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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1891 Press Mis.

Dated 8-12 1881.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th December 1881, No. 1891.

Read again—

G.O., 5th November 1881, No. 1644.

Read also the following papers :—

No. 109. From Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 20th August 1881, No. 542.

Mr. Rowson, the Superintendent of the Naduvatam Plantations, has taken a year's furlough, and his place has been filled up temporarily by the appointment of a Mr. Hillier, a writer in Major Jago's office. Considering the importance of the work now at Naduvatam, I have the honor to suggest, for the consideration of Government, whether it would not be advisable to offer the post to Mr. Cross, who is now drawing a large salary under Government for merely looking after a few plants of the Santa Fé Chinchona.

2. Two out of the three larger plants of Santa Fé have been planted out and may be considered established and safe, and Mr. Cross is now propagating some small cuttings. I do not know whether it is the intention of Government to retain this gentleman's services, but if it is, I certainly think he might be placed in charge of Naduvatam ; he is a most experienced cultivator and has had a life-long experience of Chinchona.

No. 110. From the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 23rd November 1881, No. 782.

With reference to G.O., No. 1644, dated 5th, and your demi-official of the 9th instant to Colonel Beddome, I have the honor to forward Mr. Cross's letter declining to accept the Assistant Superintendentship of the Chinchona Plantations, but stating that he is willing to accept the post of Superintendent for five years on Rs. 800 a month. I have seen Mr. Cross and ascertained that this is his final decision, and that, failing Government being willing to agree to his terms, he should like to have a passage provided on or about the 10th proximo from Madras to England.

2. I would suggest that Mr. Cross be paid up to the date of his embarkation, should Government decide not to retain his services, as he is collecting specimens of bark, &c., for Kew; and that he be requested, in communication with the authorities at the India Office and Kew, to select a trained gardener and propagator (scientific and practical) to work on the Chinchona Plantations without any executive charge under the orders of the Deputy Conservator.

3. It is of great importance that we should have such a man, and his employment is, I think, of greater importance than that of a chemical analyzer, for analyses can always be made at home with proper appliances, whereas the careful collection and distribution of seed and rearing of young plants can only be entrusted to a trained gardener on the spot capable of identifying the several species and taking proper precautions against their getting mixed.

4. The question of the executive charge of the Naduvatam and Pykara Plantations must await receipt of Mr. Rowson's decision whether he intends returning to Government employ or not (G.O., No. 1538, dated 15th October 1881), which I recommend he should be called on to make at once. Meanwhile Colonel Jago considers that Mr. Hillier should remain in charge, and I see no reason to the contrary although it should be clearly understood that this temporary arrangement gives him no claim on the appointment of Assistant Superintendent.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from R. CROSS, Esq., Government Gardens, Ootacamund to Lieut.-Colonel R. S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator of Forests, dated Ootacamund, 16th November 1881.

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th of this month respecting the temporary appointment of Acting Assistant Superintendent of the Government Chinchona Plantations at Naduvatam. This, owing to the brief period and other considerations, I fear might not be in accordance with my wishes.

But should the Government be pleased to appoint me Superintendent of the Chinchona Plantations at a salary of 800 rupees per mensem — this sum to include travelling expenses — I would employ my best endeavours for the success and progress of the Plantations without seeking to obtain or acquire pecuniary interests in any private way.

Should the Government be pleased to entertain this proposal, my wish would be that the period of engagement might not extend beyond five years.

And that at any convenient time I might be allowed two or three months to proceed to Europe for my M.S. of Journeys on the Andes, the contents of which in some ways might be useful if employed at any time in recording any details of Chinchona.

In the event of Government declining to entertain these proposals, I beg to state that the first steamer sailing on any day after the 5th of the ensuing month (December) would be suitable for me.

110-A. From Lieut.-Colonel R. S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator of Forests, in charge Chinchona Department, Nilgiris, to the Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 21st November 1881, No. 453.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 443, of the 17th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith a private communication from Mr. Robert Cross for such orders as you may deem fit.

