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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, *7th December* 1874.

No. 74. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 6th November 1874:—

From Colonel H. R. MORGAN, Madras Staff Corps and Deputy-Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund 26th October 1874.

I have the honor to request you will submit, for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, this my application to continue in the Forest Department, notwithstanding my retirement from the army on the 31st of December next.

2. I was employed in working forests for Government from 1856 to 1860, when I was appointed to act for Dr. Cleghorn as Conservator of Forests, and was transferred to the regular Forest Department. Prior to the year 1860, I worked the Wynaad Forests for the Wellington Barracks, and was enabled to save the Government a large sum of money on the price of the timber: the estimate for 2,000 tons of Teak was six lakhs of Rupees, and I supplied the quantity for two lakhs, thus saving four lakhs of Rupees in the price of the timber; and by a constant supply very much expediting the building of the barracks, by which a large amount of money was saved in supervision as well.

3. I acted for Dr. Cleghorn for nearly two years, but lost the appointment on the return of Captain Beddome, whose right to be the head of the department the Government considered to be stronger than mine. During the time I was acting for Dr. Cleghorn, the Punjab Government applied for a Conservator of Forests; I was unable to accept the appointment, as I was then at the head of the Madras Forest Department, and could not be spared: thus I lost what would have been a permanent 1st-Class Conservator's appointment of 1,500 Rupees a-month.

* Captain Beddome's letter, dated 17th April 1862, and G. O., 2nd May 1862, No. 963-A.

4. I am at present engaged in a very important experiment of growing Sandalwood in the taluqs of Suttiamungalum, Collegal and Sigur, which, if successful, will go far towards realizing a large revenue for the department. It will require my personal supervision for at least two years longer.

5. I have also to deliver from Mudamalli Forest, for the Wellington Barracks, 40,000 cubic feet of Teak-timber next year; this is a laborious and difficult operation, and will require constant personal supervision.

6. My present age is fifty-two, so three years will elapse before the superannuation order applies to me.

7. For precedents, I beg to cite the cases of Colonel Colbeck, Police Magistrate, Madras, Colonel Pears, Postmaster-General, and Colonel Wilson, Inspector-General of Jails.

Transferred to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th December 1874.

RE-TRANSFERRED to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

(By Order.)

MADRAS.
24th *November* 1874.

(Signed) A. AWDRY, Captain,
Private Secretary.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1874, No. 1,510.

Forests, No. 8.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the Secretary of State has ruled (Financial Despatch to Government of India, dated 4th December 1872, No. 513) that in the case of a military man resigning the service (which involves the vacation of any civil appointment which he may hold), it is not desirable " except under exceptional circumstances, when it is decidedly for the benefit of the public service," that such officer should be re-appointed to the civil post previously held by him.

2. In the present case, His Excellency in Council does not find that such exceptional circumstances exist, and he must, therefore, decline to comply with Colonel Morgan's request.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To Colonel H. R. Morgan.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. W. H. French.

Forest No 445/74

Govt. of 1874 Works.

REVENUE.

To

Col. H. R. MORGAN.

Dated December 7th.

Recd

Enct.

G. O., 7th December 1874, No. 1510.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 74-75.

Colonel Morgan, Deputy-Conservator of Forests.—Observing that there are no exceptional circumstances in the case of to warrant his re-appointment to the Forest Department after his retirement from military service, and declining to comply with his request to be retained in the department.

Ootacamund Oct 26th 1874

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
J R Morgan Colonel
Madras Staff Corps
Dy Conservator

No. 3753.
Revenue 1874 Dept

From Colonel Morgan
Dy. Consr. of Forests

To The Secretary
to Government
Revenue Dept

Dated Oct 28th
Recd 26th

S.C. No. 1510 - 7 December 1874

Subject
Submits an application to be retained in the Forest Department after retirement from the Army.

Retransferred to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department

(By order) A. Awdry
Pvt. Secy

Madras
24th Nov 1874

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Transferred to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor

J. Munster
Ag. Secy Govt

Examined 6 Nov 1874

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Note with Ref: to No. 3753/74

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My dear Master

I think this letter of Col Morgan's should p
first to H.E. the Governor, because if put along to the resolution to dispense with Col Morgan's services on the 31 Oct., his Lordship's sympathetic leaning in which I have already stated my

reasons for advocating
Col. Mozani's retention - Since
then certain allegations have
been made against him - which
he has had no opportunity
of rebutting. This should, in
my opinion, be a [illegible] to
him, if they are to be allowed
any weight in the decision
of the present question.

