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MR. W.S. MEYER, I.C.S.

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DEPARTMENT.

From

E. S. A. Esq. & C. S.
Bellary

No.

28th June 1896

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SUBJECT.

that he will arrange
in Bellary the day after
his change at Bellary

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UNDER SECRETARY
10 JUN 96
PUBLICITY DEPT.

If you can spare time please
offer acting appointment of
Capt. S. S. S. in this department
you have mentioned from 20 July 1906
to 15 Aug 1906. I am acting
Collector. The pay on which
he will draw acting allowance
is Rs 2250 but he gets this
the actual allowance will be
by one fourth as the vacancy is
privilege leave for which he
is entitled.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 9th June 1896.

SERVICE TELEGRAM.

From Simla.

From Finance.

To Kotacamund

To The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras

If you can spare him please offer acting appointment of Deputy Secretary in this Department for three months from 20th July to W. S. Meyer, of year 1881, Acting Collector Nellore. The pay on which he will draw acting allowance is Rs. 2250. for first thirty days the acting allowance will be reduced by one-fourth as the same is due to privilege leave. Telegraph when he accepts.

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Offg. Secy to Govt.

(Copy by Post)

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APPENDIX.

NOTIFICATION.

Under section 19 of "The Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878," His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following rules to regulate proceedings under the said Act, in supersession of all previous notifications on the subject:—

I. Section 4.—(1) When the finder of any treasure has deposited it in the nearest Government Treasury, the Collector may remove it to any other Government Treasury.

(2) When the finder of any treasure has not deposited it in any Government Treasury, or refuses or neglects to give the security required, the Collector may take possession of such treasure and remove it to the nearest, or any, Government Treasury.

II. Section 5.—The Collector's notification requiring claimants to appear shall be published by him in the English language in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. The notification shall be forwarded direct to the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, for publication, and copy of the notification so published shall be inserted by the Collector in four consecutive issues of the "District Gazette" in English and the vernacular of the district.

Copies of the original notification shall also be forthwith forwarded by him to—

- (1) The Publisher of the *Gazette of India*, for publication in that Gazette.
- (2) The Superintendent of Government Printing, Bengal, for publication in the *Calcutta Gazette*.
- (3) The Superintendent, Government Central Press, Bombay, for publication in the *Bombay Gazette*.

The date on which the notification is first published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall be taken to be the date of publication for the purposes of section 5 (a).

III. Section 16.—(1) The Collector shall, whenever he has made a declaration under section 9 that any treasure is ownerless, and before delivering or dividing the treasure as provided by sections 10-15 of the Act, consult the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, as to whether he shall declare his intention to acquire such treasure, or any portion thereof, on behalf of the Government, and shall be guided by his advice.

(2) The Superintendent, Government Central Museum, shall, when necessary, consult the Government Epigraphist, Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, and other responsible officers of Government interested in the conservation of objects of historical and archaeological interest.

(3) The Collector shall, as a general rule, acquire under section 16 of the Act the whole of

any coins found, whether gold, silver or copper, that appear to be old and not of British mintage. If, however, exceptional cases should arise in which it is considered unnecessary for any sufficient reasons, such as the largeness of the

quantity found or the coins being known to be of merely metal value, to acquire the whole of the coins found, the Superintendent shall address the Government, which will pass such orders as may be deemed suitable. The coins so acquired shall be sent to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, who will report to Government the number and nature of the coins and their probable numismatic value, and submit a distribution list presenting the following institutions with one specimen of each coin which may be deemed to be deserving of preservation, viz. —

- (1) The Government Central Museum, Madras.
- (2) The Asiatic Societies of the other presidencies in the following order:—
 - (i) Calcutta.
 - (ii) Bombay.
- (3) The Indian Museum.
- (4) The British Museum.
- (5) The Lahore Museum.
- (6) The Nagpur Museum.
- (7) Any other local museum.

† Under section 5 (a) of Act VI of 1878, the date to be fixed by the Collector's notification shall be not earlier than four months or later than six months after the date of the publication (in the *Fort St. George Gazette*) of the notification.

