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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th May 1862.

No. 373. Read the following letter from Major H. R. MORGAN, Acting Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 6th May 1862:—

1. Having received a letter from Captain Beddome informing me that he has been appointed Acting Conservator, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to lay my claims to the retention of the Acting appointment, before His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. In the year 1856, before the formation even of the present Department, I commenced to work the Mudumalli Forest for Government. I being then an Executive Engineer in the Department Public Works, employed at the Wellington Barracks, where I had been sent on "special duty."

3. When the Barracks became vacant by the removal of Captain Campbell, I did not obtain the appointment (though I was fairly entitled to it from my having been sent up specially to urge on the completion of the Barracks, and from my seniority in the Department) as I was considered to belong to the Forest Department.

4. When the Anamallies became vacant by the promotion of Major Hamilton, I remained in charge of the Mudumalli Forest, as I considered my services belonged to the Forest Department.

5. In a letter No. 37 of 19th June 1860, paragraph 7, Dr. Cleghorn recommended me for the vacancy of 1st Assistant, on the grounds that I had been working Forests before the formation of the Department, and in fact was senior to all in the Department. I did not object to enter the Department on these terms, but Government having destined* the appointment of 1st Assistant for the exploration of new Forests, refused to ratify Dr. Cleghorn's recommendation, also on the ground that it would supersede Captain Beddome, though in reality it was no supersession, as I was employed working Forests before he entered the Department.

* Government Order No. 943, 7th June 1860.

6. On Dr. Cleghorn's going Home sick, Captain Beddome was appointed to act for him; I did not then press my claims, as I ought to have done, as Dr. Cleghorn's absence was supposed to be for only a very short period, and it was his wish that I should serve on. Captain Beddome acted about six weeks, when he was obliged to go Home sick, in November 1860, and from that date to this, some nineteen months, I have acted for Dr. Cleghorn. I was gazetted to act, without having solicited the appointment. Thus Government recognized my claims, and had I brought forward my claims earlier no doubt I should not have been superseded by Captain Beddome.

7 I am sure it cannot be the wish of His Excellency that I should lose my present Acting appointment, because I nominally belong to the Department Public Works, though in reality I have since 1856 been considered to belong to the Forest Department; and therefore solicit that having acted so long for Dr. Cleghorn, I may still be permitted to act for him.

8. I lost the appointment of the Barracks, because I was considered in the Forest Department, and now it seems hard that I should lose the Acting Conservatorship because I am considered to be in the Department Public Works.

9. I would respectfully point out that if in November 1860, I was considered by Government senior to all the other Assistants, I am now equally senior to Captain Beddome.

No. 374. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1862, No. 1,114.

The Government see no reason to modify their Order of 2nd May 1862, No. 963A, which was passed after careful consideration of Major Morgan's claims.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Statement of the services of Captain Farewell and Major Morgan in the Public Works Department

Captain Farewell

Appointed 2d Asst Civil Engineer Trichinopoly	7th October/53
—do— 1st —do— —do—	6th June/54
—do— Executive Engineer 3d Class-do—	27th January/57
Temporarily placed at the disposal of the Com-in-Chief for Regimental duty	17th Novr/57
Left the Trichinopoly District ——	4th Decr/57
Reappointed to the P.W.D as a Special Executive Officer and placed in charge of the Sackatalla Barracks	21st April/59.

Actual service in the P.W.D 6 years 2 months and 17 days.

Major Morgan

Appointed Executive Officer 4th Division ——	16th June/54
—do— 2d Asst Civil Engineer —do— ——	11th July/54
Directed to do duty at the Sackatallah Barracks	12th Novr/55
—do— 4th Class Executive Engr Coimbatore but to remain at the Sackatalla Works—	27th January/57
Placed in charge of the Nilgiri Range	April/58
Placed under the orders of the Executive Engineer Sackatalla ——————	October/58
Assumed charge of the Mundamalai Forest—	October/58
Placed under the orders of Capt Farewell —	May/59
Appointed 3d Class Executive Engineer Coimbatore —do—	July/59
—do— 1st Asst Do —do— but to remain on special duty in the Mundamalai ~~Forest~~ Division and Superintendent of Forests ——	20th Sept/59
Appointed to act as Conservator of Forests	15th Novr/60

Actual service in the P.W.D 5 Years 2 Months and 8 days—

Departed
10th May/62

Dear dear Sir

Received a Letter of the 5th Farewell & Jno Gans Services in the D.P.W. Appears that Farewell & Jno Gans Services both original app? and length & Service and that Jno Gans placed under his orders in connection with the Barracks and he had to

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Mr C. Findlay and
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this effect

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under "personal
directions of the
Hon Sec'y of War"
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Capt. Farewell
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Jno Bernstein early
in March 62

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The Government see no reason to modify their order of 23rd May 62 as stated in Major Morgan's letter of 29th inst. and consider the question of Major Morgan's claim

Govt. Gr. Secy
20 May 62
Chief Commr Morgan - Pr. 1120

Pr. 1373 & 1374 -

Revenue
Dept. Pro. Govt. for May 62
Pr. 1347
From Major Morgan
Y. Conservator of Forests
To J. D. Sim Esquire
Secretary to Government

Dated 6th May 1862
Rec'd 9th

No.

Major Morgan submits certain claims to the retention of the Office of Conservator of Forests for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council -

No. 1114 20th May
Written order L.

Secretary Township Warden (Retired)

Note. The only point at before Govt. when they decided in favour of Capt Bed. Some is Major Morgan's assertion that he was posted over in the A.P.W. because he was considered to belong to the Forest Dept. I wrote to Col Hartley on this point & enclose his reply, showing that Major Morgan is mistaken.

For orders. J D S