

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 547

Dated 9th July 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Director, Govt. Cinchona Plantations.

Requesting Mr. Standen to report whether he accepts the appointment of — on certain terms offered by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, stating that the appointment of Government Quinologist will be abolished with effect from the 23rd of May 1897, and enquiring whether the officiating Superdt., Govt. Central Museum can furnish certain information regarding the future administration of the Botanical Department.

Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 5237

From

The Govt. of India,
Rev. & Agri. Dept.

No. 1593

Dated 19th June 1897

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SUBJECT.

Enquiring whether Mr. Stander is willing to accept the appointment of Director of G.C.P. on the terms prescribed by the Secy. of State.

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India Office,
London, 20th May 1897.

Revenue,
No. 80.

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor
General of India in Council.

Madras. Government Botanist.

MY LORD,

I have considered the papers received with your Excellency's Letter, No. 19 (Revenue), dated the 24th March 1897, regarding the management of the Cinchona plantations and factory on the Nilgiri Hills.

2. The Madras Government report that Mr. Standen is the fittest person that can be found for the post of manager, and draw attention to the signal practical success of his management during the past eight months. You concur in the view taken by the Madras Government. I still consider that a knowledge of botany or chemistry, or of both, would have been valuable qualifications for the proper fulfilment of the duties of the post. But, in deference to the views expressed by the Governments of Madras and India, I shall not object to Mr. Standen being appointed to the post of manager for a term of five years from the date of his first taking charge. His retention in the post after the end of that term will be subject to a full report on the condition and working of the plantation and factory by a competent officer, to be deputed by the Government of India some time in the year 1900. If Mr. Standen should be unwilling to accept the post on these terms, it might then be offered to Mr. G. A. Gammie on the same terms.

3. In the event of Mr. Standen being appointed for a term of five years, I sanction the proposed salary of Rs. 450 rising by annual increments of Rs. 50, with a house. If Mr. Gammie should be appointed, the initial salary should be Rs. 350 a month. Before discussing the important question of the appointment of a Government botanist, I shall await the communication promised in the second paragraph of your Letter.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,
(Signed) GEORGE HAMILTON.

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No. 1593.

FROM

F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Simla, the

19th June 1897.

Department of Revenue
and Agriculture.

SIR,

(Eco: Pro:)

With reference to the correspondence ending with the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes' letter No. 2435. Mis: dated 13th May last, I am directed to enclose a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 80-Revenue-dated 20th May 1897, regarding the appointment of Mr. Standen as Director of the Government Cinchona plantations Madras. I am to request that the Government of India may be informed at an early date whether Mr. Standen is willing to accept the appointment on the terms prescribed by the Secretary of State.

2. It will be observed that the Secretary of State has abandoned the suggestion made in his despatch No. 83 dated 16th July 1896 that Mr. Hooper should be placed in charge of the plantations, and I am therefore to say with reference to my endorsement No. 1198 dated 8th May 1897 that the appointment of Government Quinologist may now be brought under

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reduction if the Government of Madras think fit.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Under-Secretary.

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Secretary of State, Despatch on the East-
Aitchona Plantations. REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No. 5288.

From the East of India

Dated 19th June 1897.

FOR ORDERS.

The original scheme for the management of the Government Aitchona Plantations was embodied in G.O. No 188 Resd 9th May 1896⁺ wherein it was proposed:-

- (1) To abolish the combined appointment of Government Botanist and Director of Aitchona Plantations on Rs 700-800 with free quarters
- (2) To abolish the appointment of Govt Quinologist on Rs 500 p.m;
- (3) To appoint Mr Standen Director of the Aitchona Plantations on Rs 450 to 750 with free quarters;
- (4) To appoint a Govt Botanist on Rs 400-600 with free quarters
- (5) To suspend for one

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for the appointment of a
Govt Botanist to meet the
expense of maintaining Mr
Hooper for that period
to teach Mr Standen the
processes involved in the
manufacture of cinchona
products as suggested by the
Govt of India.

The above scheme
was approved of by the
Govt of India but the
Secretary of State refused
his approval & sanction.

His objections were mainly

(1) that it was important
that the officer in charge
of the cinchona plantations
should be a man of scientific
attainments which Mr
Standen was not.

(2) that it was important
that an agricultural
provision like Madras
should ^{have} the advantage of
the services of both a
qualified chemist &
a qualified botanist
to advise on agricultural
matters & to prosecute
economic enquiries & that it was inexpedient to hold the post of botanist

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3 (3) that the cinchona plantation
& factory should be placed
in charge either of the
Govt Chemist or of the
Govt Botanist;

(a) that if it was decided
that the charge shd be
entrusted to the Govt
Chemist it should be stated
that Mr Hooper should
not be the man;

(b) that if it was decided
that the Govt Botanist
was to have the charge
then the new authorities
could find a man
for Rs 450-750 with free
quarters;

(c) that if the Botanist
was not to be directed also
then he must be a
competent native or
the proposed emolument
(Rs 400-600 with free quarters)
must be reconsidered.

