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Dated 15th December
~~27th September~~ 1893

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the Board's proposals regarding
the promotion of certain forest officers

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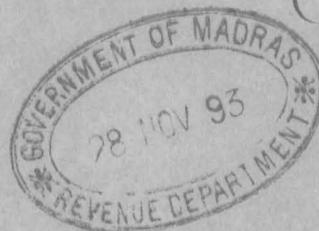
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To

The Secretary to Government

R. S.



Recd 28 Nov.

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Proceedings, dated 24 November 1893

Forest No. 1482. *Mis.*

Subject.

*Reporting on the work and
qualifications of certain as-
stant conservators of forests
who are eligible for promotion
to the Deputy Conservator's
Grade.*

*In connection with this subject
the question of promotion to
the 1st class 8th division is
under consideration in the
Forest Department.*

Rey Mr. McIntyre ✓

Extract from the Accountant General's
Letter dated 23rd October 1893, No. 1739
(Forest Revenues No. 3594 of 1893)

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para 3. Certain St Forest officers,
such as those of Vizagapatam
and Ganjam are chronically so late
in returning my objection statements
the St Forest Officer, Vizagapatam
usually retains them for over a month,
a week being the prescribed time-
that it will not be advisable
to introduce the combined form
in them until they begin to return
the objection statement more
punctually.

(True Extract)

Lawyer
Secretary

Reg. Mr. McArthur 3
Vizagapatam,
9th July 1892.

My dear Meyer,

I am sorry to say that
I am obliged to recommend that
my Dt. Forest Officer be transferred
to another district. He is possessed
of excellent abilities and can do
very good work when he likes, but
he is liable to fits of remissness during
which I can get little or nothing out
of him. Forest work comes so little
under my notice here that neglect
of work can go on for a considerable
time without it attracting my notice
particularly when I am in the Agency
and I think he would do much better
in a district where the forest
interests ^{were} ~~are~~ greater and of a

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less prospective description than here.

The chief faults I have to find with him are inordinate delay in the disposal of various items of business, inattention to urgent calls and general want of control over his subordinates owing to his occasionally casual way of doing his work.

He has been most remiss in the submission of his diaries though repeatedly warned that I would apply for his transfer if he did not submit them punctually.

I enclose a letter from the Conservator on the subject. The two last diaries mentioned in it were received on the 7th July and now seen. They also

also were utterly worthless and gave no information

Yours truly

(Signed) W. A. Willock.

P.S. A district with a less attractive H. & Quarks than Waltair would be better for him.

(True Copy)

Lawyer
Secretary

Mr. C. D. McCarty ap. of the Forest office, Singapore
 " C. D. R. Macdonald of the Forest office, Singapore
 " R. Macdonald of the Forest office, Singapore
 " A. B. Jackson of the Forest office, Singapore

The marginally noted Assistant Conservators of Forests, 2nd grade, have passed the requisite examinations prescribed for promotion to the 1st grade and are recommended by the Conservators for promotion to that grade with reference to para 47 of the Madras Forest Code. The Board supports this recommendation and submits draft minutes of appointment accordingly for His Excellency the Governor's approval.

2. The Board had doubts about recommending Mr. McCarthy for promotion owing to unfavorable reports it had received principally about his office and account work. The present Conservator (Mr. Peet) however attributes his errors to his having been owing to the short handedness of the

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the Department, placed in independent
charge of a district at a very early
period of his official career
before he could pick up sufficient
knowledge of office work, and, after
a personal examination of his
work, is now able to say that he
is far from wanting in ability. Under
the circumstances the Board submits
Mr. McArthy's name also for promotion.
This officer has, however, been informed
that he will not be recommended for
promotion to the grade of Dy. Conservator
until he has shown a marked improve-
ment in his work.

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) W.S. Meyer
As. Secretary

(True copy)

W.S. Meyer
Secretary.

Reg Mr McArthy 8

D/o. to the Conservator of Forests, Northern
Circle dated 5th May 1893.

My dear Peet,

With reference to my letter
of 15th April, No. 112, I am to say that
though the Board has sent up
Mr. McArthy's name for promotion
to the 1st grade of Assistant Conser-
vators, it has only done so with
considerable hesitation, and that
this officer should be warned that
he will not receive further promotion,
but will, on the contrary, be superseded,
unless he shows a marked improve-
ment over his past work.