Yrs very truly
4.11. J. O. [illegible]

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3753

From Col. Morgan, Dy. Conr. of Forests
Dated 26 October 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

The Govt. has decided not to reappoint Col. Morgan. Indeed, as I understand the matter, we cannot reappoint him unless we can say that there ~~[illegible]~~ he is exceptionally valuable to the public service: and this (I presume) we cannot say. I wd. state (in reply to this

value) the other objections in
this respect, & my letter
see no sufficient reasons
for retaining his services.

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I have nothing to add - I think that in
the present State of the Forest Admin
we wd do well to retain the Services
of the most experienced Officer in it
with a healthy able man equal
to its duties any where.

The late Govt. dealt

with the matter of the connexion
of his family with landed inter-
-ests on the Hills - and Mr Lum
has ascertained from Col M:
that there is no truth in the al-
legation (anonymous apparently)
of his being engaged in planting
within his range - but it might
be well to let Col Morgan sub-
mit an official explanation
as suggested by Mr Lum -

But of course the final
determination of the matter lies
with H Lordship. Col M's retirement
[illegible] involves his ceasing to hold
his civil appt. and re-appt is
entirely a matter for H Lordship's
consideration & disposal

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FOR ORDERS.

Having understood that Mr ~~[illegible]~~, ~~when~~ some little time ago the subject of Col. Morgan's retirement was discussed in Council ~~[illegible]~~ and the question whether in the interest of the ~~[illegible]~~ public service he ought to be reappointed ... Mr Robinson and (as I understood) the Hon.ble the [illegible] also expressed the strongest opinion from their knowledge of Col. Morgan's Official history, that it was in the highest degree inadvisable that his services should ~~be~~ retained — ~~[illegible]~~ I had myself (as a settler) ~~of course~~ no personal knowledge in the subject; but, considering the opinion of

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of my Colleagues, I agreed in what was then the unanimous decision of the Govt. that Col. Morgan should not be asked to resume his duties in the Survey Dept. Accordingly arrangements have been deliberately made, with the full consent & indeed on the advice (as I understood) of the members of Council (including ~~[illegible]~~) among other things the perfecting appointment of Capt. [illegible] based on Col. Morgan's final retirement.

It now appears that the Hon.ble ~~Col~~ Mr Robinson is strongly of opinion that Col. Morgan's services ought to be retained, and that the Hon'ble [illegible] is of the same opinion.

Under these peculiar perplexing circumstances, I should be ready (in deference to the changed view of my five colleagues) to reconsider the matter, but for the ~~[illegible]~~ fact that vested interests (those for instance of Capt. Pope), to whom the disappointment would be cruel & unjust have seemingly accrued.

I desire ~~th~~ in appointments a question of this kind to be decided as much as possible by the opinion of the members of Council: and before taking action in the matter, I request that these Minutes may be circulated to the members of Council, including His Exc. the Comm. in Chief, ~~for~~ for their opinion as to what should now be done.

Hobart

7/10/74

The statement made in Council resp. Col. [illegible] was that he had of late habitually neglected his duties & taken up his residence in the hills, which he very seldom left.

I was not present at the meeting of Council referred to by His Lordship - The resolution then arrived at is now re-affirmed by the majority of the Ct. and though I respect it on purely public grounds of course I ~~then~~ acquiesce in it

I. D. L. 13/11

I certainly ~~[illegible]~~ agreed that Col M's reemployment w'd be inexpedient when it was discussed in Council - I was scarcely then aware of the paucity of experienced officers in the Dept & think that the reconsideration of it w'd not be detrimental to the Public Service

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I have always been of opinion that the agricultural and planting operations of Colonel Morgan and his family were on too extensive a scale to be compatible with his position in the Public Service. This entirely without reference to the allegations contained in the printed Circular lately received - and also entirely without reference to the interests of others.

I therefore think that in the interests of the Public Service Colonel

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Morgan ought not to be reappointed on his retirement from the Army

7-11-74

I think we have no choice but to decline to reappoint Col. Morgan

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Report of Clerk
Mr [illegible]
in the [illegible]
[illegible]

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