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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th July 1880.

Read the following letter from C. BENSON, Esq., M.B.A.C., Acting Superintendent of Government Farms, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 6th July 1880, No. 56 :—

I HAVE the honor to request the Board to obtain the sanction of Government for the appointment of an Instructor in Chemistry in the School of Agriculture, who would teach our first class in the elementary portion of the subject instead of the present lecturer; he would also be able to conduct simple analytical work in our laboratory, and thus his services would be of great value to the department generally; he would further be able to assist the students in the higher classes in their studies and work in the laboratory.

2. By doing away with the present lectures on Chemistry during the first year of the training of our students, a saving, amounting to about Rs. 720 per annum (if only one lecture a week were delivered), or more (if a greater number were given), would be effected in the amount we pay as fees to the lecturer. I propose that the salary of the Instructor should be Rs. 75 per mensem, rising by biennial increments of Rs. 5 to Rs. 100. The average cost over 12 years would thus be Rs. 1,050 per annum, a sum considerably lower than we have been paying for the lectures in the first year of our course. Moreover, long before the average pay would be reached, the Instructor's services in the laboratory will have become more valuable than the pay proposed, and probably by the end of the term he would be fitted, if he continued to study and perfect himself in practical Chemistry, to undertake all the duties of teaching Chemistry in the School of Agriculture.

3. I propose, if the appointment be sanctioned, to fill it by the selection of one of our certificated students, as it is desirable that the man who holds the post should be acquainted with agriculture. As, however, our passed students did not, during their course here, have good opportunities for acquiring much practical facility in chemical work, I would request that the Instructor might be attached for training to the laboratory of the Chemical Examiner for three months. During this time he might receive Rs. 50 per mensem only, and he should be bound to serve Government for five years from the date of his commencing this training.

4. I request that, if this arrangement is sanctioned, it may be brought into force from the beginning of the next financial year, when we shall be assembling a new class of students. The Instructor, however, should join the laboratory of the Chemical Examiner on January 1st next for the three months' preliminary training proposed.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board consider that it would be much more satisfactory if the general supervision of the School of Agriculture was transferred to the Director of Public Instruction.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Superintendent of Government Farms.

" " Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. A. Grubert.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

6th January 1881, No. 48.

No. 94. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th July 1880, No. 963.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting, for orders of Government, letter from Superintendent, Government Farms, recommending the appointment of an Instructor in Chemistry in the School of Agriculture at Saidápet.

MR. BENSON'S proposal is referred to the Director of Public Instruction for consideration and report.

OOTACAMUND,
12th August 1880.

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

No. 95. From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 19th October 1880, No. 5,018.

I HAVE the honor to return the Proceedings of the Board, dated 15th July 1880, No. 963, forwarded to me with your endorsement, dated 12th August 1880, for remark on the proposal of the Acting Superintendent of the Government Farms to appoint an Instructor in Chemistry on a salary of Rs. 75, rising by biennial increments of Rs. 5 to Rs. 100.

2. I very much doubt whether the change proposed is desirable. Instruction in such a subject as Chemistry must be imparted by a teacher, who has not only a fair acquaintance with the elements of the science, but who has a comprehensive knowledge of it and cognate sciences, to be of any practical value. This seems to have been Mr. Robertson's view, for in paragraph 8 of his letter, dated 7th July 1875 (Board's Proceedings, 25th August 1875), submitting the scheme of a School of Agriculture, he suggested that Mr. Broughton should be appointed to the office of Chemist.

3. But assuming that an efficient elementary teacher could be secured for the salary proposed, I would remark that, considering the inferior educational qualifications of most of the students who have passed through the school, it seems highly improbable that, as suggested by Mr. Benson, a satisfactory selection could be made among such.

4. In any case, however, I would advise that the proposal be ordered to lie over until Mr. Robertson's return.

No. 95-A. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1881, No. 48.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur with the Director and the matter will lie over pending consideration and, if necessary, report by Mr. Robertson.

2. The general control of the School of Agriculture will be transferred to the Director of Public Instruction as suggested by the Board.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Director of Public Instruction.
,, the Educational Department. ✓
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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