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) W.S. Meyer,
As. Secretary.

(True copy)

W.S. Meyer
Secretary.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 21st November 1892.

Forest No. 1253. Miscellaneous.

J. W. Cherry Esquire

READ

the following endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, Southern circle, dated 12th November 1892, no. 3004, and Office-note from C. D. W. Pre. Thornton Esquire, District Forest Officer, Tirunelveli, dated 15th September 1892, no. 2864 forwarding plan and Estimate for the Papanasam new road.

Copy with enclosures in original, submitted to the Board of Revenue.

Money has already been spent on this work before sanction which is altogether irregular.

Moreover, as the work is likely to be an expensive one, an estimate and report should have been prepared for the whole road, and if sanctioned, the portion to be constructed each year, should have been budgeted for.

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The existing road is certainly a bad one, very steep in parts, and unnecessarily long.

The new trace will be a great improvement, but fuller information is wanted to justify the expenditure on it.

Resolution.

The Board entirely concurs in the Conservator's remarks and declines to sanction any outlay for the new road till it is in possession of full information with proper estimates and a plan showing the road as far as Mundanthorai.

2. The Collector is requested to explain the unauthorized expenditure referred to in para 2 of the Conservator's endorsement.

(True Copy and Contract)

(Signed) W. S. Meyer,
Ag. Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests, S.C.

The Collector of Tenkasi.

(True Copy)

W. S. Meyer
Secretary.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 6th December 1892.

Forest No. 1321. Miscellaneous.

J. W. Cherry Esquire.

READ.

Letter from the Conservator of Forests, Southern circle, dated 3rd November 1892, No. 2886, forwarding for sanction plan and Estimate of Mandanthorai Bungalow, with the connected correspondence relating thereto.

Resolution.

The estimate for the reconstruction of the Mandanthorai Bungalow forwarded with the letter read above is sanctioned.

2. The District Forest Officer must bear in mind the Conservator's remarks conveyed in his original sanction order that works should not be commenced until after they have been sanctioned but it is observed that this is another instance of works being begun in this District, before necessary sanction has been first obtained, and the District Forest Officer will please put a stop to this disobedience of rules.

(Signed) J. W. Cherry
Clerk - S.C.,

been sanctioned by a duly competent authority.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. P. Meyer
Ag. Secretary.

To the collector of Tinnevely thro' the
Conservator of Forests, S.C.,
with plan & estimate returned.
The Examiner of Forest Accounts.

(True Copy)

W. P. Meyer
Secretary.

Reg. Mr. Thornton 13



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 30th January 1893.

Forest No. 79. Miscellaneous.

* J. W. Cherry Esquire.

READ

Endorsement of the Conservator of Forests,
Southern circle, dated 16th January 1893, No. 76,
forwarding Tinnevely District Forest Officer's
explanation for the expenditure on the
new Pappanasam Road.

Resolution.

The commencement of the work without
sanction was irregular and was not
justified by emergency. The District
Forest Officer must be careful to guide
himself by the rules in future.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. P. Meyer
Ag. Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests, S.C.,

(True Copy)

W. P. Meyer
Ag. Secretary.

Reg. Mr. Thornton

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Extract from the Southern circle
Conservator's Administration Report for
1892-93, dated 18th September 1893.

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The only fault that can be found is
with Mr. Thornton who is too impatient
with his reforms, and is inclined to
disregard regulations for the conduct of
his office and for the supply of funds.

(signed) J. W. Cherry.

[True Extract]

Lawyer
Secretary.

Reg. Mr. MacArthur

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 16th February 1893

Forest No. 151. Miscellaneous.

READ the following letter from E. D. M. Hooper Esquire, Acting Conservator of Forests, North-
ern circle, dated 20th October 1892, no 502C,
and reference thereon, dated 25th October 1892.