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(4) When only one specimen is found, it shall be sent to the Indian Museum. If more than one specimen, but not sufficient for all the institutions named, are found, they shall be distributed, as far as they will go, in the order laid down in the preceding paragraph. If a sufficient number of coins is found to leave a surplus after distribution to all the institutions named, such surplus shall be offered for sale to collectors of coins at their numismatic value for one year—notice of the fact being published in the journals of the Asiatic Societies *gratis*, as a return for obtaining their specimens free of cost. These sales shall be conducted by the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, who will, from time to time, advertise coins in the Government Gazette, Part II, and keep a register of numismatists who wish to have the opportunity of purchasing coins. Any coins not sold, and any coins worth sending, shall be forwarded for transmission to the India Office for public sale.

(5) Collectors may purchase any coins of the age and description stated above, when they are less than Rs. 10 in value, from finders, on the terms laid down in section 16 of the Act. These coins should be also treated in the manner above described.

(6) The Collector shall put forward the claims of Government under the Act to all valuable * copper-plates, inscriptions,† &c., in cases to which that Act applies‡, and officers in all departments shall report § to the Collector any discoveries which may come under their notice.

* The Treasure Trove Act permits the Government to claim the possession of treasure of which, as laid down in section 4 of the Act, the amount or value is over 10 rupees. Such "value" is not, as in section 16, the price which the mere materials of the articles found would fetch, but the market value or the price which the discovered object might, if offered for sale, reasonably be presumed to realise. The conditions under which the finder of treasure is to be compensated in cases where the claim of Government is asserted are described in section 16 of the Act. The value at which the treasure is to be assessed is there defined as the value of the materials only plus one-fifth of such value. The extra price which the discovered article might realise in virtue of its value as an object of archaeological interest need not enter into account.

† A material portion of discovered antiquities will be ascertained on enquiry to have been found in circumstances which would bring them under the provisions of Act VI of 1878. Such will be the case in respect to all ownerless antiquities of any value "hidden in the soil, or in anything affixed thereto." Statuary and remains of buildings, as well as coins, would, if buried underground, usually satisfy the required conditions and could be classed as treasure under the definition of the Act, which was intended to apply to objects of antiquarian interest discovered below the surface of the soil.

‡ The rules apply to the preservation *in situ* of objects of archaeological interest which may be claimed and purchased under the Treasure Trove Act.

§ It is the duty of all servants of the State to protect national interests so far as to ascertain the particulars of any discovery which may be brought to their notice and to report the circumstances to the heads of their departments for communication to the Collector and the Superintendent, Central Museum.

(4) *Sales under Act II of 1864.*—Petitions are constantly submitted to this office appealing against Collectors' orders of confirmation or cancellation of revenue sales under section 38 of the Act, notwithstanding the Board's want of jurisdiction to interfere with the orders. Collectors and Divisional-officers will be asked to add in future a paragraph in such cases intimating that no appeal lies to the Board.

(5) The Collector of Górávari suggests that the land-holders' objection statements which at present accompany the draft declaration for acquisition of land under G.O., No. 408, dated 6th May 1891, may be dispensed with, as they give rise to unnecessary delay without corresponding advantage, the Act providing the same procedure in all cases irrespective of the land-holders' consent or dissent. There will, in the first place, be no curtailment of correspondence by the adoption of this proposal. Moreover, Government ought to be in a position to see whether the objections are valid and, if they are, whether it would not suffice for the required purposes if other lands than those proposed by the Collector were taken up under the Act.

(6) The Collector of Nilgiris recommends the modification of Stationery rules 3 (prohibiting the local purchase of any articles whatever of stationery without the previous sanction of Government), 7 (stating that any officer not included in Appendices B and C to the Stationery rules and requiring articles from the Stationery office must obtain the previous sanction of Government), and 28 (providing that supplementary indents should be complied with only on the sanction of Government in cases where the Superintendent of Stationery is not satisfied with the explanation of the indenting officer); but the Board is not sanguine that Government is likely to relax these rules.

8. With reference to paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 49, dated 22nd January 1894, Collectors have submitted various suggestions for the curtailment of the principal annual reports, but the Board considers that the most suitable occasion for considering these suggestions is when the reports themselves are being prepared. The Board has accordingly ordered the suggestions of Collectors to be tabulated in its office and the attention of Government will be invited in due course to any modifications which the Board may resolve upon effecting in the next series of its reports.

