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From The Conservator of Forests. S. Circle
Dated the 27th June 1883.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Gass asks for the chenchona allowance of Rs: 150 per month. He asked before it was refused it. He renews his request through the Conservator, now that he has given over charge to Col. Dago.

G.O. no: 402

27-30th Jan'y 1883

I don't see why Mr. Gass sh^d be expected to look after the Chenchona Plantations without remuneration for his trouble. At the same time I agree with Mr. Hutchins & the Secy that para 5 G.O. 8th Decr. 1880 N: 1670. Contemplates 500 Rs. as the maximum salary: & therefore when, as a Forest Officer, he became entitled to that amount of salary he could not have been given anything for to look after the Chenchona Plantations.

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The note with the order just quoted put forward much the same arguments in Mr. Gass' favour, as he now puts forward for himself & they were not repeated. It is thought that para 5 of G.O. 8th Decr. 1880 no: 1670 applies to Colonel Dago's case & that as it was not cancelled Mr. Gass might get the Rs: 150 a month from the date of the Re-organisation of the Forest Dept: till the date on which he

same over charges.

C.S. 8 th to 31 st Dec ^r	Rs: 60 odd.
" " " Jan ^y	150 "
" " " Feb ^r	150 "
" " " Mar ^{ch}	150 "
" " " Apr ^{il}	150 "
" " " May	150
1 st to 31 st June	60 odd
	<u>Rs: 870.</u>

The facts were all before the Hon. Member in the note to G.O. no 402 a/30th Jan^y. It only remains to consider whether with reference to that note & Mr. Sass's present letter Government will reconsider that order.

As Mr. Sass says
Col. Dago always got more

than Rs: 500 because he drew his own pay. Why then should not Mr. Sass get the advantage to be provided of the special allowance because while drawing it, he chances to be promoted in the Forest Dept. whereby his pay as a Forest becomes more than Rs: 500.

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Go 0-7-83 10:20 AM.
Mr. Cass' Chindana Alamanor.

FOR ORDERS.

The Government

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District Forest Officer.

Camp. Kattalai.

24 June 1883.

No. 196

H. A. Cass Esq.

By Comr. of Forests.

Trichinopoly.

To,

The Conservator of Forests.

Southern Circle.

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Sir,
I have the honor to address you on the subject of the pay and allowances drawn by me while in charge of the Cinchona Department, and to request you to be so good as to forward this letter to Government as early as possible with your opinion.

2. — On the 1st June 1882, I took over charge of the Cinchona Department from Colonel Jago, who was going on leave to Europe, and in addition to my pay as a Deputy Conservator of the 3rd grade, I drew the allowance of Rs 150, pay, and 50 Rs. travelling allowance, sanctioned

by Government in their order, no 1670, dated 8th December, 1880, to the officer holding charge of the Department. —

3. — This was subsequently objected to by the Acct^y General, but ordered to be paid to me by Government in their order, no 2913, dated 6th September 1882. — I continued then to draw the increased allowance till February last, when it was again objected to by the Accountant General, as, under the new organization of the Forest Dept^y which took effect from the 18th December, 1882, I became a Dy. Comm^r of Forests, 4th grade, on Rs. 550, instead of a Dy. Comm^r of the 3rd grade on Rs. 350. —

4. — The Acct^y General objected to my drawing anything extra at all, but Gov^t in their order, no 402, dated 30th January 1883, kindly permitted me to draw Rs. 50 a month, extra travelling allowance, and this addition, I continued to draw up to the date of my being relieved by Colonel Jago, namely June 13th, 1883.

5. — The order of Gov^t gave me no extra pay however, and I had to refund that which I had drawn in December from the 18th to the 31st, and the whole of that which I had drawn for January.

Of course, having drawn these amounts on the supposition that I was entitled to them, refunding them seemed a little hard, still the order of Government had to be obeyed, and it was accepted by me unhesitatingly, and carried out throughout.

6. — These are however circumstances, which, now that the work is over, induce me to bring the matter up again, and to respectfully venture to ask, if it be not possible for Government to reconsider their order and give me permission to draw the extra Rs. 150 a month, for the months, beginning with the 18th December last and ending 13th June of this year. —

7. — The original order in which the Accountant General based his objections, stated that the Dy. Comm^r of the Nilgiri Division, would ordinarily belong to the 3rd grade, but the G. O. was, I think, intended to apply to a particular case, namely that of the officer in charge of the District at the time the Order was passed. —

8. — The re-organization of the Forest Department, introduced a new state of affairs, which did not exist at the time of the G.O. under reference, and which was not even then contemplated.

