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[Despatch Abstract.]

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Recording notes, regarding the duties devolving on the---at
different periods, written with reference to the question of charging
the pay of that officer to Local funds.

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

*Submitted for
perusal.*

F.B.

22/1/95

*Seen
Done at
24/1/95*

Copy of Note by the Honble Mr.
Bliss, C.E. (no date)

Theoretically, Land & M. Bodies
ought, no doubt, to pay for the
Assistant Secretary. What work
did the Assistant Secretary do
before Government took over from
the Board the direct control
of L. Funds? Municipalities
were always directly under

Query 1-

2. Government I think?

3. What is done in other Provinces?

Assistant
OR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

(Not for Record.)

CN. 3510 L.

see ed. Hui's queries inside.

Query N. 1. An attempt has been made to obtain from the Public Department records, the information required to answer this query, but without any success. Apparently there is only one way of getting at it, and that is, (1) by going through the Civil lists from 1876 (when the office of Assistant Secretary was created) to 1885 (when the Government took over the direct control of local funds) in order to ascertain the names of the various gentlemen who held the office of Assistant Secretary, & (2) by taking out a few (say half a dozen) papers disposed of during the term of office of each Assistant Secretary in the various reports under the Chief Secretary. As this will take some time, it is thought undesirable to delay the disposal of this current.

It is also for consideration whether the information required in this case should be furnished by the Financial Department where the question arose, or by the L & L Deptt which is not in possession of any of the necessary records.

Query N. 2. The answer to this would be Yes.

Query N. 3. There is no information on this point here. Should a reference be made to the other Government?

P.R.
15/12/99

Recd. by me today
J.B.

20/12

In the year 1876, the Home Government sanctioned the appointment of the Assistant Secretary attached to the Legislative and Judicial Departments, in the Chief Secretariat. Vide G.O. of 26-5-76 No 1033-Jud. The first gentleman appointed to the new office was Mr. W. M. Scharlieb who held it till 25-4-1879 & was succeeded by Mr. S. S. V. Ramana who in turn quitted the appointment on 4th April 1880. Both these gentlemen belonged to the Uncovenanted Service and their work was confined to the Judicial & Legislative Departments. The officers mentioned below all of whom belonged to the Covenanted Civil Service, were the subsequent incumbents down to 1st April 1885, the date of amalgamation of the Board's Local Fund Establishment with that of the Govt., & the extracts from the History of the Services of Gazetted officers appended show in detail the period during which they were employed in that capacity.

1. Mr. J. P. Davies
2. " G. S. Stokes
3. " G. S. Forbes
4. " O. Wolfe Murray
5. " E. S. Laffan
6. " J. D. Rees
7. " M. Hammick
8. " J. H. A. Tremmenheere
9. " H. A. Stuart

The records of the Legislative and Judicial Departments from the year 1880 to 1885 have been examined in view to ascertain whether ^{these} the above gentlemen were actually in charge of these Departments.

during their respective tenures of the Scott Secretaryship. The result of the examination is recorded below from which it is ^{will be seen} ~~apparent~~ ^{particular} not only that the charge of the Departments was ~~quite~~ ^{irrespective} of the appointments to which ~~they~~ ^{the off.} were gazetted and that the division of work between the Assistant and Under-Secretaries (and also the uncovenanted Chief Assistant whose duties were practically ^{the same as theirs} ~~those of either of these officers~~) was made with reference to other considerations, but also that some times even the Under Secretary of the Revenue Department ^{was in charge of} ~~was permitted to do~~ the Legislative and Judicial work.

Legislative Department	Judicial Department
April/80 to Sept/80 Mr. Danico and Mr. G. Stokes	April/80 to June/80 Messrs. Hammett & Gibson July/80 to Sept/80 Messrs. Hammett & Danico Oct/80 Messrs. Hammett & Pringle November/80 Mr. Forbes December/80 Mr. Danico Jan/81 to March/81 Mr. Forbes
Oct/80 to March/81 Mr. Forbes	April/81 to June/81 Mr. Wolfe Murray July/81 to Jan/82 Mr. Forbes Feb/82 to Dec/84 Mr. Hammett Jan/85 to April/85 Mr. Stuart

Prior to April 1885 ~~though~~ the Municipal & Local funds ^{papers} ~~subjects~~ were dealt with in the Financial Department ^{by} ~~there was~~ a separate uncovenanted assistant for ^{the} ~~the~~ branch, working immediately under the Under or the Scott Secy ^{who} ~~that~~ was entrusted with the charge for the time being, while the remaining portion of the Financial ^{dept} work was done by the Chief Scott who

who worked directly under the Chief Secretary. An examination of the Financial records from 1875 to 1885 shows that the Under Secretaries & the Assistant Secretaries whose names are given below were in actual charge of the Muniel & L.F. work about the periods specified against them.

Jan/1875 to May/1875 Mr. Sturrock	April/81 to June/81 Mr. Forbes
June/1875 to Nov/1876 Dr. Maclean	July/81 to August/81 Mr. Danico
Dec/76 to June/77 Mr. Sturrock	Sept/81 to Dec/81 Mr. Laffan
July/77 to August/77 Mr. Grigg	Jan/82 to March/82 Dr. Maclean
Sept/77 to Jan/78 Mr. Sturrock	April/82 to Aug/82 Mr. Rees
Feb/78 to Aug/80 Mr. Grigg	Jan/82 to Nov/83 Mr. Laffan
March/80 to July/80 Mr. Gibson	Dec/83 to June/84 Mr. Rees
August/80 to Oct/80 Mr. Danico	July/84 to Oct/84 Mr. Trumhure
Nov/80 to Dec/80 Messrs. Danico & Forbes	Nov/84 to Dec/84 Mr. Rees
Jan/81 to March/81 Dr. Maclean	Jan/85 to April/85 Mr. Benson

The above note is with reference to query 1 put by the Honble Member. As regards queries 2 & 3, ~~please see replies by the L. & M. Department.~~ the answer is "yes" and with ref. to query 3 it is sub? that no information is available.

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The general conclusion is that the Assistant Secretary has become an integral part of the Chief Secretariat - and the duties assigned

to him have varied from time to time - He now deals with the work which was formerly entrusted to the D.S.

July 15/95

Apparently that is, we can't impose any charge on the D.S. in account of the A.S.

BS

7/1/95

It is respectfully sub? that the Asst Secy is not likely ever again to be able to take up other depts than the D.S. & M. It was the increase of work that lead his duties being restricted to D.S. & M. and the Asst in the Chief Secretariat being placed in independent charge of depts. The system works well at present but in course of time it may be absolutely necessary to have an addl. European officer and then the Asst Secy's pay might well form a charge against D. Bds.

To B. E.

It may be worth while to eventually -

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