

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2334	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 14 th Fe. April 1869	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th August 1869.*

No. 210. Read the following letter from J. BROUGHTON, Esq., Quinologist to Government, Ootacamund, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 8th July 1869 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G. O., No. 1,894, in Revenue Department, dated 2nd July 1869, and to express my thanks for the same. This ~~der~~ (in consequence of my protesting that it was incompatible with the terms of my engagement) rescinds G. O., No. 913, under date April 6, which had placed me under the orders of the Commissioner of the Neilgherries.

2. In reply to the inquiry made in paragraph 2 of the same G. O., No. 1,894, I have the honour respectfully to state, that if the immediate or eventual revival of the G. O., No. 913, be a condition of my re-engagement, the expiration of my present engagement must be the limit of my service under Government.

3. In order that it may not be hereafter said that in this matter I disregarded the interests of the undertaking with which I have the honour of being connected, I beg permission briefly to justify my resolution.

4. The terms of my appointment gave me a certain official position which secured me a reasonable independence of action in the performance of my duties suited to their nature. After nearly three years' work, at whose results no dissatisfaction has been expressed by my superiors, it is difficult to see the expediency of placing over me an officer who is unacquainted even with the names of the duties he has the power of controlling. This is perhaps a matter more for the consideration of Government, my employer, (to whom I have of course, neither the right nor desire to dictate,) than for me; but the altered position and loss of independence of action, injurious to the progress of experimental work, entailed by such an arrangement, directly affects myself and justify me in refusing to act under the conditions.

5. I trust I may be pardoned for remarking that Government do not appear to perceive the incongruity of placing a man like myself, who, however humble, is yet employed on a special scientific mission, under the orders of the local Revenue or Judicial officer. The only way of avoiding the mischief inherent in such an arrangement is the course adopted by the excellent and courteous Commissioner of the Neilgherries, who, during the three months I was placed under his orders, abstained almost entirely from interference, and limited his functions to forwarding letters.

6. I may also remark that the arrangement the Government desire to carry out in reference to myself is, according to their own practice, an unusual one, since the members of the scientific services (*e.g.*, the medical and the various surveys) as well as the holders of isolated scientific appointments (as the Government Astronomer and Superintendent of the Central Museum) are not under the local Revenue officers.

7. As my original engagement was made with the Home Government, I have the honour respectfully to request that this letter, together with G. Os. Nos. 913 and 1,894, may be forwarded, in order that my reasons for declining further service may be explained in England.

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8. My term of service expires on September 22 ; I shall therefore be prepared to receive instructions for the disposal of the various matters I have in charge. The members of my establishment will, from the training they have had, be of considerable service both to Government and my successor. I should be glad, if Government see fit, to be relieved of practical charge by the end of next month, in order to reserve the last three weeks for the preparation of a final report before my departure from India.

No. 211.

ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1869, No. 2,334.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council observes that Mr. Broughton altogether mistakes the degree and course of control which the Commissioner of the Hills, as his local superior, would exercise under the provisions of the G. O., dated 6th April 1869, No. 913; but as he appears to attach so much importance to receiving orders direct from Government, the revival of this order will not be made a condition of his future service.

2. Mr. Broughton will accordingly be at liberty to continue the experimental investigation which he has hitherto conducted with so much success after the expiration of his present agreement with Government, on the understanding that he shall not resign office without giving six months' notice, except in case of sickness or other urgent emergency which shall be explained to the satisfaction of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Government Quinologist.
,, the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 2305

From

The Government Quinologist.

Dated

8th July

1869.

FOR ORDERS.

There is fair reasoning in Mr. B's letter, but if it be carried out to a logical conclusion, he ought to be placed in a position of complete independence of the local Socy, who, I say it with deference, probably know as little of the mysteries of quinine making as Mr. Broughton believes Mr. Webb, the fowls to know.

Mr. Broughton militates the degree of control at the Com^y, as his local superior, would exercise and he misstates facts in stating that scientific men are not controlled by heads of departments - for we see medical men & civil engineers in every direction under control by civil officers but not as to the science of their

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THE GOVERNMENT QUINOLOGIST,

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From the Quinologist
G. S. Mendenhall 100000

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Nos. 210-211.

Government Quinologist.—Passing orders with reference to his continuance in service after the expiration of his present agreement with Government.

own specially departmental functions.
We have seen the ill effect of
leaving one officer on the hills with:
any supervision or control whatever.
I would not add to the list by conceding
to Mr. Braughton the independence
for which he contends. Mr. B. must
know that the Govt. supervision
was not intended to extend to the
work of his distilling or laboratory
any more than it does to the way
in which Mr. McLean sows his seeds or
plains in the ground for any chunk on a
plantation.

I would have a clear resume' pre-
pared of what Mr. Braughton has done
& of the advantages secured by his
services during his three years employment
on the hills; and in submitting it to
an Inf. State would report that the
Govt. does not recognize the former.

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Mr. B's arguments against the course
which we proposed to adopt - and
as he is desirous to serve on after this
22 Sept. - would ask that a
successor to him be sent out at an
early opportunity.

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He should be the person without
doubt. W.D.

I would not want to see the subordinate
of Mr. Braughton to the Government. Mr.
Braughton is doubtless entirely mistaken in the
entire extent of the control which he
is able to exerted, but as he appears to
attach so much importance to receiving
orders direct from Govt. I would have some
one in any case he must be absolutely
independent. He is a lucky to have secured
so able & intelligent an experimenter
and I am sure for much the same reason.

FOR ORDERS.

which seems to me to have no practical
importance to prevent the continuance of his
service, if it is desirable another ground
to retain him. — P.

I think Mr. Brough's conduct
entirely correct, and as he is a
respectable man I am bound to
support him. It is not desirable
to put a condition of service
to which he will not assent.

W. D.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 14th August 1869.

Read the following
letter from the Government
Quinologist.

Reply to enquiry made
in G. O. 1894 concerning the
continuance of Quinologist in
the Public Service. —

(H. E. 8th July 1869.)

W. D.

The Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council
observes that Mr. Brough
altogether mistakes the
proper and course of
control which the Gov^t
Commissioner of the Hills
and his local superintendant
exercise under the provision

of the G.O. dated to April 1869, No. 913, but as he appears to attach so much importance to receiving orders direct from Govt., the revival of this order will not be made a condition of his future service.

2 Mr. Droughton will accordingly be at liberty to continue the experimental investigation which he has hitherto conducted with so much success after the expiration of his present agreement with Govt. in the understanding that

that he shall not resign office without giving six months notice, except in case of sickness or other urgent emergency, which shall be explained to the satisfaction of Govt. -

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J. R. Droughton

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