

CONFIDENTIAL.

~~Revenue~~ (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4843-4

Confidential 975

Dated 15 September 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Agreeing with the Board in considering that the services of an officer of Mr Cowley Brown's standing could not be spared without serious administrative inconvenience & ordering that a telegram & letter be despatched to the Government of India accordingly

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 7869.

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The Hon Mr J. G. G. R.
H.E. the Govt

From Board of Revenue
Land Revenue

Orders

It will be remembered that
the Govt decided to transfer the
appointment of Mr. Brown to the
provincial service and
nominate for the appointment
Mr. Elmer Hardie (Please see
G.O. 1575 misc & 23 mar 97 and
letter to India No 3156 & 28 June 1897
both in Conf. cover put up)

Forest No. 903 Misc
Conf. No 17

Dated 8 September 1897.

Received 9th

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Repl. to G.O. relating
to the promotion of Mr. Elmer Hardie
and transfer of Mr. Brown
to the Provincial Staff.
The Govt of India
B. considers that such
a transfer would not be
consistent with a reformation
and transfer of Mr. Brown
to the Provincial Staff.
The Govt of India suggests however
that Mr. Brown should

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be transferred to Burma to
 a Dy Conservatorship there
 & that Mr Eber Hardie might
 be got the vacant Dy-conservator
 post. The Bd reports however
 that they cannot spare an
 Officer. The Bd recommends
 that Mr Comley Brown should get
 the present vacancy & Mr O'Searcy
 the next. Then Officer came
 out in 1891. No Officer came
 out in 1892 so the Bd suggests
 that Messrs Eber Hardie & Almon
 Chetti should get the next two
 vacancies ^{of Dy Conserv.} after Mr O'Searcy
 has received his
 promotion to Dy Conserv.

From para 3 of the B.P. it
 would appear that if the
 Govt of India sanction this
 proposal Mr Eber Hardie
 would get his slip in May 99
 and Mr Almon Chetti his in
 May 1900.

With respect to the objection (communicated in by the Bd in
 taken by India ~~to~~ with reference
 to the non submission of definite
 proposals in reply to their circular
 No 21 F & 28 Oct 95, please see
 H.E.s note (filed in the notes
 G.O. 2062 of 28 May 96) which was
 Flag A.

The Govt of India
 want a reply to
 telegram.

India has decided
 the course adopted.

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Concurred in by the Bd members.
 No vacancies were expected
 at that time & so it was
 thought unnecessary to
 make proposals for filling
 vacancies of exceptional
 men from the Provincial
 Service.

For order as to whether
 the Board's objection to
 transfer an Officer from
 his Presidency to Burma
 may be accepted. And if so,
 whether the Board's proposal
 as to the ^{proportionate} promotion
 of Messrs Eber Hardie &
 Almon Chetti may be
 accepted & India advised
 accordingly or whether
 the nomination of Mr
 Eber Hardie be again
 pressed upon the Govt
 of India, it being explained
 why no ^{definite} proposals were
 made in 1895.

W.H.
 10/9/97

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue),

Dated 8th September 1896

Forest No. 903 Wd.

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Read Resolution.

With reference to the proposal of the Government of India that Mr. Eber Hardie's promotion to the grade of Extra Deputy Conservator should be arranged for by the transfer of Mr. Cowley-Brown to Durmah the Board submits that, owing partly to the number of men on leave or likely to go on leave shortly, and partly to the omission to send any man from Cooper's Hill to Madras in 1892, the Imperial Forest Service in Madras cannot lose an officer of Mr. Cowley-Brown's standing without serious inconvenience resulting to the Administration. At this moment, without taking privilege leave arrangements into consideration, there are two districts in the charge of Extra Assistant Conservators and four in charge of Assistant Conservators of less than four years' standing.

2. The Board considers that the views of the Government of India can best be met by giving the present vacancy to Mr. Cowley-Brown and

and the next to Mr O'Leary both of these officers having come to India in 1891. The next two appointments may then fairly be given to the two Senior Extra Assistant Conservators, Messrs Eber Hardie and Alwar Chetti, as no officers of the Imperial Forest Service were sent in that year to Madras, owing apparently to the necessity of meeting urgent requirements in other provinces, and officers appointed in 1893 can have no reasonable ground for complaining because they do not get the promotion which in the ordinary course would have fallen to men who left Cooper's Hill a year sooner than they did.

3. The adoption of this course is not likely to lead to a delay of more than a year or two, as the Board understands that one officer now on leave has applied for examination by a Medical Board in view to retirement, and two officers will shortly attain the age of 55, one in May 1899, and the other in May 1900.

4. With reference to the statement of the Government of India that no proposals were made in reply to Circular Letter No 214, dated 28 October 1895, for the immediate transfer of appointments to the Provincial list, the Board would draw attention to the marginally noted Proceedings in which the claims of Messrs Marshall, Eber Hardie and Alwar Chetti were specially brought to notice. Mr Marshall has since gone to Burma, and it is not understood why a decision not to promote Messrs Eber Hardie and Alwar Chetti at once should be held to involve their promotion being indefinitely delayed.

