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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th May 1880, No. 584.

No. 275. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS :—

From Commissioner of Nilgiris, dated 17th March 1880, No. 375.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding application from Mr. Rowson to be made Superintendent, Government Chinchona Plantations.

No. 276. From Commissioner of Nilgiris, dated 21st April 1880, No. 24.

ABSTRACT.—States Mr. Rowson wishes to be called and paid as Superintendent, but does not wish to have charge of all the plantations, and recommends the Head Overseer, Dodabetta, being styled Assistant Superintendent.

No. 277. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1880, No. 584.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government see no reason to make any of the changes of title suggested by the Commissioner or to recommend any addition to Mr. Rowson's salary.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of Nilgiris.

Exd. W. H. French.

25 Copies.

My dear Master -

If orders have
not been passed on
my docket No 375
of 17th ult on Mr.
Ransom No 139 of the
3rd February 80 - please
stop it till I see
you. I find he

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THE COMMISSIONER OF NILGI

Recd May 20th.

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G.O. 25th May 1880, No. 134.

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No. 275-277.

Mr. Ransom—in charge of the Government
Chindora Plantations, Nilgiris.—Sitting
the Government see no reason to make at
the changes of title suggested by the Com-
missioner or to recommend any addition to
salary of —

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only wants the
title of "Supt" &
to this I see no
objection. but it
is in every way to
the interests of the
Government that each
plantation should
have its own Supt

or Asst Supt, the
whole being under
the general super-
vision of the Com-
missioner. Men of
the Macdon stamp
work too much for
themselves & their
own interests. The

shall give 15,000 £
more clear profit
this year than last
ie. 35,000 £ in all
& I hope to keep up
the figure -

When will orders be
presented on my Ac

342 dated 6th of

2

February last? the
Duke. promised a
special travelling al-
lowance extra - &
Carmichael promised
to vote for it - I have
really had no end
of trouble & expense
owing to the Chichester

9
though I like the
work & now I think
have thoroughly man-
aged it. Hoping
to see you soon.

Very sincerely
to

W. H. Gardner

Cedars

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on Roofing

✓ C. 100-100-100-100

I am glad to have
 confirmed the old line
 Date of birth 1844
 At the request of
 the State in
 view of the
 employment

Nate

The Secy of State
Renewed his
instructions to
place a forest
officer in charge
of the Indian
Plantations after
receiving Major
Walker & the
Committee's
report. His report
received in September
last. Went in
circulation first.

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orders on the
25th idem.
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copy is put up.

C. No. 1753

From Commissioner, Nilgiris.

Dated 14th March 1870.

FOR ORDERS.

Note

Submitted to the
Honble W. H. D. Foster
with reference to
the proposed
note on C. No. 1753
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E. H.

This sh^d be printed
L. H. G. - Done
not numbered 11
written in 11th

M^r. Rowson, Assis-
tant Superintendent, Mad-
ras, asks to be made
Superintendent of all the
Chinchona Plantations
on Rs. 500 a month.

It is presumed
that this measure is
not contemplated. It
is extremely doubtful whether
any private Superintendent
except the manager of
the Ouchterlony estates
or the manager of the
of

of some of the larger
Coffee Companies is paid
as well as Mr. Rowson.
None have the leave
and pension advantages
he has.

All that seems
necessary is that his
present temporary salary [⊗] G. O. 24 July 1877 [⊗] Rs. 250.
of Rs. 300 should be made
permanent when definite
arrangements as to future
superintendence are made.

H. B. G. W.

L. H. G.

Edw. G.

FOR ORDERS.

No. 139.

Office of Assistant Superintendent,
Government Chittoor Plantations,
Chittoor. 3^d February 1880.

From,

The Assistant Superintendent
Government Chittoor Plantations

To,

R. W. Barlow Esq. of
Commissioner of the
District -

Sir,

I have the honor to bring
to your notice the subject of my
present appointment with the hope
that you will be good enough to lay
the matter at an early date with your
notes thereon before His Grace the
Governor-in-Council -

2. In 1869 (April 12th) I was appointed
as Assistant Superintendent on the Podabetta
Plantations with a salary of Rs 150 per
mensem. On 1st May 1871 I was
transferred to the Chittoor Plantations
to which are attached the
two Plantations at Pykara. The
Assistant Superintendent who
succeeded drew a salary of Rs 200 per
mensem, while I had to do the same
work for the smaller sum of Rs 150
monthly. Not until 1874 or until
after

after I had completed my five years' service was my salary increase although I was transferred a distance of 20 miles to a comparatively dearer district and was burdened with two extra estates. My predecessor starting as an Overseer on £50 per mensem gained the same pay in five years which I starting as Assistant Superintendent on £150 per mensem only reached after almost six years' service.

3. The Superintendent dying suddenly in June 1876 I was appointed by the Commissioner of the Abilgiris to act for him until the wishes of Government could be known. It was with deep regret that I found the appointment did not meet with approval from Government and although I had carried on the Superintendent's duties from the 8th June to October 1869 without any allowance of any sort and at a considerable pecuniary loss to myself I was sent back to my duties as Assistant Superintendent with my salary increased by £100 per mensem.

4. On more than one occasion I have been recommended for the —
Superior

Superior salary and position of Superintendent. For years I have worked on with the hope that my services would be rewarded, but now see — almost all of the subordinates in the department receiving a handsome increase to their salaries while I am forgotten.

