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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18*th March* 1867.

No. 294. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Soobramoney, 2nd March 1867, No. 2,250 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Government Order No. 428 of the 21st of February 1867.

2. I consider it very important, to the interests of Government, that the Officers of our department should get promotion in the different grades without being compelled to leave the district to which they are attached; it takes an Officer several years to become thoroughly acquainted with all the forests of any of our larger districts, and the more thoroughly the Executive is acquainted with the forests and their capabilities, &c., the more advantageously he will be able to work them. When Lieutenant Bennet, the second class Deputy Conservator in charge of Annamallay, proceeded on sick certificate to England, Lieutenant Walker, the senior third class Deputy, was gazetted to act as second class, remaining however in the Salem District; it now appears that Lieutenant Walker cannot draw any deputation allowance for acting in the higher grade, because he has remained in his own district, but if he had been transferred to Annamallay, and if that post and not the class was considered as carrying with it the pay of Rupees 700 per mensem, he would then be entitled to draw the allowances. When Lieutenant Bennet proceeded to England, Lieutenant Walker had just been a year in charge of the Salem Range, and he was beginning to be conversant with most of his forests; if he had been removed at that time to Annamallay, he would have gone to a district quite new to him, and which besides is worked on quite a different system (*i. e.*, departmental working in lieu of license and voucher), and an Officer who knew nothing whatever of the Salem forests must have been nominated to that district. Any system that necessitated such an arrangement as this must be much against the interests of the department, and cannot, I am sure, be the wish of Government.

3. Government may not be aware that there is a permanent vacancy in the second class grade according to our sanctioned scale. The Wynaad Range was second class appointment, but when Major Gib resigned the post, just after Lieutenant Walker had been appointed to Salem, I did not think that an Officer new to the department should be put in at once as a second class, so I recommended that the appointment should be placed for the time under a third class Deputy; Lieutenant Walker will have been two years in the department next May, and I would now suggest that he should be promoted to the second class grade from the date on which he has served two years in the department, and in giving this proposal their consideration, I trust that Government will bear in mind the risk and exposure to which our Officers are liable, and the smallness of the pay (consolidated) of the third class.

No. 295. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1867, No. 648.

Forests, No. 3.

The Government sanction Lieutenant Campbell Walker's promotion to the second grade of Deputy Conservator from and after 15th May 1867.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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become reconciled to the principle and dispense to which our officers
are liable and the smallness of the pay (consolidated)
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I have the honor to be

Sir your mod: obed: Serv:

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The Offg Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to Govt N.D.
Fort St. George.

Dated 2nd March 1867.
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Enclosures - None.

Replies G. O. No. 428 of the 21st February 1867. on the subject of granting higher Emoluments to the officers of the Forest Department.
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The Govt Translation
No. Campbell Walker Conservator
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