

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th January 1872.

No. 294.

No. 49.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

Forest, No. 15.

SIR,—I am directed to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Viceroy in Council, the accompanying Pro-

ceedings of this Government on the proposed re-organization of the Forest Department in this Presidency; the main feature of the change advocated being that the Conservator of Forests will be converted into an Inspector of Forests, and the forest officers will be Deputy-Conservators of the forests of a district, working under the direct control of the Collector as local Conservator.

2. The additional yearly cost beyond the present budget-grant for the portion of the department to which the proposals relate is Rs. 6,109.

3. The details will be found in the Proceedings. I do not believe that the cost is as low as is consistent with the objects of the proposals.

4. I am directed to request the favour of your opinion on the proposals with reference to the opinion given at the despatch dated 24th November 1868 in January 1869, No. 1, Public Works Department. I hope that it may be possible to give effect to the proposals from the commencement of the year 1872-73 at latest.

I am to add that the Secretary of State has lately very strongly animadverted on the manifestly insufficient strength of the department in this Presidency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

D.D.

My dear Carmichael

3rd Castle St
New York
26 Jan 72
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I saw Mr. Sims' estimate
about the reorganization of my Deptⁿ (his letter
showed it was in office) I quite agree with
all that is said about amalgamation with the
Revenue Deptⁿ & the suggestion for making Collection
Quartermasters, this latter is necessary to prevent the
antagonism which is now too often evident. I am
not sanguine that C.A.s will ever go much into
the posts, or give much attention to the working of
the Deptⁿ as they have not the time for it even if
they have the inclination, but it will give us their
assistance & the powerful aid of their established
methods which we often have not as we are short
of a thorough amalgamation of imperial & local
concerning will ensure a far better plan of
operations - I wish however to say a word
about the salaries of the Trust Officers. it is
proposed to keep on the 4 appointments of
Deputies only what the present incumbent
hold office, they will gradually be run away
with & in future some of our Officers will be at
least of a higher salary than \$450 per
annum on the grade of 1st Class Assistant

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this will place us on such a very
superior footing to the rest of India that
I hope you will lay it prominently before
all the members of Govt before final
orders are passed. I feel sure that under
such a rule Mr Cherry & Mr Dwyer
(our 2 best young hands) will quit the Dept
as soon as they can & that we shall get
no really good ones, & that the reorganization
on the proposed scale will not be permanent.
I propose that 4 Deputies should be
promoted i.e. one for each circle approx
the preceding & be divided into 4 circles
as follows.

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|----------------|---|------------------------|
| Coimbatore | } | 1 st Circle |
| Warananasi | | |
| Medanallur etc | | |
| Muduru | } | 2 nd Circle |
| Tumkur | | |
| Triplicane | | |
| Tanjore | | |
| Salem | } | 3 rd Circle |
| Chidambaram | | |
| Kannur | | |

I am sure } 4th Circle.

The salaries of the 4 Deputies might be

800
700
600
500
+ travel allowances

promotion in their grade & by length of
service qualifications & promotions to Deputies
from assistants & by vacancies.
By Mr Sims proposals the 4 senior men will
be getting 450 a month & will
be a total of 1800 so that the 4 Deputies
will only cause an increase of Rs 80
per annum & we shall be more on a par
with the rest of India & our officers will
have something substantial to rise to.

You will perceive that Mr Sims is
dead against the Act. in fact he thinks
it savours of the Dark ages. I feel quite
certain that effective Casuarina can never
be brought about without the Act.
properly handled it need not interfere

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with communal rights, in fact without the
aid of the Act to enable us to check smuggling
in Railways. I believe there communal
rights will be long disappear - the Act
is supposed to enable us properly to check
smuggling not to interfere with the rights of
the inhabitants, and also to give Govt. as
much as a certain extent in the management
of private lands, the importance of their
letter and some become written in the
of the Railways. I think

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before Mr. Smeeth & the other members
of Govt.

Yours sincerely

John Henry Beddome

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