The above objections
were considered in the
notes to E.O. No 1 of 15 Feb 1897
& in that E.O. & the accom-
panying letter to India
they were met as under

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Objection (1).

It was stated that there was very little need now for scientific attainments in conducting the cochineal manufacture which had been reduced to rule of thumb & that the great need was for experience in planting & control of native labour both of which requisites were to be found in a remarkable degree in Mr Standen.

Objection (2)

It was stated that a Govt Chemist was not wanted. Professor Wilson of the Presidency College suggested the Chemical Examiner & further the Agricultural Chemist to the Govt of India & his dist. men available.

Objection 3(a).

As above it was stated that a Govt Chemist was not wanted & moreover ^{Whatever his qualifications as a chemist might be} Mr Cooper was not qualified by experience of planting & control of native labour

to be Director of the Cochineal Plantations & factory.

Objection (3)b.

The Directorship of the Gardens, it was stated, could not be combined with the office of Govt Botanist for it was this combination that led to ^{the neglect of} botanical work ~~being done~~ by Mr Lawson. Objection 3(c). & also the last part of objection 2 (viz. the unsuitability of holding the appointment of Botanist in abeyance)

It was decided that before ^{definite} proposals about the post of Govt Botanist could be made it should first be ascertained what ^{botanical} ~~was~~ work there remained to be done in the meantime to enable him to be ascertained and also to keep the work progressing the Herbarium was entrusted to Dr Bourne in his capacity of Asst Insp of the Govt Museum.

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Secretary's

The chief difficulty was
what to do with Mr. Hooper

But this gentleman has
been appointed Asst.
Curator to the Indian
Museum, under the

order⁺ of the Govt. of India

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the Govt. of Bengal ask⁺

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this Govt. for the loan
of his services as pending.

The final order of the
Secretary of State he

remains Govt. Annologist
under this Govt.

The Secretary of State

order⁺ has now been⁺ May E

communicated⁺ to this⁺ May F

Govt. by the Govt. of India.

The Secretary of State

is still of opinion that

a knowledge of Botany

or chemistry or of both

would have been valuable

qualifications for the proper

fulfilment of the duties

of the post of Director of

the Cichina Plantations

& factory. But in deference

to the views expressed by

the Government of Madras

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that the deputation is to
be made by India is im-
probable & must be borne
in mind. If it is made
in England, it will be
made by Mr. Thistlethwaite
& may be, if he, having been
overruled in the matter of
Mr. Stauden's appointment,
will be biased against him.

I can't think what office
India can have to send in 1900.
Dr. King will no doubt have gone before
then. RS

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Dr. King. Please
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and India the Sec of S.
will not object to Mr. Stauden
being appointed to the post
of manager for a term of
five years from the date of
his first taking charge. His
retention in the post after
the end of that term will be
subject to a full report on
the condition & working of
the factory by a competent
officer to be deputed by the
Govt. of India sometime in
the year 1900. In the event
of Mr. Stauden's being appoint-
ed for a term of five years
the Secretary of State
sanctions the proposed
salary of Rs 450 rising
by annual increments of
Rs 50 with a house.
In the event of Mr. Stauden
being unwilling to accept
these terms the Sec of State
suggests that the appoint-
ment be offered to Mr. G.A.
Sammie⁺ on the same terms
except that the initial
salary in his case shall
be only 350 Rs p.m. Before

Discussing the appointment
of Govt Botanist the Sec of S.
awaits the further report
promised on the subject.

The Govt of Mad is in
forward wth the Sec of S. ^{+7 May F.}
despatch requests to be informed

whether Mr Standen is
willing to accept the app^t
on the terms proposed. ^{BA}

Further observes that the
Sec of State has abandoned

the suggestion formerly made
as to Mr Hooper's appointment

to the charge of the Cutch
plantations & with reference

to its recd^t 1198 of 8. Aug 97

(communicating to the Govt

letter to Govt of Bengal

stating that Mr Hooper

app^t as Asst Curator

to the Madras Museum

can be only sub pro tem.

pending the abolition of

his post in Madras as

Govt Quinologist) observes

that the app^t of Govt

Quinologist may be now

brought under reduction

if the Govt so see fit.

He said he asked.

^{S.H.} I know something of the contents
of his Report for last year. It
more than confirms all we
have said about his fitness
for the post.

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It is submitted there for

(1) that the appointment of
Govt Quinologist may be
abolished with effect from
the date on which Mr
Hooper's leave expires.

Mr Hooper took three
months' privilege, ^{leave} & at
the end of that time
apparently joined his
post as Asst Curator.