P.S.—I shall be much obliged by early orders, on the enclosure.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from R. CROSS, Esq., Government Gardens, to Lieut.-Colonel R. S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator of Forests, dated 21st November 1881.

REGARDING the inquiry the other day of the Conservator as to whether the propositions set down by me for the superintendence of the Plantations were final, I beg to present two others for consideration :—

1*st*.—To be allowed in addition to my present salary of 300 rupees per mensem one-fourth of the annual extra yield from the plantations as compared with that of former years, the Government solely to judge what that would be.

2*nd*.—Or in addition to my present salary to be allowed the extra value of a bale of bark when the percentage in such bale rose above six per cent. of sulphate of quinine.

Thus : if a bale contained seven per cent. of sulphate of quinine, the estimated value of one per cent would fall to me ; or if it contained eight per cent. of sulphate of quinine, the estimated value of two per cent. would fall to me. It is assumed that the Government chemist at home examines each bale previous to auction, so that the matter could easily be ascertained.

In this as in the previous proposal the Government to decide everything.

3*rd*.—That either of these propositions be renewed, if desirable, at the end of each year.

No. 784.

FORWARDED in original (to avoid delay) in continuation of this Office letter No. 782, dated 23rd November.

2. Mr. Cross's proposals appear too complicated, but if Government wish to retain his services as a scientific and practical gardener without executive charge and authorize me to arrange for the best, I think I can do so—his departure being meanwhile postponed *sine die*.

MADRAS,
23rd November 1881.

(Signed) J. C. WALKER, Major,
for Conservator of Forests.

No. 111. From Lieut.-Colonel R. S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator of Forests, in charge of Chinchona Department, Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Naduvatam, 30th November 1881.

KNOWING that Major Campbell Walker is absent on tour, I beg to forward to you direct Mr. Robert Cross's reply to Official Memorandum No. 425, dated 24th instant, Revenue Department, forwarded by Major Campbell Walker to me.

2. I have this day seen Mr. Cross here, and had several conversations with him on the subject of his remaining on in Government service. Mr. Cross does not wish to remain unless the salary of Rs. 800 per mensem, which he mentioned in his first proposal, is accepted.

3. Mr. Cross states in his letter that he will be prepared to leave any day after the 20th December. At present he is out here making a collection of barks that Colonel Beddome requested to be made by him to be sent to Kew.

4. I shall be obliged by your sending me early orders.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from R. CROSS, Esq., to Lieut-Colonel R.S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator of Forests, dated Naduvatam, 30th November 1881.

IN reply to your communication of to-day respecting the opinion expressed by Government regarding my proposals, &c., I beg to state that no other proposal at present occurs to me.

The first proposal made by me is the only one I can expect to be entertained, the second and third appear too indefinite besides being liable to misconstruction in various ways.

Immediately on arrival yesterday I went over a portion of the Government Chinchona Plantation here, to-day and for a couple of days hence I propose to continue this work and I trust very shortly afterwards to lay before you some statements which may not be deemed unimportant.

P.S.—Any steamer between the 20th and end of December will suit me.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1881, No. 1891.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not prepared to close with Mr. Cross's proposals for employment in the Chinchona Department, but has no objection to his receiving his salary to date of embarkation at the latter end of the month, and sanction is accordingly granted for this.

2. The Conservator's remarks on the subject of a trained gardener will be separately considered.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, Mr. R. Cross.
,, the Commissioner of Nilgiris.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
,, the Master Attendant.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Govt. of (1881) Madras.

REVENUE

To

THE CONSERVATOR of FORESTS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 8th.

Printed 1781.

Read. Read.

G.O., 8th December 1881, No. 1691.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 109—112.

SUMMARY.

Chinchona Department.—Mr. Cross's proposals for employment in the —, declined, but grant of salary to date of embarkation sanctioned. Subject regarding trained gardeners, considered separately.

No. 109

No. 542.

Office of Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund 20th Aug. 81.