9. The proposals of Collectors regarding the reports and returns dealt with in the Separate Revenue and the Settlement Departments of the Board will be transferred to those departments for disposal.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with list of periodical returns for 1893-94
(corrected in manuscripts).

„ all Collectors,
„ the Separate Revenue Department, } with extracts of the portions of Collectors' reports
„ the Revenue Settlement Department, } relating to those departments.

APPENDIX A.

Reference.	Power.	In whom vested at present.	Proposed to be delegated to.	Proposed by.	Remarks.
<i>Powers proposed to be delegated from the Government to the Board.</i>					
1.	Power to transfer to a Local Board for charitable objects the proceeds of a charitable income resumed for default of service on the part of the Inamdar.	Government.	Board	Board	The principle upon which the assessment on such inams is assigned to Local Boards was settled in Government Order, dated 2nd August 1876, No. 1156, and the recommendations of the Board are sanctioned as a matter of course by Government. Granting that lapsed endowments are escheats within the meaning of section 6 of Regulation VII of 1817, there does not seem to be any objection to the proposed delegation to the Board of the power of dealing with them in the manner prescribed by the Governor in Council in the order quoted above. The number of cases which had to be referred to Government for formal sanction in 1894 was 20.
2. Standing Order No. 279 (old edition) and Board's Proceedings, dated 17th June 1886, No. 1819.	Power to dispose of estates of real property exceeding Rs. 50 in value up to Rs. 1,000.	Do. ..	Board up to a maximum of Rs. 500.	Do. ..	Estates exceeding Rs. 1,000 in value have to be reported to the Government of India for orders; those between Rs. 50 and Rs. 1,000 to the Local Government; those of Rs. 50 and under can at present be disposed of by the Board; the limit in the case of the Board can be safely raised to Rs. 500. The Board has been empowered to sanction the defence of suits up to Rs. 1,000 in value and the responsibility in the case of escheats is not greater. Even in regard to escheats the Board has power to restore to natural heirs the property of persons dying without legal heirs and subject to Malabar and South Canara law up to a limit of Rs. 500.
3. Board's Proceedings, dated 27th July 1894, No. 322.	Power to sanction the entertainment of unpassed candidates for periods longer than three months at a time.	Do. ..	Board ..	Do. ..	Collectors have at present the power to entertain unpassed candidates in acting vacancies, carrying not more than Rs. 15 per mensem, subject to a quarterly report to the Board. The sanction of Government has to be applied for frequently as it often happens that only unpassed candidates are available for vacancies of longer duration than three months; and the Board has to sanction the applications from Collectors and for transmitting to Collectors the orders of Government. There will be a material reduction of work if the Board is empowered to sanction the examinations subject to a half-yearly return to Government. It is possible, however, that Government may not be prepared to sanction a second delegation within a year of its empowering Collectors to exempt for three months. In this case relief can be given to the Board if the correspondence regarding exemptions from examination rules is conducted by Government direct with district heads. The Board never makes any remarks on individual applications—in fact it is seldom in a position to do so—and Government almost invariably grants the concession and there is no fear of abuse if the power is delegated to the Board. The alternative course proposed under the last item of allowing Collectors to correspond direct with Government will not be convenient in this case, because applications for temporary exemptions from the Special Tests are generally submitted by Collectors along with nominations for Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates' posts which have to be disposed of by the Board.
4.	To sanction the exemption from Special Tests of persons who propose to appear for them within twelve months, on the understanding that the exemption is not to hold good after the next publication of the results of each test.	Do. ..	Board ..	Do. ..	Cases of this kind have become pretty numerous of late years and as the extra charge must be sanctioned where restoration with arrears of pay has been previously ordered, whether by the Government, by the Board or by the District Head, the delegation may be safely made.
5. Civil Service Regulations, Article 215.	To sanction extra expenditure incurred by restoration with arrears of pay of suspended public servants.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	Collectors can at present exercise this power only in the case of lands required for roads; in other cases the sanction of Government is applied for and is generally granted without difficulty. An annual return of lands thus exempted is required for submission to the Government of India, and, if the power is allowed to be exercised by Collectors, the annual return will furnish the means of effectually checking any irregularities.
<i>Powers proposed to be delegated from the Government or the Board to Collectors.</i>					
Standing Order No. 12-A.	To grant lands free of assessment or to exempt them from assessment when they are required by local bodies for communal purposes other than roads.	Government.	Collectors ..	Collectors of Cuddupah, Tanjavally and Nilgiris (Messrs. J. Hewison, A. W. B. Higgins and J. D. Rose).	