5. I venture to refer you to the margin of this for a statement of the

Estal area	Cultivated area	area of my charge versus that of the
Wood Estate — 267 acres	73 acres	} 546. how and would point out that
Hooker — 469 — "	155 — "	
Stoddart's — 681 — "	318 — "	
Podabellia — 340 — "	320 — "	

while the Overseer of the Podabellia Plantation is reimbursed at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ Annas per acre. Only receive 83 $\frac{1}{4}$ Annas per acre. and that while his charge is in a compact block mine is scattered over a distance of nearly two miles — the distance I have to travel when inspecting the Pykarru Plantation is 15 miles in fine weather and 30 miles in the monsoon.

6. Some consideration should also be, I think, given to the fact that when Mr. McEwen died I was his only assistant and that it is a rule in other departments that a step be given when

When possible. After eleven years' service I now find myself almost in the same position as when first I had the honor to enter the service. Although my pay has been doubled, the work and responsibility has increased out of all proportion. Others in the same Department have received some acknowledgment of their services whilst I feel that I am even worse off than in the beginning. It should I think be taken into account that I am of European birth, the only one in the Department and that I have not yet had one single day's leave from my duties & that even the 4 allotted holidays have not been taken in full. I am so situated (Sunday being our market day) that even the Sabbath is no day of rest, and that having three Plantations and three separate Establishments necessitates my devoting the better portion of each Sunday to settling with the laborers thus saving to the Plantations the labor of hundreds of coolies for half a day on each Saturday. This is a most important saving as Crop (lasting six months) cannot be done by task.

7. For upwards of three years the Superintendent's pay and battery amounting to almost £600 per annum have been saved. In the meantime the work has increased four times. Crop alone has multiplied itself more than this and the amount spent on cultivation has increased from £8 to £30 per acre. This proves that each year my duties are becoming much more onerous.

8. The usual rate paid to the Superintendent on Coffee Estates is one rupee for each acre. In this District my neighbours are receiving payment at this rate (in some cases more). There can be no comparison in the value of crop produced by this Estate and that produced by other Estates.

9. In the Forest Department the Deputy Conservators receive handsome salaries ranging from £300 to £800 per annum and draw besides heavy allowances while travelling and they have also the benefit of promotion as opportunity offers.

10. The Plantations being in separate blocks necessitates my keeping a horse. I have also frequently to travel to Guadalupe or to Ootacamund on business connected with the Plantations. Yet I do not receive the smallest remuneration as horse allowance or travel. Again I draw the whole of my supplies from Ootacamund where I have to subsidise an Agent to purchase for me. Not having the advantage of conducting the transactions myself, the increase the cost of everything - living to a European is out here fully 50% more expensive than in Ootacamund -

11. Under these circumstances I have the honor to request that you will give my case your most favorable consideration and will address the Government on this subject recommending me for the official designation of Superintendent as also for the full salary of Rs 500 per mensem together with the travelling allowance of Rs 3 per diem from the commencement of the next official year 1880-81 -

I have &c

(Signed) W. Rowson
(True Copy) Asst. Supd.

Submitted

Submitted for the favorable consideration and order of Government.

2. In consideration of the increased profits accruing from and the larger responsibilities of Mr Rowson, the Asst. Superintendents charge at Adulwaite and Pajkara, the Commission would be glad to see his salary increased as requested.

3. Should Government however determine to relieve the Commission of the charge of the Superintendent's office, and to place one of the officers in charge of the whole of the plantations, a person of experience and one well acquainted with Laminology should in the Commissioner's opinion be sent out from England.

Commr's Office
Ootacamund
17th March 1880

W. Rowson
Commissioner

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Sd/- J. L. G. G.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Ootacamund 21 April 1880.

No. 24.

FROM R. W. Barlow Esq.
COMMISSIONER, NILGIRIS.

TO The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Coimbatore.

SIR,
In continuation of my docket
No. 375 dated 17 March 1880, on Mr. Rowson's
letter No. 139 dated 3rd February 1880, I have the
honour to report that from a conversation I
had with the Assistant Superintendent when
recently inspecting the Keedivattam Plantation
I find that it is the designation of Superintendent
that he requests, not that his authority
should be extended to Plantations other
than those now in his charge. I beg to sup-
port this request, as well as any addition
to his salary that Government may see
fit to confer.

2. I would further recommend
that the title of "Assistant Superintendent"
be given to the Head Overseer Kodabetta,
in consideration of his greatly increased
responsibility - Government was good
enough recently to sanction an addition
to this officer's salary vide G. O. No. 1210
dated 2nd April 1880 -

Revenue 1880 Docket

from Commr. Nilgiris

9173. Keedivattam

Submitting, with
Revenue's letter from the
Mdt. Sdlt. for the Division
Plantations regarding
the increase of his
salary.

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Docket No 295

Partly O. 25 March 1880

I have the honor to be.

Sir

your most obt. servant

W. Moorlan

Commissioner

Back No 276

According to sanction
the title of "Superintendent"
to the staff: Superintendent
of a Machine-shop, and
Assistant Superintendent
of the Road Master of
Schubert's Government
Chimney Plantation.

Enclosures:

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The Secretary to Government
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do - d: 21 April { *from Mr. Rowson to*
do No: 24 { *make Supr. of London*
do { *plantations.*
do { *states Mr. Rowson*
do { *wishes to be called upon*
do { *as Supr. but does not wish*
do { *to have charge of all the*
do { *plantations & recommends*
do { *the R. Verser Poppleton being*
do { *styled as a Supr.*

Is there any objection
to having the name of
Dr. Robert being styled
"Special Agent" by (any)
other person?

Just make no change
to be sent the Sec. of
S. over the expected
report. J. R. H.

The enclosed
 copy of the R 300
 is for the
 3 September 1945

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J.O.

Mr. Bowson's
Application for the
Title & Salary of
Supt. of Louisiana
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