From,

Colonel R. H. Beddome,
Conservator of Forests.

To,

C. G. Master Esquire,
Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department,
Ootacamund.

Sir,

Mr. Rowdon, the Supt. of the Neddivattum plantations, has taken a year's furlough, and his place has been filled up temporarily by the appointment of Mr. Billier, a writer in Major Jago's office; Considering the importance of the work now at Neddivattum, I have the honor to suggest for the consideration of Government, whether it would not be advisable to offer the post to Mr. Cross, who is now drawing a large salary under Government for merely looking after a few plants of the Santa Fe Cinchona

Cinchona.

2. Two out of the three larger plants of Santa Fé have been planted out, and may be considered established and safe, and Mr. Cross is now propagating some small cuttings; I do not know whether it is the intention of Government to retain this Gentleman's services, but if it is, I certainly think he might be placed in charge of Doddabettam, he is a most experienced Cultivator and has had a life-long experience of Cinchona.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Serv.t

[illegible] Colonel
Conservator of Forests.

Shall we consult Kew?
MSP

Council.

Revenue 1881 Depart.

(4) No. 4346.

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Revenue - Forests.

From The Conservator of Forests.

No. 1 To The Secy: to Govt.
Rev. Deptt.

Ootacamund

Dated 20th
Rec'd. 22d } Augt. 81
Read: 22nd

No: 542

(Encls: Nil).

Subject.

Mr. Robert Cross. -

Suggesting to place the Pedda Vattachi Plantation in charge of Mr. ——— if Govt. desire to retain his services -

Liaison to Mr Nanson replied: G.O. No. C No. 4615 + 4035 Genl Council 15.10.81

(8) No. 1072.

Office of Conservator of Forests
Madras, 23rd November 1881.

No. 110 From

The Conservator of Forests.
Madras.

To

C. J. Master Esquire
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.
Madras.

Sir

With reference to G.O. (a) No. 1618 Revenue dated 5th June last, regarding the proposal to appoint Mr. Cross to the Conservancy of the Pedda Vattachi Plantations, I have the honor to forward Mr. Cross' letter declining to accept the appointment of Superintendentship of the Cinchona Plantations, but intimating that he would be willing to accept the post of Superintendent for 5 years on Rs. 800 a month. I have seen Mr. Cross and ascertained that this is his final decision, and that, failing Government being willing to agree to his terms, he should like to have a passage provided on or about the 10th proximo from Madras to England.

2. I would suggest that Mr. Cross be paid up to the date of his embarkation, should Government decide not

to retain his services as he is collecting specimens of bark &c, for Kew, and that he be requested in communication with the authorities at the India office and Kew to select a trained gardener and propagator (scientific and practical) to work on the Cinchona Plantations without any executive charge under the orders of the Deputy Conservator.

3. It is of great importance that we should have back a man and his employment is, I think, of greater importance than that of a chemical analyzer, for analyses can always be made at home with proper appliances, whereas the careful collection and distribution of seed and rearing of young plants can only be entrusted to a trained gardener on the spot capable of identifying the several species and taking proper precautions against their getting mixed.

4. The question of the executive charge of the Neddiwattum and Pykara Plantations must await receipt of Mr. Rowson's decision whether he intends returning to Government employ or not (G.O. No 1535 dated 15th October) which I recommend he should be called on to make at once. Meanwhile Colonel Jago considers that Mr. Hellier should remain in charge and I see no reason to the contrary although it should be clearly understood that this temporary arrangement gives him no claim on the appointment of assistant Superintendent.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
your most obedient servant
Hamphreeswalker Major
For Conservator of Forests

Rev 1881 Depart
(8) No 6477

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Revenue - Forests

From

The Conservator of Forests

To The Secy. to Govt.

Rev. Depart.

Fort St. George

Date 6th Dec.
Recd 8th } 1881
Regd 9th

No: 782

(Enclosure one)

Subject

Submitting proposals with regard to the Nilgiri Conservancy in the Circle Department

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Abstract of Enclosures

Copy

Government Order
Revenue Department
16th November 1881.