I have the honor to submit for the favorable
consideration of the Land Revenue Commis-
sioners an office-note from the District
Forest Officer, Vizagapatam, asking for
sanction to certain charges he incurred in
an urgent transfer from the Cuddapah
District in 1882^(1890?). He appears to have wrongly
disbursed the amount of Rs 329-9-0 from
Government Funds for the conveyance of
his effects in anticipation of sanction or
rather in ignorance of his requiring such
sanction and the present reference is
necessitated by an objection raised long
ago by the Examiner of Forest Accounts
to

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to the admission of the charge for want
of sanction of the Board on a formal
bill. 16

2. Mr. McCarthy has after considerable
delay declared his inability to make out
a bill or to separate out the items which
would represent the cost of carriage of
his private effects as opposed to his
camp equipage and I have therefore
decided to forward this through the
Examiner who may further advise the
Board as to the amount that may
be passed under the rules if the
whole seems to be not admissible.

3. The District Forest Officer's com-
-munication with my office regarding
a special form does not appear to
have been in writing or to have been
a personable one on his part nor was
it made with my knowledge.

Referred to the Examiner of Forest
Accounts, through whom the Conservator's letter
should have come for full report. The Board
desires special information regarding
what seems to be a grave irregularity
referred to in the second sentence of
Mr. Hooper's letter.

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Read also endorsement from E. D. W. Hooper,
Esquire, acting Conservator of Forests, North
-ern circle, dated 25 October 1892, no. 530C,
forwarding enclosures to his letter dated 20
October 1892, no. 502C, regarding ^{Vizagapatam} District Forest
Officer's claim for expenditure incurred
by him in conveying ponies &c on his
transfer from Cuddapah to Vizagapatam,
and the following reference therein, dated
3rd November 1892.

Forwarded to the Examiner of Forest
Accounts in continuation of Board's
Reference dated 25 October 1892, in Forest
Register no. 2914 of 1892.

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A. W. C. Stamburgh Esq. Read also letter from the ^{ag.} Examiner
of Forest Accounts, dated 18 November
1892, no. 2293, reporting on certain allowances
drawn by Mr. McCarthy Assistant Con-
-servator for conveyance of his tents and
horses on transfer from Cuddapah to Vizaga-
-patam in March 1890.

Resolution.

The papers read above relate to
a claim by Mr. McCarthy, Assistant Conservator
of

to the admission of the charge for want 16
 of Forests, for Rs 242-1-0. being a portion of 18
 the amount improperly disbursed by him
 from Government funds for the conveyance
 of his private effects, tents and horses
 on his transfer from Cuddalore to
 Vizagapatnam in February 1890, but
 objected to by the Examiner of
 Forest Accounts for want of Board's
 sanction. Mr. McCarthy, after prolonged
 delay in replying to references made
 to him on the subject by both the
 Examiner of Forest Accounts and
 the Conservator of Forests, Northern circle,
 has at last reported that he is unable
 to separate out the items which represented
 the cost of the conveyance of his private effects
 from those that related to the cost of the
 conveyance of his camp-equipment, but
 that his tents and tent-furniture (which
 are the same as those carried on the
 occasion of his transfer) were recently
 found to weigh together 1266 lbs or 15 maunds
 and $15 \frac{5}{12}$ seers.

2. Accepting this as the weight of
 tent-equipment carried by Mr. McCarthy
 during

during both the railway and steamer
 journeys, the charges to which he is entitled
 will be as follows:-

1. For carriage of two horses by } Rs-as-in
 rail from Cuddalore to Madras. } 30-6-0.
2. Do - of tent-equipment (15 maunds
 and $15 \frac{5}{12}$ seers) by rail from Cuddalore
 to Madras. } 11-9-0.
3. For carriage of two horses and two
 syces by steamer from Madras to
 Vizagapatnam. } 70-0-0.
4. Freight & charges on tent-equip-
 -ment shipped from Madras to } 65-9-0.
 Vizagapatnam.
5. For shipping charges of ponies at
 Madras (Rs 10 for attendance and shipping
 and Rs 1-8-0 for coir mats have been
 disallowed). } 6-8-0.
6. For landing charges:-
 Landing two horses. 8-0-0.
 Do tent-equipment 5-6-0.

Total Rs 197-6-0.

