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DECEMBER.

Appointment of a third Secretary to Government.

Communicating to the Accountant-General and the Local and Municipal Department extracts from certain despatch from the Secretary of State and letter from the Government of India regarding the creation of the — on a salary of Rs. 2,500 a month.

G[illegible] OF MADRAS.

PU[illegible] EPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From L. M. THORNTO[illegible]
Home Department (
ment of Madras, date

In continuation of the tel[illegible]

* To Secretary of State, No. 18. dated 14th July 1896.
From Secretary of State, No. 16[illegible] dated 24th September 1896.

Secretary to the Government of [illegible]

2. With reference to paragr[illegible] request that it may be reported t[illegible] whether the Government of Madra[illegible] cost of the appointment in the propo[illegible] and one-fifth to the Provincial reven[illegible] the Local and Municipal departmen[illegible] Legislative branches, and that, if no [illegible] arrangement.

[illegible]uty Secretary to the Government of India, [illegible]ts), to the Chief Secretary to the Govern[illegible]he 25th November 1896, No. 929.

, this office, No. 712, dated the 23rd September last, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a copy of the despatches * to and from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India regarding the creation of the appointment of a third [illegible]n a salary of Rs. 2,500 a month.

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ENCLOSURES.

DESPATCH from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Salaries, Establishments, &c.—Administration), to the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, the 14th July 1896, No. 136.

In their Financial despatch, No. 238, dated the 25th August 1891, Lord Lansdowne's Government recommended for sanction a proposal made by the Government of Madras that the Chief Secretary's branch of their Secretariat should be strengthened by the appointment of an additional Under Secretary on a pay of Rs. 1,200 a month. In replying in his Financial despatch, No. 219, dated the 5th November 1891, Lord Cross expressed his reluctance to sanction any additional appointment in the Secretariat if it could be avoided, and he considered that it might be possible to reduce the work of the Chief Secretary by following the course adopted in Bombay of transferring to the Military department the Marine and the Ecclesiastical business, and by arranging for the performance of the Financial work by the Revenue Secretary. His Lordship at the same time suggested that if, after such transfers of work as the Madras Government might be able to effect, it was still necessary to give additional assistance to the Chief Secretary, this should take the form of the appointment of an additional Uncovenanted Native Assistant.

2. We have now the honour to forward for your Lordship's consideration a fresh representation from the Government of Madras on the subject of the relief required by the Chief Secretary to that Government. It is explained that the measures suggested in Lord Cross' despatch of the 5th November 1891 were carefully considered

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by the Local Government at the time, but were deemed to be impracticable, and that the Governor in Council decided for the time being to take no further action in the matter. The work of the Chief Secretary has, however, continued to increase in amount, and the necessity for affording him relief has thus again forced itself upon the consideration of the Local Government. The statistics furnished in the present communication from the Local Government show that the work in the departments under the Chief Secretary has almost, if not quite, doubled during the last twenty years, and that the official receipts and disposals in 1895 were 27,765 and 23,275, respectively, as compared with 26,143 and 21,650 in 1891, when the previous recommendation for an increase to the Secretariat was made to us. In support of the proposal to afford relief to the Chief Secretary, the Madras Government also urge that the amount of personal business to be transacted by him has continuously increased; that the preparation of answers to interpellations in the Legislative Council has caused a fresh and material demand upon his time; and that the general increase of work falling on the Members of Council necessitates the preparation and scrutiny of office-notes of a more detailed description than was formerly the case for submission with papers circulated to them.

3. The Local Government represent that the abolition of the Military department, with effect from the date of the introduction of the Army Reorganization scheme, has not only rendered impossible the transfer of the Marine and the Ecclesiastical business in the manner suggested by Lord Cross, but has also caused further work (relating to Volunteers and Cantonments) to devolve upon the Chief Secretary. It is true that he has been relieved of the Marine business, which has been transferred to the Public Works Secretariat, but this measure is said to have afforded him scarcely any appreciable relief. The Revenue Secretary has, in the opinion of the Madras Government, already so much to do that it is impossible to relieve the Chief Secretary by transferring to him any of the latter's work. The Local Government explain that the instructions contained in paragraph 4 of Lord Cross' despatch of the 5th November 1891, for dispensing with all unnecessary reports and returns and delegating greater authority to the subordinate Boards and officers, have received unremitting attention, but that experience has shown that changes in this direction cannot be effected to such an extent as to reduce the amount of work which already devolves on the Government office.

4. Special officers have had to be appointed temporarily to assist the Chief Secretary and his Under Secretary on three occasions during the last two years, and in the opinion of the Madras Government the relief required cannot be effected by the appointment of a Native Assistant, as was suggested by Lord Cross in 1891. In the view of the Local Government the only suitable method of giving the requisite assistance to the Chief Secretary is the appointment of an additional Secretary. The Governor in Council proposes to transfer to the new Secretary—who should, in his opinion, be an officer of sufficient standing to admit of his being entrusted with complete control over these departments—the Local and Municipal, Educational and Legislative departments, and also to appoint him to be Secretary to the Legislative Council. This re-distribution of work would reduce the Chief Secretary's work by about one-third, while the work to be transferred to the new Secretary would keep that officer fully employed, as he would have no Under Secretary, though aided in the Local and Municipal department by a Native Assistant.