Read the letter from the Conservator of Forests, Nilgiri Circle, No. 1 dated 6th September 1881 submitting proposals with regard to the Nilgiri Conservancy in the Circle Department.

Ordered that the Conservator of Forests, Nilgiri Circle, be informed that Government are pleased to sanction the proposals contained in his letter under reply.

(True Copy)

(Sd) C. Purushotham Naidu
Secretary to Government

Copy

From

The Conservator of Forests, Nilgiri Circle

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Commencement of the 30th ultimo forwarding the Government Order on my letter No. 1 dated 6th September 1881 submitting proposals for the future management of the Nilgiri Conservancy and requesting that I may be informed whether the Government are prepared to sanction the proposals contained in the said letter.

2. In reply I have the honour to state that I have carefully considered the proposals and am of opinion that they are calculated to secure the best results.

3. But I should like the Government to be pleased to sanction the appointment of a Deputy Conservator on a salary of 800 rupees per mensem — this sum to include travelling expenses — I would employ my best endeavours for the success and progress of the plantations without seeking to obtain or acquire pecuniary interests or any private — gain.

4. I should like the Government to be pleased to entertain the proposal I may hereafter make that the forest

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after the hour appointed
for her departure

shall take at any Steamboat
Pier she may arrive at
to proceed to Europe for any additional ap-
pearance she shall make after the hour appointed
for her departure as above provided for
and shall not in any way be liable
for any detention occasioned
by delay in arrival

In the event of Steamers departing
on different days from the same
Pier the Steamer sailing
on any day after the 3rd of the ensuing
month (December) should be assigned her
pier.

Chas. A. Stebbins
Asst. Supt. Ocean Navigation
Pier Committee

Approved
Jas. H. Hall

Encl
Rec'd 21 Nov 1851

Sir

Robert Pasco Esq
Clerk

Sir Geoff

Lieutenant Hutt has
visited me as Lieutenant
Governor and Superintendent
of the Province of Sind
and is now residing at
Kotri. Sept

Sir

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your letter of the 17th
September last

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In this as in the previous proposal the Government to decide everything.

3rd That either of these proposals be renewed if desirable at the end of each year.

I have &c,

Your most Obt Servant

Robt Cross

Encl 3
Rec. 6/12/81

OOTACAMUND,

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT CHINCHONA DEPARTMENT,

24 November 1881.

No 255

From

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,

in charge Chinchona Department,

Nilgiris.

To

The Conservator of Forests

Madras

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 443 of the 17th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith a private Communication from Mr Robert Cross for such orders as you may deem fit.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obt Servant

R. S. Pears Lieut Colonel

Dy Conservator of Forests

in charge Chinchona

I should be known

Signed by me

in the Telegram

1881-82.

CHINCHONA DEPARTMENT.

From

The Dy. Conservator of Forests,

in charge,

Ootacamund.

To

The Conservator of Forests

Madras

Dated 21
Despatched } November 1881
Received

No. 453

No. of Enclosures. one

SUBJECT.

Forwarding a private Communication from Mr. Robert Cross for

7311 Forman-
2 Bk. Inw. Pa

No 784.

Forwarded in original (to avoid delay) in continuation of this office letter No. dated

2. Mr. Cross' proposals for combination of the Lt of For. with retention of his services as a scientific & practical Gardener without executive charge is authorised by Government in the best I Ut I can do - his departure being meanwhile postponed since [illegible]

received.

Veddanattum 30th Nov. 1881

To Colonel R. T. Sago R.E.
Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of today respecting the opinion expressed by Government regarding my proposals &c I beg to state that no other proposal at present occurs to me:

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Immediately on arrival yesterday I went over a portion of the Government Cinchona plantation here, today and for a couple of days hence I propose to continue this work and I trust shortly

Short of afterwards 6
days before you come
to statements which may
not be deemed unimportant

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.
Robert Crosse

P. S. Amy Steamer
left Galle 20th
between the 2nd December
And end of December
will suit me.

Rec'd 6th Dec 81.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 6417, 6418, & despatch from the
Secretary of State d/10 Nov 81.