No. 142, REVENUE, 24TH MARCH 1896.

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25 A.
1,000—21-3-96.

DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

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FOR ORDERS.

The enclosed is another of the unexpected.
I think it exceedingly unlikely that Mr. Meyer would care to accept the offer made which is nothing very much;—a little more than he at present gets with the drawback of the by-laws and long hours with nothing to look to but the risk of the acting appls. But even if Mr. Meyer considered it would be inclined to accept the offer he cannot I submit be spared. Govt. is at its wits' ends for men and a very considerable portion of my time for the last two months has been taken up trying to make bricks without straw. More than one Officer has been offered for the same on the score of there being no one to take his place and I venture to think that it is unwise to the Service to take any more of our

here & to port outside the Presidency.
 There are not enough now - and for
 some time to come - to fill all vacancies
 and leave a margin for casualties.
 I submit that the offer need not
 be communicated to Mr. Meyer and
 that India be told at once that
 he cannot be spared.

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 15/6/96.

India apply for
 services

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.

C/He to Mr. H. W. Bliss
 Mysore

(2nd Amendment)

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14/11/96

Received by
 Dept. 12/11

Telegram to

W. S. Meyer Esq. J.C.S.
 Collector, Nellore.

326 x India Finance and Revenue
 Please offer acting appointment of
 Deputy Secretary in this department
 for three months from twentieth
 July to W. S. Meyer of year 81
 acting Collector Nellore the pay
 on which he will draw acting
 allowance is Rupees two thousand
 two hundred and fifty ^{for} ~~less~~ ^{for}
 thirty days the acting allowance
 will be reduced by one
 fourth as the vacancy is due
 to privilege leave and x Please
 advise whether you accept.

(Sd) by C. S.

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 Put this
 with the
 my horse, apply
 my way
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CHIEF SECRETARY
 30 JUN. 1896
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Bellary
 30th June 1896

My dear Sir

I have to acknowledge with thanks
 your D.O. of the 24th inst. telling me I am
 on relief here to return to Bellary. I shall
 arrange to be in Bellary the day after I
 get my charge here.

Yours sincerely
 Charnock

Th. Hon^{ble} J. C. P. M.

C. No.

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FOR ORDERS.

Before it is decided that
Mr. Thornton is again to
have the duty of preparing
the admin. Report, I should
like to see the remarks
made on the subject last
year. They must be in the
file, I think.
H.S.
20/6/96

I had seen the remarks that the Hon. Mr. B. had
referred to when considering the employment
of Mr. Thornton on this duty. My object in
employing him had been made known to me
and like my predecessor I do not think the
matter of sufficient importance to warrant
a record of my proposal.
H.S.
20/6/96

Mr. Meyer accepts with
thanks the offer of the acting appraiser
in the Finance & Commerce Dept.,
the Govt. of India. India has been
informed of the fact by wire.

At last Council the Chief
Secretary received instructions to try &
work Mr. E. Scott in as Asst. Col. of
Nellore, in the event of Mr. Meyer's
reply being in the affirmative.

Mr. Scott is at present acting
as Collector of Bellary pending the
return of Mr. Frommherg,
whose leave with the 14 days extension
will expire on the 21st proximo. If
Mr. Frommherg joins at Bellary on
the 3rd proximo, Mr. Scott should
be able to join at Nellore in a
day or two after that & in sufficient
time to admit of Mr. Meyer
joining at Simla by the 20th idem.

Scott could be instructed
for ~~any~~ taking no
more joining time than is absolutely
necessary ~~for~~ for travelling
between Bellary & Bellary.