5. The Local Government consider that the pay of the new appointment should be sufficiently high to secure the services of a good Collector and District Magistrate, and they recommend that it may be fixed at Rs. 2,500 a month. As the amount of work in the Local and Municipal department is said to be four times that in the Educational and Legislative branches, the Local Government suggest that the proposed expenditure should be distributed in the proportion of four-fifths to the Local and Municipal funds and one-fifth to the Provincial revenues. It is explained that section 254 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, IV of 1884, and section 152 of the Madras Local Boards Act V of 1884, contain express provision for the adoption of such a course.

6. We are satisfied that relief of the nature suggested by the Government of Madras is urgently required by their Chief Secretary, and we submit the Local Government's proposal for your Lordship's sanction. The appointment of a third Secretary to the Government of Bombay on a pay of Rs. 2,500 a month has been sanctioned in your telegram, dated the 5th May 1896, and we think that the circumstances justify the creation of a similar appointment at Madras. The principle of charging the Local and Municipal funds with the cost of supervising the work of those departments in the Government Secretariat is already acted upon, as was reported in the case of the grant of a personal allowance to the First Assistant in the Local and Municipal department sanctioned in Sir Henry Fowler's Financial despatch, No. 33, dated the 28th February 1895; and, having regard to the very complete development in Madras of the system of local self-government and the close supervision and guidance which the Madras Government give to local boards and municipalities, we see no objection to the proposed contribution from local taxation towards the pay of the additional Secretary. The cost of the proposals of the Madras Government to Provincial revenues will be Rs. 6,000 per annum *plus* about Rs. 900 for exchange compensation allowance. The Madras Government, it will be observed, have asked that your Lordship's orders may be communicated by telegram.

DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Lord **GEORGE HAMILTON**, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 24th September 1896, No. 164, Financial.

I have considered in Council your Excellency's letter, dated the 14th of July, No. 185, and, in view of the great increase of work in the office of the Chief Secretary at Madras, I sanction the creation of a third Secretaryship to that Government, with a salary of Rs. 2,500 a month.

2. I further approve of the proposal that only a portion of the charge shall be debited to Provincial funds and that the bulk of it shall be borne by the funds of the local boards and municipalities, the work connected with which will constitute the larger part of the business to be allotted to the new Secretary. In view of the demands upon his time that will necessarily be made by the drafting of Bills and attendance on Select Committees, I feel some doubt whether the Provincial funds should not be required to defray a larger portion of the salary than one-fifth; but this is a point the determination of which I leave to your Excellency in concert with the Government of Madras.

ORDER—No. 1313, Public, dated 14th December 1896.

The first paragraph of the despatch from the Secretary of State and of the letter from the Government of India will be communicated to the Accountant-General and to the Local and Municipal Department.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
" Local and Municipal Department.

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No. 185 OF 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

(SALARIES, ESTABLISHMENTS, ETC.—Administration.)

To

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON,
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Simla, the 14th July 1896.

MY LORD,

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We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) ELGIN.

" G. S. WHITE.

" J. WESTLAND.

" J. WOODBURN.

" M. D. CHALMERS.

" E. H. H. COLLEN.

" A. C. TREVOR.

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* Original papers returned.

COPY forwarded* to the Home Department for information.

By order,

R. M. DANE,

Deputy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Schedule of Papers.

1. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 202 (Public), dated the 8th February 1896, and enclosure.

2. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 317 (Public), dated the 4th March 1896, and enclosure.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

SALARIES, ESTABLISHMENTS, ETC.
Administration.

FROM

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

TO

THE SECY. OF STATE FOR INDIA.

No. 185.

Dated Simla, the 14th July 1896.

Received

Submits for sanction a proposal made by the Government of Madras for the creation of the appointment of an additional Secretary to that Government on a pay of Rs. 2,500 a month for the purpose of relieving the Chief Secretary.

G. C. Press, Simla.—No. 541 C. F.—9-7-96.—65.

India Office, 13th
London, 24th September 1896.

Financial
No. 164.

To

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I have etc.,

Sd/ George Hamilton.

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Government of India.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 21st October 1896.

Read

Read.-

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 164 Financial, dated the 24th September 1896, received on the 14th October 1896.

Ordered, that a copy be forwarded to the Home Department in continuation of endorsement No. 4023, dated the 19th September 1896.

Sd/ W.S.Meyer,
Offg. Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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V. Miles.

Registrar, Home Department.

For Sir J. Peile
17 December 1896.

My dear Forbes. 1313

With reference to G.O. No. 1313 Pub: of 14th Dec: I am directed to send you a copy of the second paragraphs of the despatch and letter therein referred to with the request that on the expiration of one year from the date on which the appt: of Secry Legl dept came into existence the Chief Secretary may be furnished with a note containing particulars of the year's work which will enable the Government to form the opinion which the Govt of India has called for.

Yours sincerely

a.f.H. 14/12/96 A.H. 12.12.96

To F.S. Forbes Esq/ Secy. to Govt

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From Secretary of State for India Home

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Enclosures — 2.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a copy of the despatches to & from the Secretary of State for India re the creation of a Judgeship & appointment of an Additional Judge to the Court of Judicature at Madras on a salary of Rs 2500 a month.

C.S.

L.O. No. 1313 dy 14-12-96

Accept the first paragraph of the despatch from the Secy of State & the letter from the L. G. will be comd. to the Legislative Dept. and to the Judl. dept.

NA 12.12.96

DB 12/12/96.

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the papers from the Legislative Dept. with thanks.