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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1786.	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated 24. 11	1881 .

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

24th November 1881 No. 1786.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

No. 428. Endorsement of the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, dated Simla, 11th November 1881, No. 4155.

Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 13th October 1881, Revenue No. 87.

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6. Mr. Cross has undoubtedly rendered very valuable services to the State, and, from the manner in which he has performed the several missions with which he has, from time to time, been charged, he has well merited the commendation and acknowledgments bestowed upon him on several former occasions by my predecessors. The success which has attended his present labors call, in my opinion, for some further recognition by Government, and I have accordingly determined to grant him a gratuity of £500 in addition to what he may receive as salary and on account of travelling and other expenses.

7. I request that Mr. Cross may be informed accordingly, and an expression of my satisfaction at the manner in which he has carried out the duties with which he has been entrusted may, at the same time, be communicated to him.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort St. George, with reference to endorsement in this Office, No. 2100, dated 29th July 1881.

No. 429. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1881, No. 1786.

Miscellaneous.

PARAGRAPHS 6 and 7 of the foregoing Despatch will be communicated to the Conservator of Forests and to Mr. Cross in continuation of G.O., dated 17th May 1881, No. 778.

2. This Government have already recorded their own appreciation of Mr. Cross' services in their Proceedings, dated 5th instant, No. 1644.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
„ R. Cross, Esq., with copy of G.O., 17th May 1881, No. 778.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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GOVT. of (1881) Madras.
REVENUE.

TO THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

Dated November 1881.

Dated December 1881.

Recd.

C.O., 21st November 1881, No. 1780.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 428-430.

Stamp.

Mr. Cross.—Services of — in connection with Chinichona.—Certain paragraphs of Despatch from Secretary of State recognising — and granting a gratuity of Rs 500, communicated to Conservator of Forests and Mr. Cross with remark.

Revenue
No 87

India Office

CURRENT No. 3181

London, 13th October 1881

To His Excellency the Most Honourable
The Governor General of India in Council,

My Lord Marquis

1. I have received and considered in Council your Excellency's letter, No 205, of the 29th July (Finance and Commerce), forwarding an application from Mr. Robert Cross for a pension of Rs 100/- a month in recognition of his important services connected with the introduction of Chinichona and other products of South America into India.
2. This application is supported by the Madras Government, but in the opinion of your Excellency's Government though Mr. Cross has done good service for India, he has not established a claim to a pension from the Indian revenues but, should it be considered that Mr. Cross' remuneration has been inadequate, you add that you would have no objection to the grant to him of a moderate gratuity payable from Indian Revenue.

3. The various expeditions undertaken by Mr Cross of which a list is given in the margin were accomplished at a cost of £ 1958. In 1878 his services were specially brought to the notice of the Secretary of State who in consideration of the success of the several expeditions undertaken by Mr Cross, the difficulties against which he had to contend and the comparatively low rate of remuneration for which he performed the services awarded him a gratuity of £ 300. -

4. In 1879 on his return from his last expedition, an account of which is given in a report forwarded with my predecessor's despatch No 16 (Revenue) of the 19th February 1880, Mr Cross reviewed his services and expressed a hope that he might be granted a further gratuity of £ 300. This application was acceded to. -

5. I may add that when Mr Cross left

1859. Collected plants and seeds of *C. lucidubria* in the forests of Ecuador.
 1861. Proceeded to Lora to procure seeds of *C. officinalis*.
 1863. To Columbia for seeds of *C. pitagoras*.
 1868. Again sent to Columbia.
 1875. To Isthmus of Panama for *Castilleja* plants - shipwrecked on his return but preserved the plants -
 1876. To Para on the Amazon for plants of the *Heccea Braziliensis* (Caustichone) and to Ceara for Rubber plants -
 1878. To New Grenada whence he brought back *Calceaya a de Santa Fe* and *C. Candipolis*.

for India in August 1880, he received from this Office, besides his passage to Bombay only an advance of £ 15, the question of his remuneration being, at his own request, deferred till his return -

6. Mr Cross has undoubtedly rendered very valuable services to the State, and, from the manner in which he has performed the several missions with which he has from time to time been charged, he has well merited the commendation and acknowledgments bestowed upon him on several former occasions, by my predecessors. The success which has attended his present labours call, in my opinion, for some further recognition by Government, and I have accordingly determined to grant him a gratuity of £ 500 in addition to what he may receive as salary, and, on account of travelling and other expenses.

7. I request that Mr Cross may be informed accordingly, and an expression of my satisfaction at the manner in which he has carried out the duties

Financial (1881) Deptt

with which he has been entrusted may (Pensions)
at the same time be communicated to
him -

I have, yes,
J. H. Harrington

S. D.

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No 4,155

Copy forwarded to the Government
of Fort St. George with reference to endorse-
ment in this Office, No 2100, dated 29th July
1881. -

Recd 17 Nov 1881

By order, yes,

Simla
Department of Finance
and Commerce
The 11 November 1881

H. C. C. C.

Asst Secretary to the Govt of India.

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Rev. R. L. F.

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REVENUE (1881) DEPARTMENT.

No. 6430

Order No 1786

From Secy to the Govt. of India, Dept. of Finance & Com.

Dated 11th November
Recd. 19th November

No. 4155

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding copy of despatch from the Secretary of State for India, recognizing Mr. Cross' services in connection with Chinchor & granting him a gratuity of £500, in addition to his salary & travelling allowance for his last mission.

With Order

1. Paras 6 & 7 of the foregoing despatch will be communicated to the Conservator of Forests and to Mr. Cross in continuation of G.O. dated 17th May 1881, No. 778.
2. His Govt. have already recorded their own appreciation of Mr. Cross' services in G.O. dated 5th Sept. 1881, No. 1624.

For the Conservator of Forests 24th November 1881
and Mr. Cross with copy of G.O. 17th May 1881 No. 778.
(Forwarded as per despatch)

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