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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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14th August 1869.*

No. 212. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests,) dated Simla, 28th July 1869,
No. 11 :—

Employment of Natives in the Forest Department.

Read again—

Public Works Department Circular, No. 15-F., dated 7th June 1867.
Despatch to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, No. 10-F., dated 19th September 1868.
Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 27, dated 24th November 1868.
Public Works Department Circular, No. 1-F., dated 4th January 1869.

Read also—

Report by Mr. D. Brandis, Inspector-General of Forests, dated 6th July 1869.

OBSERVATIONS.—In June 1867, the Government of India issued orders of a general character on the subject of promoting native subordinates in the Forest Department. It was said that a body of carefully trained native subordinates and officers in each province would make it possible hereafter to manage the Government forests with more care and attention to detail, without unduly increasing the expense of establishments.

2. In November of the same year, the Secretary of State for India expressed his approval of the orders issued. Sufficient progress has not however, in the opinion of His Excellency in Council, been made in this direction. The Forest Department is one which, in all its branches, offers peculiar facilities for the employment of natives of this country; and it appears not only desirable but necessary to encourage the promotion of natives to the higher appointments in this department.

3. It seems probable that, in order to secure satisfactory results, a more numerous executive agency must ere long be provided for the administration of the forests in most provinces under the Government of India. The employment of European officers for this purpose is out of the question on the score of expense, and it would, as a rule, not be expedient on other grounds. The executive branch of the forest service, therefore, must be mainly recruited from among the natives of this country; and it is evident that, to secure the services of a superior class of men, reasonable prospects of promotion to the higher grades of the department must be held out to them.

4. Under these circumstances, it appears to the Governor-General in Council expedient to make it known, for the information of all concerned, that henceforth all appointments of the Forest Department, including the highest, will be open equally to all, whether Europeans or Natives of India, who may possess the needful qualifications, and who may have earned their promotion by faithful and efficient service; and that in the promotion of officers, as well as in their first appointment to the department, the same rules will apply to Natives of this country as to Europeans.

5. In accordance with these views, His Excellency in Council directs that steps shall at once be taken in every province to secure the employment of natives in all grades of the Forest Department for which they may be qualified. Whenever an opportunity offers, the names of deserving native subordinate forest officers

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should be submitted for promotion to the rank of Assistant Conservator. It should also be considered whether, in special cases, native gentlemen of practical experience, who are otherwise qualified, may not be appointed Assistant Conservators at once, without any previous training in the lower grades of the department.

6. A detailed report has been drawn up by the Inspector-General of Forests on the measures that appear to him needful to give effect to these orders; and the Governor-General in Council desires that the suggestions made by Mr. Brandis be carefully considered by the local authorities, and that definite proposals be framed for securing the objects in view, and for the further organization of the subordinate forest establishments in the manner which seems most likely to conduce to efficient management. When submitting their views on Mr. Brandis' report, Local Governments should consider the general question of the more extended employment of natives in the superior branches of the Forest Department, and should suggest such measures as the requirements of each province may demand.

Bengal.
N. W. Provinces.
Punjab.
Burmah.
Central Provinces.

Oudh.
Mysore and Coorg.
Hyderabad.
Central India.
Rajpootana.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

Ordered, also, that copies be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, and the Financial, Home and Foreign Departments for information.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R.E.,

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department.

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ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1869, No. 2,335.

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COMMUNICATED to the Officiating
Conservator of Forests for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

For Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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