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Public	DEPARTMENT.
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[Despatch Abstract.]

Imposing the first
of India that an as-
urance has been given
to the Muslim community
that he will ^{continue to} act as
first Astronomer for
one year —

The Observatory

13th Oct 1891

14.10.91

Dear Mr Price

It would be a great favour if you could obtain for me any information as to how long it is likely to be before a permanent appointment is made to the Observatory. From what I hear it does not seem likely that any appointment can be made for a considerable length of time and I feel that it would not be wise for me to attempt to carry on the double duty for very much longer. So far I don't think the work has suffered in any way but there is a limit to the length of time during which one can safely work at high pressure.

If the offg. appointment could be promised to me for a year I could get a substitute to take my work at the College & so could devote my whole time to the Observatory!

It seems to me this would be the best

thing for all parties

Another thing which makes me anxious for some definite information is this. If I am not to be here for more than two or three months I would become a candidate for the University Registrarship but if I can hold this for a year I would not think of becoming a candidate as I would rather have the use of the instruments here for a year then go back to the College if I failed to get the permanent appointment.

I spoke to Mr Stokes upon this subject and he advised me to write to you to see what could be done.

I am
Yours truly
C. Michael Smith

The Hon J. F. Price

CURRENT No.

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D/o.

DEPARTMENT.

From *L. Meichie Smith Esq.*

No.

Dated 13

Received 14

} oct 91.

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

*Enquiring how long his officiating
appointment would last.*

CHIEF SECRETARY
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MADRAS FORT 10-11-91

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
 REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.
 Post copy of Service Message.

(Meteorology)

Dated Cal: the 10th Nov^r 1891.

FROM Calcutta,

FROM Revenue,

To Madras,

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
 Revenue Department.

Your telegram 26th Government India agree Michie Smith's being given assurance that he will continue to officiate Government Astronomer for one year on understanding he obtains substitute in Christian college and devotes whole

time

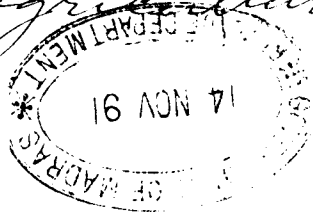
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1891

time astronomer's duties.

Mr. W. S. S. S. S.

For Registrar,

Revenue and Agricultural Dept.



[Handwritten mark]

L. P. M. C. P. 3390/91

Circulated
It is perfectly certain
that the machine re-
lating to the Madras
Observatory cannot be
so far off & the
deputy of the school
to select a man at
home for the post
for fully a year;
probable danger will
be required.

2. Even if every thing
was hurried on, the
new man would not be
likely to come out here
before this time next
year, as few care to
begin their stay in
India with a spell of
the hot season.

3. I am, might therefore
be held of sure that
Richard Smith that
he will continue in office
a year, but to make
the matter sure.

To Revenue

[Referred]

707. Secretary [of] State
has sanctioned Ellicott
Smith's appointment
Government Astronomer
pending appointment
Settlement [of] questions
[relating to] future of
Observatory. [Ellicott]
Smith feels strain
[of] official and pro-
fessional work too
great. If assured of
holding Astronomer
for a year he ~~would~~
could get substitute
Christian College and de-
vote whole time to
Observatory. Gov. con-
siders impossible to settle
questions ~~now~~ ^{for future}
and even if decided
before November [1872]
Secretary [of] State could
be asked to make new
appointment with
effect from that month.
May assurance be
given [Ellicott] Smith.
Will continue to

Govt. Astronomer
Ship

Langley Stokes [1872]
Gov. [1872]

Approved

HE

16 Oct

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duties of the
Astronomer -

Please inform me
whether you are
still prepared to
accept these conditions.

James S. J.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

Telegram

From

The Government of India
Rev. S. Ag. P. P.

No.

Dated { 10 Nov/91.
Received
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Agreeing with the
proposal of the Govt. that
Mr Michie Smith may be assured
that his tenure of office of Govt.
astronomer will last for one year.

Submitted for
perusal.

The following d/o
is proposed.

DO No 426 of 14 Nov 1891

My dear Mr Michie

Mr Michie Smith

Your demi-official
letter of the 13th ult.
was laid before
Govt. & there has been

correspondence with
the Govt. of India.

I am now directed to
inform you that ~~you~~
may the Govt.

can assure you of
continuing to officiate
as Govt. astronomer

for the period of
one year from the
present date on

the understanding
that you will obtain
a substitute to
take your work at
the Christian College
& will devote your

D.O. No.

The Observatory
Madras 16th Nov 1891

My dear Mr Price

With reference to your question
whether I am prepared to accept
the condition that I will devote
my whole time to the duties of the
Observatory I have to reply that
I am quite prepared to do so if I
get the necessary leave of absence
from the Christian College Council.
I have applied for it and I under-
stand that there is no doubt
that it will be granted.

Of course it will be impossible
for me to stop work there till
the end of the present session
but that will practically be
over by the end of this

month. I will let you
know as soon as I get
a formal answer to
my application for leave.

Yours sincerely
C. Michie Smith

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CURRENT No. 6

Public DEPARTMENT.

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From
C. Michie Smith Esq.

~~Telegram~~
~~To J. of S.~~
~~Revenue~~
~~No. your telegram to the~~

No.

Dated ¹⁶ } November 1891.
Received ¹⁷

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Informing that he is quite prepared to
give up professional work if he gets the
necessary leave of absence from the xliam
College Council.

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See
Honour

Submitted to H. H. H.
for info
19/11/91

The Observatory
19th Nov 1891

My dear Mr Price

I have just received an intimation
from the Bursar of the Methodist
Christian College that the Council
has granted me leave from the
close of the present session for
12 months, so that I am able
to accept the condition of
devoting my whole time to the
work of the Observatory.

Yours sincerely
C. Michie Smith

CURRENT No.

Public DEPARTMENT

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560 (91)

Order 26 Kong
The following Telegram will be despatched

To the Hon. Secy. of Agriculture
Simla. 25/11/91

From C. Michie Smith Esq.

No. 768 x game telegram
to Mr. Michie Smith
[has been] fraudulently
by his College Council
[for] twelve months from
class [of] present session
and will discontinue [his]
whole time [the] duties
of [the] [the] [the]
[to] act one year [has]
being given him.

No.

Dated 19
Received 20 } November 1891
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Reports that he has got 12 months leave
from the Xian College Council.

Copy to the
Genl. Secy. of Agriculture
27 NOV 91
M.S.

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No. MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

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20's 560

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