Mr. Scott was to have gone to
Bellary as Ag. Sub. Collector of
Malabar on relief at Bellary. It
understood that ¹²⁶ Mr. M. Goring,
Jt. Asst. Magistrate is to be moved
an Officer is required for a sub.
division - 115 Mr. M. J. Murphy, is
present Ag. Sub. Col. of Malabar,
Mr. Goring's Senior, as that Mr.
might be posted to the H.
his division in Malabar, which
has been under a Deputy Col.
since Mr. Murphy's transfer to
Bellary. 109 Mr. C. G. Spencer
P. J. Goring
122 Mr. A. R. Cumming are,
more, due to leave from leave in
ly, and 118 Mr. J. S. A. Stocock &
Mr. L. G. Moore in August, &
though there are privilege leave
and in these months to be
vided for, perhaps the present
engagement as regards a Dy. Col.
in charge of Palghat might
take a little longer.

Mr. Mayer's Appl. to
act as Dy. Secy. Fin.
Dept. India

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FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR. (From the P.)
THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.
THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.

I regret to say that I forgot about this
when at Council. There have been
so many changes of late that carrying
anything in our mind is difficult.

[G.]
[25 A.]
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DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

The existing arrangement in Malabar would
have lasted until about the 12th July.
Now it will last considerably longer.

I therefore submit for consideration the
question of who should act for Mr.
Murphy who I presume is to be left
where he is under Mr. Spencer who
is a year senior to him but whom
has been served on the Prob. Const.
on return from leave to displace
him.

Of the junior Officers referred to in the
Office Note, Mr. Finley another on
the 17th July Mr. Spencer on the 28th.
(Mr. A. R. Cumming ^{July} on the 14th) Mr.
Stocock on the 14th Aug. and Mr.
L. S. Moore on the 13th.

The following are the arrangements during
the absence of these Officers.

Mr. A. R. Cumming (S. Secy) Mr. 137 Mr. L. S. Moore
acting
Mr. Finley (Const. Secy) Mr. 137 Mr. L. S. Moore
L. G. Moore is acting as Dy. Secy - Mr.

the only of the 1st Jan^y against his
 name in the Civil list is - consequence
 of his having been sent to the
 Comptroller Genl for a short time &
 if it is thought desirable to
 to make an amendment in the
 list his family & return might
 be awaited. He is a capable
 and strong officer (his young son
 looks healthy). The only objection
 which I can advance to sending him
 to Dalhousie is that his family
 & he are sent to one another on
 the list. This I confess is not
 much of an objection but I have
 never known a case of two officers
 sent to one another ^{in company} ~~consequently~~
 being respectively Sub-Comd^{rs} &
 M^{aj} Genl in the same District.
 If his family is sent to Montreal
 I can see no objection
 with a Dr. Colt in his household
 place to his higher rank & so
 there is no objection.

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15/6/96.

Postings of Civil
 in connection with
 transfer to Civil

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR. (Through)

~~THE HONBLE MR. H. W. BLISS~~

~~THE HONBLE MR. J. GROSE, C.~~

Seen

22/6/96

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15/6
 Telegram to
 Simla
 Finance

331x In reply to your telegram
 of the 11th. In reply accepts
 acting appt. of Secy.

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SO No 325

Ootacamund

24th June 1896

My dear Meyer,

The Govt. of India
has been informed by wire of
your acceptance of the Ag. Deputy
Secretary in the Finance and
Commerce Dept, Scott who will be
relieved by Premenhere about the
3rd proximo is to act as Collector
Hollore, he ^{has been} being told to join
as expeditiously as possible.

Yours sincerely
S. 24/6/96

22/6/96

W. S. Meyer Esq. I. C. S. Secy

Ootacamund

SO No 325 24th June 1896

My dear Mr. Scott,

On relief by
Mr. Premenhere at Bellary, you
return to Hollore as acting Collector
Meyer is required at Simla about
the 20th proximo and I am to ask
you to take no more joining time
between Bellary and Hollore
than is absolutely required for travelling

Yours sincerely

S. Scott Esq. I. C. S. Secy

S. 22/6/96

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No to Mess^{rs} Meyer & Scott

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CHIEF
SECRETARIAT

D. C.

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V. L.

order No 699. 23 July 1896.

The services of Mr.
W. S. Meyer, ICS. will be
placed at the disposal of
the Govt. of India. Home
Dept. for employment as
offg. Secy. to the Govt. of
India in the Fin. & Com. Dept.

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Acct. Genl. (no 2107-A)

E. Scott Esq, ICS. (no 2107 A)

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