

Revenue Department

No 376

Intd 21-3-1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 22d March 1859.

No. 375.

No. 75. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 21st March 1859.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders on the letter in this Department from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated 24th November 1858, No. 4.

2. Referring to the application made at the instance of the Director of Revenue Settlement for the services of an Agricultural Chemist, the Home Government now forward a letter from the Director of the Geological Survey of the United Kingdom, intimating that Mr. Blanford attached to the Geological Survey of Bengal and at present employed within this Presidency, is competent to perform the duty of Geologist and Agricultural Chemist, in connection with the Survey and Assessment of the Madras Presidency.

3. The Government however entertain doubts whether the removal of Mr. Blanford from the Geological Survey may not prove detrimental to the progress of that work; and also whether he would not by such a step be removed from a sphere of duty for which he is especially well qualified, viz. that of Geological Surveyor, to one, that of Agricultural Chemist, with which he has perhaps no previous acquaintance. If such are really the facts, it seems desirable that the services of some other gentleman should be obtained; and it occurs to this Government that the Curator of the Geological Museum at Calcutta, who it is believed was formerly engaged for several years in the analysis of soils, would be a proper person for this duty, if his services could be spared.

4. Under these circumstances the Government resolve to refer the matter to the Government of India, with the view of ascertaining whether, as apprehended by this Government, the transfer of Mr. Blanford's services would prove injurious to the progress of the general Geological Survey of India; and in that case whether the services of the Curator of the Calcutta Geological Museum can be placed at the disposal of this Government for the duty contemplated.

Ordered that a copy of the Despatch and of this resolution be communicated to the Director of Revenue Settlement, with reference to his letter dated 30th March 1858, No. 111.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON
Secretary to Government.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 76. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to the Secretary to the Government of India; dated 21st March 1859, No. 376.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, respecting the employment of Mr. Blanford as Geologist and Agricultural Chemist in connection with the general Revenue Survey and Assessment of the Madras Presidency.

2. At the instance of the Director of Revenue Settlement an application was made to the Home Authorities for the services of an Agricultural Chemist for the above duty, and the Despatch now forwarded gives cover to a letter from the Director of the Geological Survey of the United Kingdom, intimating that Mr. Blanford is competent to perform the duty contemplated by this Government. The Government however entertain doubts whether the removal of Mr. Blanford from the Geological Survey may not prove detrimental to the progress of that work; and also whether he would not by such a step be removed from a sphere of duty for which he is especially well qualified, viz. that of Geological Survey, to one, that of Agricultural Chemist, with which he has perhaps no previous acquaintance. If such are really the facts, it seems desirable that the services of some other gentleman should be obtained; and it occurs to this Government that the Curator of the Geological Museum at Calcutta, who it is believed was engaged for several years in the analysis of soils, would be the proper person for this duty, if his services could be spared.

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3. Under these circumstances I am desired to enquire whether the transfer of Mr. Blanford's services would prove injurious to the progress of the general Geological Survey of India; and in that case whether the services of the Curator of the Geological Museum can be placed at the disposal of this Government for the duty contemplated.

R.D.

A. 375

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Under date the 21st March 1859.*

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Ordered that a copy
of the Despatch and of the
above Resolution be com-
municated to the Director
of Revenue Settlement with
reference to his letter dated 30th
March 1858 No. 111.

Ordered also that the
following letter be des-
patched.

To

The Secretary to the Gov^t of
India

(Received 24th March 1859)
No. 376

4 Copies to S. R. Sett^l
with Dir. Dir^l
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[Signature]

28 March 1859

Copy of the letter
to the Secretary to the Government of India
23/5/59

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The Secretary to the Government of India

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For Geo: 21st March 1859

W. H. Murray

W. H. Murray
Secretary to the Government of India

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To the Secretary of the
Board of Indian Affairs.
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