* calculated on the basis of the proper-
 -ties in the weights arrived at according
 to the Madras Railway Company's calculation.

to the a.s.
The Board accordingly resolves to pass 20
Mr. McCarthy's claim for Rs 197-6-0 and
directs that the balance Rs 44-11-0
(242-1-0 minus 197-6-0) be recovered from
Mr. McCarthy's next pay bill, along with
interest at the rate of 6 percent per
annum from the date of his appro-
-priation of the money.

3. The conservator will convey to Mr. McCarthy
the severe censure of the Board for the
grave irregularity he committed in appro-
-priating public money for his travelling
expenses without sanction, and also
for his protracted delay in replying
to the references of the Examiner of
Forest Accounts and the conservator
of Forests. If Mr. McCarthy was in
want of money, he could have obtained
in advance under article 137(b) of
the civil account code. The Examiner
of Forest Accounts is also to blame
for not bringing such a serious irregularity
to the notice of the Board as soon
as

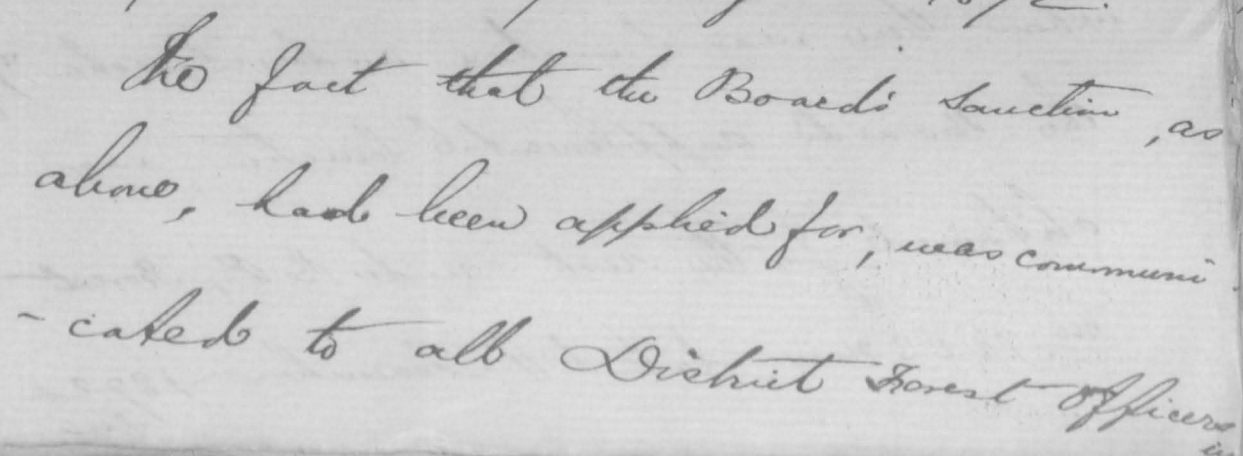
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as it came to his knowledge, and for
not having recovered the amount objected
to, when it was found that the objection
was not at once explained.

(True copies and Extract,
(signed) W. S. Meyer
Ag. Secretary.

I. The conservator of Forests a.c.
with 9 enclosures returned.
The Examiner of Forest Accounts.
Copy to the Assistant General.

(True Copy)

W. S. Meyer
Secretary.



in this office no. 2233, dated 28 August 1892, with the remark that if they had entertained any additional Establishment over that formally sanctioned, it would be at their risk, and that they should at once send applications for the necessary additional sanction.

The District Forest Officer Tinnemully first sent in a statement of additional staff required with his no. 2669 dated 6 September 1892, and this was subsequently modified by a revised statement received with his no. 2932 dated 18 September 1892.

On the above revised statement, the following additional Establishment was asked for.

A II 3. Tamnadars - at 10 Rs.

A VIII C. 1 Draftsman " 30.

1 Surveyor " 60

2 Lascars " 7

d. 1. Gardener " 6

+ 1 Watcher " 6.

Quitting Draftsman and Surveyor (for whom there was sanction under "Direct"), the Board's supplemental sanction was obtained for the rest. vide B. P., Forest no. 1223 vis, dated 11 November 1892.

24 On communicating this sanction, the District Forest Officer was told that he should not under any circumstance entertain temporary establishment without previous sanction.