5. With reference to para 2 of the G.O. under

under reply it is difficult to contrast the relative merits of Messrs Cowley Brown and Eber Hardie. The education and special training of the former fit him for eventual promotion to posts to which Mr Eber Hardie can never aspire, but the latter has had a long practical experience of forest work and is thoroughly competent to hold charge of a district. It will be remembered however that the Board has all along held that Mr Eber Hardie should not be promoted until both Mr Cowley Brown and Mr O'Leary have been provided for.

As regards Mr Cowley Brown's willingness to go to Burma it seems probable that he will have no objection to the transfer, but the Board has as yet had no definite reply from him on this point. It seems unnecessary, however, to await any further communication before submitting the Proceedings recommending that he be retained in Madras.

True Extract

Reelan
Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Adm. L
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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again G.O. No 44, 67 d/26.

Cui No 7869.

G.O. misc No 4843 d/15 September

The Govt agrees with the Board in considering that the services of an officer of Mr Cowley Browns staff could not be spared with serious administration in convenience.

2. In the circumstances the Govt accepts the proposals made in para 2 of the Progs read above telegram & letter.

3. The following letter with 4 despatches to the Govt of India.

To the Board of Revenue (d/13/9/97)

When before sending to Secy please file in the telegraphic address of the Govt of India Secy Res & Agri Dept.

13/9/97

From Secy to Govt of India

Revenue

To Simla Revenue

Your letter number 778 F dated 11 ultimus para 7 Cowley Browns cannot be spared letter follows.

Tel. Dept. 14/9/97

H.S. the Governor for favour of approval of letter to India.

15/9/97

Min.

Despatch the telegram after it has been passed by Secy. Then circulate the file to H.S.

13/9/97

Proceedings, dated 1896.

No. Conf. No.

Abstract.

No,

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Dated _____

~~FOR ORDERS.~~

From—

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will not press the proposal
 contained in my letter
 No 3156 of 23 June 1897. The
present vacancies in the
4th Conservator grade will
 therefore be given to Mr
 Cowley Brown and the next
 vacancy to Mr O'Leary.
 Both these officers arrived
 in India in 1891. No officers
 of the Imperial service were
 sent to Madras in 1892.
~~During apparently to the~~
~~vacancies of meeting urgent~~
~~requirements in the provinces.~~
 H.E. the Genl is of opinion
 therefore that the two next
 vacancies in the 4th grade of
 Conservators after Mr O'Leary has received
 his promotion might, with
 the most scrupulous regard
 for the expectations of the

(Which it is expected will occur in 1899 & 1900 respectively) -

look reference to the coms.
and since ending with Mr
Hobson's letter No $\frac{178}{29-2}$ F B
11 August 1897, I am directed
to say that H.E. the Genl
~~after consulting the Bd of Res,~~
carefully considered the
opinion contained in para 5
the above letter. H.E. the
Genl regrets that he is
unable to accept the suggestion
transfer Mr Conley Brown
to Burma, as the
Residing and Forest Dept in
Burmah could not without
serious inconvenience spare
the services of an officer of
Mr Conley Brown's standing.
2. In view of the Genl's accepts
the opinion of the Govt of India
that the transfer ^{to the Prov service} at the present
of an appt in the grade
of Conservators would not
be consistent with a scrupulous
regard for the interests of the
Imperial staff, H.E. the Genl and accordingly

I should visit the word underlined and substitute the

words, "The view of" A. I. H.
attended
the

I would visit the words and declined not substitute
 5. 4. 9. An. G. in C.

FOR ORDERS.

No. 11

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

to the Genl C. under the
pleasure that that the
Govt of India ^{is} fully at
one with this Govt in its
desire to advance the
Provincial service scheme
by such special transfers,
and trusts, accordingly, that
the modified proposal
now made will meet
with the approval of H.E.
the G. G. M. C.

11/11
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With.

It has not been thought necessary
to mention the names of the Indian and
Concussions whom this Govt proposes
to appoint to the vacancies in question
Mr. E. S. Hardie's name had to be
sent up because he had no D.D.
certificate which India had presented
as a qualification. India has ^{conditionally} approved.

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Imperial staff, to present
to be transferred to
the Provincial service.

Officers of the Imperial staff
appointed in 1893 could not
complain of this course as
the vacancies in question

had not in the ordinary course
fallen to the Imperial staff

Officers who left Coopers Hill
2 years before they did.

As pointed out in my
letter No 8156 of 23 June 1897,

unless such special transfers from Imperial to Provincial
are made, the members of
the Provincial service in
Madras are not likely to
benefit by transfers in
the ordinary course for
many years to come.

4 With reference to para 4
of Mr. Robertson's letter
dated above, I am
directed to ^{draw attention to para 8 of Mr. Arundell's letter No}
point out that no
definite proposals as to
special transfers were
made in reply to Mr. Robertson's
circular No 56 of 21st Nov 1896
as no vacancies were then
expected to occur in the near future.

G. adfrim
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in promotion notwithstanding

lack of this certificate.

Mr. Aaron Clutter has the certificate.

W.H.
13/8/87

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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