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18th April 1868.*

No. 395. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 15th February 1868, No. 559:—

1. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Government Order No. 259, of the 30th January last, I have the honor to inform you that when Dr. Cleghorn proposed that Mr. Newman should revert to Ootacamund as Head Overseer on a salary of

*Vide G. O. 4th March 1867, No. 535, and
G. O. No. 1,491, 4th July 1867.*

Rupees 80 + 15, I do not think he can have been aware that he had just been promoted to the first class grade with a salary of Rupees 100 + 30.

2. Mr. Newman (late Quarter Master Sergeant of Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment) is a skilful planter, and bears the highest character for integrity and zeal. Major Morgan and I both agree that he is fully qualified to take charge of the Neilgherry Range. The Conservator is necessarily very much on the Neilgherries, and all matters connected with this Range receive his constant attention and supervision. The Special Assistant Collector is liable to be constantly changed, and would not be likely to take any interest in the work even if he had the time to spare. If Mr. Hall is to be again employed in the Wellington plantations and Coonoor Ghaut forests, I propose that Mr. Newman should come into Ootacamund as senior Overseer on his present salary, and also have the general charge and office work of the Range. A writer will not be necessary, as Mr. Newman will be able to do most of the office work himself, and can always get assistance, if necessary, from Major Morgan's writer, who is always stationed up at Ootacamund.

3. Mr. Hall left the Forest Department, to engage in tea planting, after he had been promoted to a salary of Rupees 150 + 30. He has two or three acres of tea adjoining his house, and if he is allowed to work this as an Overseer in the Department it will be a precedent for all our Overseers, and there is a rule against it. He informs me that he is willing to sell this if he is re-employed as a second class Overseer, but as Dr. Cleghorn states it may be considered as mere garden cultivation, I think that Government should decide whether he should be allowed to retain the tea or whether he must first sell the plantation before he can again enter the Department, and in that case whether he may be employed temporarily pending the sale.

4. Mr. Taylor (at present Junior Overseer on Rupees 50 per mensem) has been six years in the Department, and bears a high character from Major Morgan. Mr. Hall will supersede him if he now re-enters as second class, and Mr. Taylor has petitioned against this. I do not know whether Dr. Cleghorn had taken it into consideration, but it is usual to give the promotion by seniority, except in cases where the necessary qualifications are wanting; to get over this difficulty I offered Mr. Taylor the new Overseership in Tinnevely, but this he has declined for several reasons, and I have informed him that if he is not willing to go to any district to which he may be ordered, I cannot guarantee his not being superseded.

No. 396.

ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1868, No. 1,029.

Forests, No. 19.

1. The Government observe that Dr. Cleghorn's proposals in his letter of 26th October 1867, in Government Pro-

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ceedings of 30th January 1868, for the future Forest Establishment on the Nilgiris, were almost identical with those made in his letter of 15th October 1867, and sanctioned in G. O. of 25th idem, No. 2,515, with effect from 1st November 1867, in which he stated that Major Morgan concurred, as being the best arrangement under the circumstances.

2. The Government desire to know whether this sanctioned arrangement was carried out as proposed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Ref. to observe that
S. Stephens' proposals in his
letter of 26 Oct. 67. in Govt. No. of 30.
January 68. for the future admini-
stration of the Forests on the Nilgiris
were almost identical with those
made in his letter of 15 Oct. 67. & sanctioned
in G. O. of 25th idem. No. 2515. in the effect
of 1st Nov. 67. in S. he stated
that Major Morgan concurred. as
being the best arrangement under
the circumstances. The Govt. desire
to know whether this sanctioned
arrangement was carried out
as proposed. S. H.
18th April 68

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