Up to the time of the re-organization, I was drawing Rs. 700 a month and afterwards Rs. 750. in all, so that I received less immediate benefit by it than ^{perhaps} any officer in the Department.

9. — The grading of the Forest Department is now quite different to what it was, and higher pay is now drawn by every officer, than was before the case. — The value of work in a Division can hardly be estimated by the pay of the officer in charge, for that done by senior deputies is in no way more arduous or responsible than that done by juniors. — In the Nilgiri Division the value of the joint charges could not well be fixed at Rs. 500. a month, for the officer in charge has always drawn more. —

10. — Again, as the value of the Cin-⁹chona work was set down at Rs. 200 a month (150 pay and 50 allowances)

before the re-organization of the Forest Department, it might be supposed that it bore the same value, after the officer in charge, by virtue of re-grading, became entitled to draw more pay in the Forest ^{Division} than he had ^{drawn} before. — The re-

ponsibility remained the same throughout, as also the increased cost of horse equipment, which was undoubtedly greater, than it would have been, had I been only in charge of the Forest Department. —

11. — I was also under the impression that Mr. Dawson would have taken charge, soon after his arrival in the country, in which case, much extra work and responsibility would have been taken from me, but his not having done so, up to the time of my handing over charge of the Division to Col^l. Sago, has made a considerable difference. — As for as work goes, there was plenty to do in both Departments. — In the

Forest Department, the work was much increased by the proposed reservation under the Forest Act, and a different system of working the plantations, and in the Cinchona Department, the work was excessive for many reasons, last year, and in the last month particularly, I have had my time fully taken up in the writing of the Administration Report for 1882:83, and in the preparation of the Cinchona Budget Estimate for 1884:85, both of which, I was requested to do before leaving the District. —

12. — I trust that the above facts, will be sufficient in your opinion, to justify this letter being sent on to Government with your supporting them to kindly reconsider their last order and authorize me now to draw the Rs. 150 extra pay for the Cinchona work from the date of the reorganization of the Forest Department, to that of my handing over charge of the District to Colonel

Sago. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir, —

Your most obedient servant. —

H. A. Gass.

Officer of Forests. —

Camp Aricacond 27th June 1883.No. 69 Regular number will follow from
Camp Central office

From

MAJOR J. CAMPBELL WALKER,

Conservator of Forests,

To

Southern Circle.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of Government a letter No. 196 dated 24th instant from Mr. Gass, Deputy Conservator of Forests lately in charge of the Cinchona Plantations.

2. Mr. Gass's request has my full support. During the time he was in charge of the Plantations under my orders he gave every satisfaction evincing great interest in, and making himself well acquainted with, the work his slight previous knowledge of which influenced me in recommending him to Government

Forest Department

1883-84

From

H. A. Gass Esq.

Dy. Conserv. of Forests

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The Conservator of Forests to Southern Circle.
Aricacond.

Dated 24th } June 1883
Recd }
N. 196

Addressing Conserv.
on the question of
pay drawn by Mr.
Gass while in charge
of the Cinchona
Department.



Recd 4/24/83.

as the best Forest officer to act for Colonel Jago.

3. I never understood G. O. No. 1070 dated 8th December 1880 as barring the Forest officer in charge from drawing more than Rs 500 per mensem but on referring to it and the Accountant General's objection I admit that it may bear that construction.

As a matter of fact the Deputy Conservator (Col. Jago) has drawn and now draws more than Rs 500 although he is relieved of the Chinchona Charge and as Mr. Goss points out there would appear no reason why his improved pay and position as a Forest officer, which he has obtained under the re-organization in common with others, should militate against his drawing a special allowance granted for the performance of special and extra duties which he has performed well.

4. I trust, therefore, that Government may be pleased to re-consider their order

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order of the 30th January No. 402 and grant Mr. Goss the allowance of Rs 150 up to the date of his handing over charge.

5. As this letter has reference to a matter in which the Board of Revenue have no control I submit it to Government direct.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
~~Heenphunwally~~ Major
Conservator of Forests
Southern Circle.

Dr. J. H. G.

C. O. Form No. 71.

Revenue Department

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FOREST DEPARTMENT.

From

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

To

Southern Circle
THE *Secretary to Govt:*
Revenue Department

Dated 27th
Despatched
Received 28th } June 1863.

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Enclosures *nil*

Subject.

Submits, with re-
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letter, for favorable consider-
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pay and allowances while
in charge of Chinchona
Department.

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The Govt. regret that
they are precluded by G. O.
8th Decr. 1880 no. 1670 from
~~reconsidering~~ complying
with this application.

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 To Board of Probation 9-4-83 6/17/83.
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 9/17/83

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