From Collector of Galle

Dated 23 & 30 Nov 188/.

FOR ORDERS.

XG.O.5 November 1881
No 1644 (Instructions
mailed to the Secretary
of State)

Mr Crosse's letter d/10 Nov 81
in C. Con. 64/2

Mr Crosse, Substantive Appt
Rs 500 + 50
(Con. & Acct Code No 1070)

His letter d/21 Nov 81
in Do Do

Mr Crosse is hereby
authorized to proceed
home as already decided,
and to be absent
within limits
as accepted: & what
further action should
be taken—

Mr Crosse declined
the suggestion to take
a little longer appointment of Asst
Superintendent of
Police in addition to
his present duties
& to be entertained
as a temporary
measure for 3 years at
the end of the time
above stated at Rs 800
per annum. He
also made some other
suggestions in the
event of this being con-
sidered unacceptable
viz (1) that in addition
to his present salary

of Rs 300 he should be allowed either (1) one-fourth of the annual extra yield from the plantations or (2) the extra value of a bale of bark when the percentage rose above 6 per cent of sulphate of Quinine.

The Conservator in submitting the papers characterized the latter proposals as too complicated adding that if Govt wished to retain Mr Cross as executive & practical gardener without executive charge he would try & arrange it.

Major Campbell further informed us in reply that the Govt were unable to enter into any of Mr Cross's proposals but that they were prepared to consider any more definite & practicable suggestion which he might bring forward.

He now states that no other proposals occur to him and that the first which he made is the only one he can expect to be entertained.

Col Jago in sending on his letter says that Mr Cross does not wish to remain more than 3 years longer & that Rs 800 per annum is the least he will accept.

The Secretary of State has in his recent despatch expressed

Letter d/30 Nov 81 in C. No 6718

× 23 Nov 1881 No 784

Ind. 24 Nov 81 No 425

800
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× 'moderate & suitable' was added in a demi-official

d/10 Nov 81 No 28.

himself as satisfied that the plant thereon should be under the immediate charge of an officer of high scientific attainments and botanical experience and that no reasonable expenditure should be withheld in order that he may be assisted by the necessary staff.

The question occurs whether it is necessary to cross the Govt house at the very moment they want. The instruction when this subject was last mentioned in Council was that the application for a grant should be considered. Perhaps it will be necessary to do this if the present despatch can be acted upon at once.

Is the man then an extremely shrewd and entertaining Scotch Gardener with much talent & great Conscience? I have seen him & with much pleasure

C. 3.12.88
[illegible]

FOR ORDERS.

Regarding Sir Robt Cross.

Govt 7.N. 1 Dec

I have the strongest sense of the great importance of getting an officer of high scientific attainments & botanical experience but I am afraid of the cloud with Mr Cross's proposals. The Govt would draw an attention to the phrase "reasonable expenditure" — by that "one can buy gold too dear". Besides is Mr Cross good? Has he high scientific attainments?

Draft Ltr. No 1891 dy 8 December 1887

C. No 4. 346

Read again 6th & 14th November 1881, No 6446.

Read also the following:-

Letter from the Conservator of Forests, dy 20 August 1881 No 5424

Do — do — 22nd November 1881, No 782.

C. No 6497

Letter from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, dy 30 Nov 81.

C. No 6718.

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1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not prepared to close with Mr Cross's proposals for employment in the Colombo Department but has no objection to his receiving his salary to

to date of embarkation at the latter end of the month, and sanction is accordingly granted for this.

2. The Commissioners' remarks on the subject of a trained gardener will be separately considered.

List from Order in Council.

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Encl. 1 Master Attendant Dec. 12th
3 Commissioners, Dec. 20th 1782

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C.C.

Declining to accept the
Grad. Profession of
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