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for the field season of 1896-97.*

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To

THE DIRECTOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.

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Note. Mr Middlemiss's term in this Presidency extends up to the end of the year 1896-97.

SUBJECT.

Revised disposition of officers of the Geological Survey Department for the field season of 1896-97.

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FROM

DENZIL IBBETSON, Esq., C.S.I., C.S.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE DIRECTOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.

Dept. of Rev. & Agri.
Geology and Minerals.

Simla, the 14th September 1896.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1338, dated 8th July 1896, and in reply to say that the Government of India sanction the alterations proposed by you in the programme for the disposition of Geological Survey Officers for the field season 1896-97, which had been provisionally approved in my letter No. ²⁷⁵¹/₇₂₋₄, dated 25th September 1895.

2. The importance to the Assam-Bengal Railway of explorations for coal in the Dimapur Valley has been brought to the notice of the Government of India and they are inclined to think that a systematic survey of Assam should be taken up in 1897-98. I am therefore to request that you will favour the Government of India with your opinion upon this proposal and report if it involves any extra expenditure.

3. In the meantime the Government of India agree to the deputation of Mr. Smith to Assam next cold weather in advance of a regular party which may be sent to that province in 1897-98. It is left to your discretion to decide whether Mr. Smith should prospect generally in Assam in preparation for that party, or whether he should take up the exploration for coal in the Dimapur Valley during the ensuing season.

* 4. The revised disposition of officers during the field season of 1896-97, will therefore be as follows :—

Mr. La Touche and Mr. Datta	...	Central India and Rajputana.
Mr. Vredenburg	...	Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Central India.
Mr. Holland and Lala Kishen Singh	...	Baluchistan.
Mr. Middlemisa	...	Madras.
Mr. Crimes	...	Burma.
Mr. Smith	...	Assam.
Lala Hira Lal	...	Bengal.
Mr. Hayden	...	Laboratory at Head-quarters, Calcutta.

Mr. Holland may as proposed by you be allowed to remain at Calcutta till January next and should then proceed to Baluchistan.

* in No 4088
11.10.95

5. I am to add with reference to your letter No. 1848, dated 18th August 1896, that the Government of India have no objection to the employment of Mr. Hayden during the present recess in completing the survey of the Simla and Mahasu range.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

DENZIL IBBETSON,

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Circular Endorsement No. $\frac{9}{72-5}$.

COPY, with a copy of the letter from the Director, No. 1338, dated 8th July 1896, forwarded to the *Secretary to the Government of Madras* for information, in continuation of Endorsement No. $\frac{10}{72-4}$, dated 25th September 1895.

By order,

[Signature]

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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No. 1338, dated Calcutta, 8th July 1896.

From—R. D. OLDHAM, Esq., A. R. S. M., F. G. S., Officiating Director, Geological Survey of India,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

File No. 72, Serial No. 4.

I have the honour to request that sanction may be accorded to the following alterations in the sanctioned programme of work for the season 1896-97.

1. Mr. Datta to Rajputana, and Mr. Vredenburg to Bengal and North-West Provinces, in addition to Central India, to which they are respectively posted. This change is a mere verbal one and does not involve any change of policy. I know that Mr. Griesbach meant the words Central India to have more than their strictly administrative meaning and to include the large unsurveyed area which extends into Rajputana and part of the Bombay Presidency. That part which lies within the Central India Agency is nearly finished and I propose during the next season to start the survey in Rajputana. With regard to Mr. Vredenburg, he will finish the survey of Rewah of which only a small amount remains to be done, but for the satisfactory elucidation of the geology, and for completeness sake, it will be advisable for him to extend the survey beyond the Rewah frontiers into parts of Sirguja and the Mirzapore district.

2. Mr. LaTouche to Central India and Rajputana and Mr. Grimes to Burma. The disposition at present sanctioned is the reverse of this, but it is not at present possible, nor have we the required officers available to undertake organised work by parties in Burma, while this method of work is practicable and advantageous in Rajputana and Central India. It would consequently be preferable that Mr. LaTouche who is of sufficient standing to take charge of a party should go to the district where this could be made available and Mr. Grimes who has not that standing to the province where only individual work can yet be undertaken.

3. Mr. Hayden to head-quarters, *vice* Mr. Holland who is to go to Baluchistan. It is necessary to have an officer at head-quarters to take charge not only of the museum and collections but also of current work during the Director's absence on tour, and while regretting the necessity of taking Mr. Hayden off field work, I find that he is the one, among those whom I can recommend as fit to be trusted with the work required, whose transfer from field work will lead to least interference with the sanctioned programme and be least injurious to the ultimate progress of the survey.

4. Mr. Holland, whose transfer to Baluchistan has been decided on, could not leave Calcutta till towards the end of October, and in the region where he is to be employed would have to cease camping from about the end of December, till March. As it is important that he should personally superintend the transfer of the laboratory to the new building and as I will require assistance if the transfer of the office library and working collections, which cannot be commenced till October owing to unpreparedness of the new building, is to be expeditiously carried out I would request that he may be allowed to remain at head-quarters till January when he might start for Baluchistan, and, after making himself acquainted with the rocks as developed in the low ground already surveyed, be prepared to commence work on the unsurveyed area at a greater elevation as soon as the spring season opens enough to make it accessible.

No. 1848, dated Calcutta, the 18th August 1896.

From—R. D. OLDHAM, Esq., A. R. S. M., F. G. S., Officiating Director, Geological Survey of India, Serial No. 2.

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with that part of the sanctioned programme which provides for the continuation of survey work in the Himalayas by such members of the survey as can be spared from head-quarters during the recess, I am despatching Mr. Hayden to complete the survey of the Simla and Mahasu range.

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