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To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor
in Council, Fort St. George.

MY LORD,

*Temporary appointment of Mr. C. Michie
Smith as Government Astronomer at
Madras.*

I have received your Excellency's Letter, Public, No. 14, of the 17th July, stating that you have appointed Mr. C. Michie Smith, B.Sc., F.R.A.S., F.S.A., Edinburgh, of the Madras Christian College, as a temporary measure to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. N. R. Pogson, and requesting sanction to the same.

2. Under the circumstances stated, it would appear that Mr. C. Michie Smith was probably the best available person to entrust with the continuation of Mr. Pogson's observations; but in sanctioning the arrangements now reported by your Lordship it is to be understood that they are purely temporary, and will give Mr. Smith no claim to the permanent appointment of Government Astronomer, should it be eventually thought desirable to appoint some one else to that office.

3. I have recently addressed a Despatch to the Government of India, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Astronomer Royal relative to the future of the Madras Observatory, which will, no doubt, be communicated to your Excellency in due course. On the result of this reference will very much depend the permanent arrangements that may in future be made for this appointment.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