In spite of the above, and in place of the above mentioned additional staff of 3 Tamnadars at 10 Rs and 2 watchmen and 6 Rs, the District Forest Officer appears to have entertained the several men (excluding fire patrols) as shown in the statement received with the collector's letter, and to which the collector now requests to obtain sanction.

The fire patrols were also retained during the whole year, instead of 3 months, for which latter period alone he had sanction.

Resolution.

The conservator's remarks in his endorsement read above will be communicated to the collector of Tinnemully who is requested to obtain an explanation from Mr. Thornton of his irregular and disobedient conduct.

2. The Board observes that this is by no means the first time that

Mr.

Mr. Horton has without justification 25
incurred expenditure without previous

Sanction (vide Board's Proceedings, dated
21st November 1892, Forest no. 1253 mis.,
6 December 1892, Forest no. 1321 mis.,
and 30 January 1893, Forest no. 79 miscellaneous).

3. The temporary establishment already
entertained and referred to in the propo-
-sition statement received with the
Conservator's endorsement is sanctioned;
but it will be considered, on receipt of
Mr. Horton's explanation as to whether
a portion of this extra cost should not
be recovered from him with reference to
Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd July
1892, Forest no. 347.

(True copy and extract,

(Signed) W. S. Myers
Ag. Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevely,
thru the Conservator, S.C.
the Accountant General.

(True copy

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Secretary



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 24th November 1893.

Forest No. 1482 miscellaneous.

Read Government order dated 29th September 1893,

No. 3597.

Read Erratum to the above G.O. dated 14th October 1893.

Resolution

With reference to the G.O. read above, the
Board begs to report that it is decidedly of
opinion that Mr. McArthur is not at present
fit for promotion to the Dy. Conservator's grade.
This fact has been already represented to
Government in para 3 (1) of B.B. dated 2-9-93,
F. 1102 mis.
and the Board now begs attention to the follow-
ing papers:-

(1) B.B. dated 16-2-93, F. No. 151 mis.

(2) Extract from the Accountant General's
letter to the Board dated 23-10-93, No. 1739.

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(3) Mr. Willock's D.O. to the Board dated 9-7-92.

(4) Mr. Meyer's D.O. to Mr. MacCartie dated 5-6-93.

(5) Mr. Meyer's D.O. to Mr. Peck dated 5-5-93.

Copies of these papers are herewith submitted.

As regards No (3) it should be explained that Mr. Willock subsequently recalled his request for Mr. McCarthy's immediate transfer.

2. It will be seen from the above that Mr. McCarthy's work in Vizagapatam has not been by any means satisfactory, and that it was with considerable hesitation that the Board recommended his name for promotion to the 1st grade Assistant Conservator, subject, however, to the proviso that he would not be recommended for further promotion until he had shown a marked improvement in his work. As yet, the Board regrets that no indication of such improvement has been given.

3. As regards the next Assistant Conservator, Mr. Thomson, the Board has to state that though he is a zealous officer and was commended for good work in para 25 of B.C. dated 25-5-92, F. No 252 recorded in G.O. 5-7-92, his No

3120, he has on several occasions been guilty of grave irregularities and disobedience to rules in spite of serious warnings - vide

B.C. dated 21-11-92, 6-12-92 30-1-93
F. 1253 mis F. 1321 mis F. 79 mis

and 18-11-93 and also extract from Mr. Cherry's Administration Report, copies of which

are herewith submitted to Government. Special attention is invited to the case dealt with in B.C. 18-11-93. The Board therefore considers that he is not yet fit to be promoted to the De Conservator's grade.

4. The work of the other two officers, Messrs McIntosh and Jackson merits the Board's commendation. Both are excellent officers and require only further experience. The Board thinks therefore that they may be promoted to the grade of De Conservator from January 18, 1894, when they will have had a year's experience in their present grade.

5. The Board recommends that the supervision of Messrs McCarthy and Thomson should be only temporary and that their promotion be merely

merely postponed till they have shown them-
selves fit for it.

6. The Board takes this opportunity to
deal with the case of Mr Bryant, who is
also an Assistant Conservator, 1st grade, is
though he is not one of the officers now re-
ferred to by Government as he passed his ex-
amination for promotion 6 months later. He too,
the Board considers, is an excellent officer
and may, if Government approves, be pro-
moted from the 18th July next when he will
have had a year's experience in his present
grade.

