorize the Madras
Superintendent to
reduce the pay of
Assistants, the Govt.
desire that misconduct
of district observations
shall not pass
unnoticed, and that
continued obstructions
shall

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shall be promptly
reported to Mr. Blanford
as the head of the
department.

6. The Accountant
General will report
what effect the transfer
of charge above men-
tioned will have on
the pension prospects
of Mr. Poyson.

7. Dr. Funnell and
the members of the
Committee are thanked
for their labors.

8. Copy of three
Proceedings will be
transmitted to the
Government of India.

for information, and
communication to
Mr. Blanford.

N.B. Rosen

et.

Copy to the Govt.
of India, Home &
Department.

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*Keep this we know
of the committee
for the 1887
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Special*

*Keep this for H. H. to
Govt. This is not so
my pulling L. H.
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter

*Letter from the Sanitary Commissioner,
dated 25 March 1887.
Telegram from the Govt. Astronomer,
dated 14 May 1887.
Letter from the Govt. Astronomer,
dated 16 May 1887.*

Order thereon. 14 July 1887, 10950.

*The Honorable the
Governor in Council having
considered the proposals
made by the Committee,
resolves to transfer to
Miss E. J. Pogson, Actg.
to the Astronomer, the
duties of the Metrological
Superintendent for
the*

the Madras Presidency
in service.
present Govt. Astronomer,
on the same rate of
pay - Rs 250 per mensem -
and on that basis
to his appointment
as Assistant to the
Astronomer.

2. The transfer of
duties will not, however,
relieve the Government
Astronomer of the
responsibility which
has always devolved
on him of notifying
to the Marine Deptt
any observed indication
of cyclonic or other
serious atmospheric

disturbance. ^{16P}
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Committee's remarks as
to the expense involved
in travelling on inspection,
it is observed that pro-
vision is made for this
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in this connection

5. In his letter above recorded, Mr. Poyson complains of the conduct of some of the local Superintendents. While not prepared to authorize the Madras Superintendent to reduce the pay of Assistants, the Govt desire that misconduct of district observations shall not pass unnoticed, and that continued obstructiveness shall be promptly reported to Government as well as to Mr. Blanford, as head of the dept.

6. The Accountant General

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General will report what effect the transfer of charge, ^{above sanctioned} will have on the pension prospects of Mr. Poyson.

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To the Genl. Retraimer & Meteorological Dept
Accl. Genl. Co
Master of the Dept
President of Committee
Members of the Dept

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