Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 4467

DATED 26 August 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating to the Board of Rev: for very early report letter from the Govt: of India regarding the acceptance of an appointment from the Imperial & the Provincial Taccah Service, Madras.

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From The Govt. of India, R & A. Dept

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Dated 11th August 1897

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SUBJECT.

Addressing Govt. on the subject of the proposed transfer from the Imperial to the Provincial Forest Service of the Madras Presy. an appointment in the class of Dy. Conservators.

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FROM

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

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department.

Simla, *the* 11th August 1897.

Department of Revenue and Agriculture.
(Forests).

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.3156 of the 23rd June 1897, in which it is proposed to transfer from the Imperial to the Provincial Forest Service of the Madras Presidency an appointment in the class of Deputy Conservators.

2. In reply I am to say that the Government of India, whilst fully at one with the Madras Government in its desire to advance the Provincial Service scheme in the manner suggested, are not altogether assured that the transfer at the present moment of one of the Deputy Conservatorships created by the reorganization of 1891could be considered as entirely consistent with "a scrupulous regard for the due expectations of the Imperial Staff". If the transfer had been made at the time of the reorganization, no officer could have complained, since seven new appointments were then created in the Deputy Conservator class. But the six years which have elapsed since then have created reasonable expectations which it would now be hardly equitable to disappoint.

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at the reorganization of 1891 which have been transferred to the Provincial Service in any but the lowest grade, have been appointments held by officers (natives of India) serving on the Imperial list on two-thirds pay, who have been transferred to the Provincial list and have carried their appointments with them. All other transfers that have taken place above the lowest grade of Assistant Conservators have been (as in Burma) transfers of new appointments created since 1891.

4. It is true that in my Circular letter No.21F, dated 28th October 1895 Local Governments were asked whether they had any proposals to make for the immediate transfer of appointments to the Provincial list. But no such proposals were put forward; and special promotion for merit should have been given, if at all, when the scheme was first launched; while the anticipations of the Government of India regarding retirements have not been realized, and the Imperial cadre is still considerably above its sanctioned strength. On these grounds the Governor General in Council hesitates to accept the proposal for the transfer in Madras of a Deputy Conservatorship from the Imperial to the Provincial Service.

5. I am, however, to suggest, for the consideration of the Governor in Council, that his object might be more satisfactorily attained by appointing Mr. Cowley-Brown, Assistant Conservator 1st grade and Offg. Deputy Conservator 4th grade in the Madras Presidency, to a permanent vacancy in the latter grade which at present exists in Burma, and transferring the vacancy thus created on the Madras list to the Provincial Service. Such an arrangement would give Mr. Cowley-Brown a step of permanent promotion, and would afford no reasonable cause for complaint to the officers of the Imperial Service below him in Madras. It would moreover help to satisfy the urgent need of the Burma Forest Department for additional officers. It seems therefore to be desirable

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6. If this suggestion is accepted, the Government of India would have no objection to Mr. Eber-Hardie, Extra-Assistant Conservator 1st grade, being appointed to fill the Extra-Deputy Conservatorship of the 4th grade that would be thus created.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

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Secretary.

R.C.B.

To be substituted for the letter bearing the same number and date.

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7. I am to ask that if His Excellency in Council approves of the above suggestion, the fact may be communicated to the Government of India by telegram, as arrangements in connection with the Forest Staff of other provinces depend upon the action to be taken in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Secretary.

R.C.

D 1,000—8-4-97.

Re: Provincial Forest Service

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 7073 of 97

From the Govt of India, Rev: and agri dept

The Hon: Mr Rose C.S.I.
The Hon Sir Henry Bliss K.C.S.I.
Lt. the Governor

Dated 11th August 1897.

FOR ORDERS.

The reply received from the Govt of India to the letter sent to it in June last on the subject of the transfer of a post from the Imperial to the Provincial Service of the Forest Dept and of appointing Mr Eber Hardie to the transferred post is submitted for orders.

2. The Supreme Govt, it will be seen, while admitting the desirability of advancing the Provincial Service scheme, states that it is doubtful whether the transfer proposed would be consistent with "a scrupulous regard for the due expectations of the Imperial staff". That there would have been no complaint if the transfer was made six years

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six years ago when seven new appointments were created but that the long time since elapsed must be considered to have raised reasonable expectations in the minds of the Imperial Officers, that the transfers in the higher grades made in this Province were of posts previously held by natives on lower pay, that if for special merit the local Govt had considered it necessary to promote a Provincial Officer, the necessary recommendation should have been made when it was consulted in Oct 1895 and that in these circumstances the G.G. in C hesitates to accept this Govt's proposal. The Govt of India however adds that there are permanent vacancies in the Dy Conservator's grade in Burma and that if this Govt would give up Mr Cowley Brown for employment in that Province, it would have no objection to transferring a post from the Imperial to the Provincial Forest Service of Madras or to giving the

I think this letter should be communicated when Rd, & it should be asked both questions.

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the appointment to be transferred to Mr Eber Hardie.

3. The question now for consideration is whether the Govt should forego the services of a trained European Officer or should give up the idea of having an appointment transferred from the Provincial to the Imperial to the Provincial Service. If it is to be decided on a consideration of the relative merits of the two officers concerned ~~it is necessary~~ it is submitted that Govt should consult the Board of Rev: on the point, the said Cowley Brown with his European training added to his Indian experience must be considered to be superior to Mr Eber Hardie. If on the other hand it is thought that in the interests of the Provincial Service, an Imperial Officer's services might be given up, then it is submitted that the Board should be asked whether Mr Brown is willing to go to Burma. The question is

accordingly

accordingly submitted for orders.

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The Govt of India in a revised copy of the letter ~~since sent~~ has asked for the opinion of this Govt by telegram "as arrangements in connexion with the Forest Staff of other provinces depend upon the action to be taken in this matter"

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To the Board of Rev:
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Order - misc No 4467 dt 26 Aug 97

Communicated to the Board of Rev: with the request that a report may be submitted to Govt at a very early date showing

(1) whether in the Board's opinion it is advisable to give up the services of a Covenanted Forest Officer in the interests of the Provincial Forest Service in this Prov?

(2) what are the relative merits of the two officers concerned and whether Mr Cowley Brown would have any objection to going to Burma.

26.8.97

Note

The question of the transfer of an appointment from the Imperial to the Provincial service emanates from Govt and not from the Board

Board, but it is presumed that H.M.'s and H.E. desire that the Board should be consulted on point (1) above. It is submitted at the same time that it is not very clear to what "two questions" the Hon: our Prime has referred. In the draft above the Board has been asked to furnish information on three points.

I think the information called for is what the Hon Member of H.E. want-

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