True Extract.

Wm. J. Brown
Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government Revenue Department,
with copies of papers noted in paras
1 and 3.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 8710/93.

(Confidential. 55)

From the Board. Land Rev.

Dated 24. Nov 1893.

FOR ORDERS.

We concur in the Board's reply
to G.O. 3897. d. 29. Sept. 93. calling
for a report on the Ass^t Conserv^r
of Forests. 1st grade & in view to
their promotion to the next
higher grade of D^y Conserv^r 4th grade.
There are now 5 Ass^t Cons.

1st Grade.

1. W. C. D. McArthur. (N.C.)
2. " C. Du Pre Thornton. (S.C.)
3. " R. McIntosh. (C.C.)
4. " A. B. Jackson. (N.C.)
5. " H. B. Bryant. (S.C.)

and there are 4 vacancies in
the 4th grade of D^y Conserv^r -

In its prost read in the
G.O. above quoted the Bd said
that the senior officer W. McArthur
was "certainly not fit for
promotion yet" and added
that none of the above officers
had completed 5 years service

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in the Department. The Bd was
not therefore in favor of promoting
any of them at present.

The views of A.S. the Gov.
& of H.M.s. are stated in the
notes under the above order
of Sept. 23. 83 - H.M. said -
"I do not think it signifies how
long or how short a time they
may have been in the country -
If they are fit to go up they should
not be kept down" - and the
report now submitted was
called for.

The Board states that
neither of the senior men, Messrs.
the Artley & Thornton are fit
for promotion as yet - In
support of this assertion the
Board sends copies of various
papers which show that these
Officers are not always inclined
to obey the rules & that their
work is not such as to entitle
them to promotion.

W. the Artley was badly
reported on in Jan. 82 by Mr.
W. K. - In May 83 however
the Board recommended his
promotion to Ass^t Cons. 1st Grade.
reporting

x do. from W. K. to
W. M.

* do. from W. M. to
the Private Sec^y.

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* do. from W. M. to
W. P.

* B.P. under Gov. 3/20
5 July 82

* It has been ordered that he
should be censured for this.

* W. Bryant was not
reported on before - There is a
paper now in C. about a letter to
the Sec^y written by Mr. Bryant.

reporting that the Conservator
W. P. was able to give him
a better character, and W.
the Artley was at the same time
warned that he would be
superseded unless his work
showed a marked improvement.

W. Thornton seems to
be capable of good work &
the Conservator's suspicion memo^m
on the Trincomalee District of
Feb. 82. stated that he was
a zealous officer, an opinion
in which the Collector (Mr. Forbes)
shared & which the Board noted
with approval. But he
appears to be most disobedient
to orders in the matter of
sanction of expenditure - please
see especially B.P. 1483 - marked
with red tape.
18 Nov 83

* The other three officers

are however, well reported
on the Bd recommends
their promotion to the grade of
D¹ Conserv. 4th grade, their
promotion not to place them
permanently above their seniors
Messrs. Arthur & Thornton.

The date of promotion
in each case is fixed at
one year from the date of
promotion to the 1st grade
of Asst. Conservator.

These proposals seem
fair, and may it be submitted
be accepted.

In his note under
G.O. 3597. dt. 29. Sept. 93. the Hon.
Sir H.R. Stokes referred to the
rules prevailing in the Salt
Dept. as to the filling up of
the higher grades to sanctioned
strength. The principles
governing this Dept. are
explained in the B.P. read
in G.O. 1006. dt. 25. Oct. 92.

Rms

30. Nov 93.

Cd
2 Dec 93

FOR ORDERS.

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Promotion of
Certain Forest
Officers

Approved
to
3 Dec.

Lt. J. H. S. The Governor

11/12/93

13/12/93

and Lt. W. S.

G.O. no 4691 dt 15 Dec 93

The Bd's proposals
contained in the pro² read above,
are approved, and the promoting
therein recommended are
sanctioned. The usual minutes
of appointment in. should
be due course be submitted.

2. It should be clearly
intimated to all the ~~off~~ concerned
that the supersession of Messrs.
Arthur & Thornton is not to
be permanent. Rms
13 Dec 93

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.

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