The Govt of Bengal has
been asked by telegraph
to wire when Mr Hooper
did join that app^t. Any
how if Mr Hooper joins
after the expiration of
any interval from the
end of his privilege
leave he did so at his
own risk & it will be
for his present employer
to condone or refuse to
condone any break in
his service thereby occasion
ed.

(2) That the Govt of Bengal
may be informed of such
abolition & also that in
the circumstances there

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no necessity for that sort of service, (Mr. Hoover)

(3) That Mr Standen may be asked whether he is willing to accept the same. The question of Mr Standen will arise only if Mr Standen refuses.

His Govt has already decided that Mr Standen is not the kind of man to represent the post office.

(4) That with regard to the question of Bonnell Dr Bourne may be asked to expedite the "early return" called for in para 2 of E.O. No 91 Res of 15 Feb 97 (in emp'd cover) 186 26.6.97

I showed Mr Standen who came to see me this morning the dispatch and he with I believe except the terms when formally agreed to him which I suppose that has been done. I submit that this Govt is notifying Mr Standen's decision to the Sec of I. Interior yet (1) the

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para 2 of note for order in emp'd cover please see also concluding para of letter to end in in same cover.

I doubt if Dr Bourne can submit his report, but he may be asked if he can. He should be simply reminded of 30 91 (15.2.97) that order was signed with reference to notes recorded in the beginning of January with the expectation that Mr Thurston, who was intimately acquainted with Mr Lawson & in possession of all his notes, would be able to report before he left. He had, however, to go sooner than he intended to, & actually took Furlough on the 1st Feb.

Yes. If he accepts, we need say nothing about (1) the outside report (2) the idea that Mr Standen's appointment was a "job". I don't think consulting

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Mr. Thurston's Dep't implied a sure. He is an expert, & it is a common thing to a right thing for the India office to can only experts. As to (2), the "job" idea no doubt prevailed, but we have heard nothing of it officially, and we can't say more in the way of annihilating it. There was said in para 7 of our letter to India 92 (15.2.97) we have no doubts been laid before the Sec of State.

Thus implied in an outside report. (2) of the idea of the app't being a job. The app't was made because Mr Standen was quite the best man for it and to avoid a collision with the Govt of India. It is amusing that the Govt & the Govt of India the call Madras back in this matter?

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again G.O. No 1 of 15.2.97 Confd.
 " G.O. No 1945 of 9 Apr 97 P.
 " G.O. No 2632 of 22 May 97 P.
 Cms No 5288 A.

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Secy f.w.

Note the Govt of Bengal will be
 addressed about Mr Hooper
 when they reply to our telegram
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Present
 Secy of the Govt
 7/2/97

G.O. No 547 of 9th July 1897.
~~With reference to para 1 of the~~
~~Govt of Bengal letter dated above~~
 Mr Stauden will be requested
 to report
 to the Govt whether he
 accepts the terms offered by the
 Secy of State.

2. With reference to para 2 of
 the Govt of Bengal
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 of Govt Entomologist will be
 abolished with effect from
 the 23rd of May 1897. It is
 observed that Mr Hooper is the
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 Mr Hooper expired on the
 22nd May 1897.

3. The attention of the Secy
 of the Govt Museum
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 No 1 Rev of 15 Feb 97 and he
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 he is yet in a position to submit
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- 2. The Financial Dept
- Director of the Govt
- Cinchona Plantation
- Acct General
- to the Board of Res Ltd.
- Supdt Govt Museum

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G.O., No. 547, 9th July 1897.

JULY.

Director, Government Cinchona Plantations.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., No. 91, Revenue, dated 15th February 1897 (*Confidential*).

READ—again G.O., Mis. No. 1945, Revenue, dated 9th April 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the application of the Government Quinologist relative to the preservation of his continuity of service and to his joining his new appointment in Calcutta.

READ—again G.O., Mis. No. 2632, Revenue, dated 22nd May 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Recording letter from the Government of India regarding the appointment of Mr. D. Hooper as Curator, Economic and Art Section, Indian Museum.

READ—also the following letter from F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, the 19th June 1897, No. 1593:—

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ENCLOSURE.

Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 20th May 1897, No. 80, Revenue.

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ORDER—No. 547, Revenue, dated 9th July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Standen will be requested to report whether he accepts the terms offered by the Secretary of State.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government of India's letter, the appointment of Government Quinologist will be abolished with effect from the 23rd of May 1897. It is observed that the privilege leave granted to Mr. Hooper expired on the 22nd May 1897.

3. The attention of the Officiating Superintendent of the Government Museum is invited to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 91, Revenue, dated 15th February 1897, and he is requested to report whether he is yet in a position to submit the information therein called for.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

" the Director of the Government Cinchona Plantations.

" the Accountant-General.

" the Superintendent, Government Museum.

" D. Hooper, Esq.

Copy to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Exd. Shaik Karim.