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No. 218. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated Mettapolliem, 12th July 1876, No. 940 :—

WITH reference to the G.O., No. 888, of the 1st instant, I have the honor to forward a letter* from the Collector of Salem with an enclosure (*a*) from Mr. Gass, and request that Mr. Gass may be allowed to continue his studies at Salem instead of returning to Madras.

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No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1876, No. 984.

Forests, No. 16.

THE Government do not object to Mr. Gass studying Tamil in the Salem District, instead of at Madras, as they learn that a removal would be very inconvenient to him. But they adhere to their Resolution that hereafter no officer shall be placed in charge of a division till he has passed in the Vernacular Test.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Govt. of [illegible] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The CONSERVATOR of FORESTS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 21st.

Rect.

Endd.

G.O., 21st July 1876, No. 934.

JULY.

Nos. 218-219.

Mr. Gass, of the Forest Department.—Permitting — to study Tamil in the Salem District instead of at Madras; but adhering to Resolution that hereafter no officer shall be placed in charge of a division till he has passed in the Vernacular Test.

Salem.

July 7th 1876.

My dear Beddome.

I send you just a line, enclosing a letter I got from Mr Longley, the Collector. You know this is a most unfortunate thing for me & I am very much cut up about it. & I do hope you will do all you can for me. Not knowing where to find you, I wrote to Mr Longley [illegible] asking to be allowed to remain in Salem. I should

have sent it through you, but I considered the case wanted expedition, so I wrote to Longley, thinking my letter might follow you about for days. If you can possibly assist me, please do so. I sent upon a letter the day I got yours, pointing out my reasons for staying here, & I am quite convinced if you point them out to Govt they won't insist on my going to Madras, where I am really better in Salem, having the opportunity to read Tamil & the district at the same time

I handed over charge to Mahomed Ali yesterday, much to his astonishment. We spent the whole morning hunting through G.Os to find a rule about the Vernacular & could not do so, there is none at all, the G.O to refer to are 23 Oct/74 No 1362. G.O 2nd Feby/74. 175. G.O 9th Jany/73. 21. G.O 24th Jany/72 148. — I hang on to 9th Jany 73. No 21. — This is the only one that applies to me & referring to my Covenant. This is neither a case of rise of pay or promotion, which means a rise from a lower grade, & yet neither, it is

an appointment for which I was declared competent in Europe & afterwards by you when you told me to go to Madras to learn accounts. It is too extraordinary to act entirely contrary to their own rules; my case is without a precedent. Pitt & Ross were both appointed before passing & all the men in Bengal were. There are a lot in the Department who were appointed long before they passed. 2 years is the time appointed & I have not been here 7 months yet. They are making a new rule altogether now: — in their Order they merely expressed an opinion, & pro-

by not knowing that I was already in Salem. My name has already been in the Gazette here. Do you not think if you wrote & pointed out all these things to them, that I had had charge for a week &c &c., that all the overseers & rangers speak & ~~write~~ write English well & Mahomed Ali fluently, they might reconsider their decision & give me back the ranges, & I would go on board with Famil at the same time. You see Mr Longley thinks they won't give back the ranges, they might though. I shall remain here until I hear again from you, in the meantime going to the office daily & doing Tamil hard. — I think this

the best thing to do, for I have not the money to go often back, words to forwarde to Marrao. &c please point out these things to Gorta, and think they will make some difference in their order. I hope this letter will reach you soon, so that you can write to them before Tuesday when their next meeting takes place.—

Sincerely Yours
Horace Gass

Accepted in getting
in the Districts
back - for mem
bers Per. A. to Ds
tr. Into me a
letter R: I write
forward to Mr.
asking to be allowed
if I can - have
two days
I await a Return

from the High
Up Where per
request for Dem
A. Suite as quickly
as taken as in
Madras. & Write
back up Com
Request with a
Strong letter from
Highly forwarding
Jesus Re-Joining
in mid Dec.

Jno Carmichael
or in Salem
until you
hear from me
reply — but I think
you should pick
back charge
"to this Dist:
Mahomed
Ali —

D. O. 6. 3. 0 P. M.

SALEM,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dear Jays: Yours
of this just to hand
& the papers
in Khan Jehan
appeal to the Pres:
marked by you
in Black — I visit
this office two P.O.
hours after the P.O.
closes & two P.M. daily
there is two shipments
per week of any appeals
from Salem

Kotamangalam
July 10th

My dear Carmichael

I send you a note
from Jays & hope that you
will get Gate to allow him
to remain at Salem but
tho' he does not assume
charge — I will write
officially more — I think
that Jays tho' he allows
to have a range as all
his contemporaries in the
Law & both Ross & Pattle
charges him before they
were — To my dear Carmichael

have ranges until they pass is to keep them as if charges for perhaps 2 years. this is the time allowed for passing at least in Bengal —

By Proc of the Board 16th of the 28 June I see that the Board have ~~applied~~ forwarded the Collector of 24 Pers recommendation that Mr Sheffield should get an extra 5 Rs a day travelling allowance whilst employed in the settlement of boundaries

I think you must endeavour to stop this & where will it end?

All our officers chief work for the next four years will, I expect, be boundary work, & they get very handsome travelling allowances as it is without any extra 5 Rs for Mr Sheffield who has risen from an Overseer (& was a Private in the 60th Rifles) gets exactly the same travelling allowances as I do! it is really exceedingly hard on his work over a small District —

This extra 5 Rs began by the Board sanctioning it

During my absence in Hayes
in Townsville & when Douglas
applied for it I did not do
otherwise than forward his
application (after Hayes his
Junior had got it) — Hayes
had no title to it I think, he
was taken off all that work —
& Douglas draws the same travg
allowance that I do though
he may be said to have no tra-
velling, he is stationary at
a Port. — I certified
the accounts for 3 years
with out Mr. my travelling
allowance & so did Mr Michael
& Douglas Hamilton, Terribly
allowances only being given
in those days & really travelling

appointments — if the Board &
Collectors can get sanction for
extra expenditure of this
sort we shall be led into all
sorts of unnecessary extravagance

Mr Gill & the Board have applied
there for me & not this the
Collector at all.

I am just returned from
inspecting our Sandal wood
plantations at Telle mudlay
& up at Byhur (near Calicut)
the latter is very good but
the former a failure

Yrs sincerely

H. Beddome

Office of Conservator of Forests.

Camp Mettapollium

12th July 1876.

No. 940.

From,

Lieut.-Col. R. H. Beddome

Conservator of Forests.

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Secretary to Government,

Revenue Depart.

Ootacamund.

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Sir
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H. H. Bellew Lt. Col.
Conservator of Forests

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D.F. 15/7–6.

21 July 1876

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The Conservator of Forests

To the Secretary to Govt. Rev. Dept.

Ootacamund

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No 784 21 July 1876

Reporting that [illegible]