

Revenue (1898) Department.

Letter

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the sanction of the Govt of India
for Mr. F. D. Biss, Chief Asst. to the Chief Secy. and
as a Second Grade Deputy Collector.

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Note for the Secretary.

It is understood that Mr. Bird of the Chief Secretariat should be appointed as Dy Collector in Rs 600 vice Dewan Bahadur A. P. to (No 3) who has been ordered to retire from 1 April 98 & that he should be posted to Madras as Asst. Supt. of Stamps & Stationery. Mr. D' Cruz ^(No 12) the present Asst. Supt. of Stamps & Stationery being sent to Saidpet treasury.

2. Mr. Bird is a European who is not a statutory native of India. He entered the public service in Feb 1878, and when he was promoted to posts carrying Rs 200 & upwards, it does not appear that the sanction of the Secretary of State or the Government of India was obtained with reference to the orders contained in G.O. 29th August 79 No 1228 Public. Probably it was required at the time that his case was governed by para 3(c) of the Circular printed in G.O. 29 August 79. Now that he is to be appointed as a Dy Collector, the question arises whether the sanction of the Govt of India should be obtained with reference to para X of the rules for admission to the Madras Provincial Civil Service.

It runs as follows:-

Europeans, who are not statutory natives of India, shall, if qualified by the above conditions, be eligible with the sanction of the Govt of India for appointment to posts in the Provincial Civil Service other than the listed appointments declared open to that service by notification, in regard to which the sanction of the Secretary of State will be required." - Side pp. 179 & 180 Public F
11-3-95. (in the book file)

Messrs Wood & Woodhouse were appointed as Dy Collectors with the previous sanction of the Government of India. In 1883 Mr Bird applied for exemption from the operation of the orders of 1877 but the Secretary of State observed as follows:-

"I am unable to grant to anyone a general exemption from a rule which has been laid down in the interest of the public service. But if your Excellency in Council should at any time desire to appoint Mr Bird, for special reasons, to an office which falls within the rule, it will of course be open to your Govt to apply for the previous sanction of the Secretary of State to the appointment being made." Side pp. 1479 Public F
31-7-83
All applications for sanction should be now addressed to the Government of India in

A, the Home Dept. - (Order 1/5 April 95 No 1365.) Orders are solicited.

3. Under para XII of the rules for admission to the Madras Provincial Civil Service (No. 8/11 March 95 No 179-180 Public F) Dy Collectors are required to pass the following tests:-

(I) Before appointment.

- (1) Revenue Higher
- (2) Criminal Higher
- (3) Account test Higher
- (4) Hind. & Vernacular test.
- (5) Precise Writing test.

(II) After appointment.

(6) The Compulsory Vernacular test in two languages or in the case of Europeans & Eurasians a test corresponding to the examination of the Covenanted Civil servants by the Higher Standard.

(7) Equitation test.

Mr Bird does not appear to have passed any of the special tests except the Precise Writing test. He has passed the Matriculation Examination of the Madras University. Orders are solicited as to whether he should be exempted from passing all the other examinations ~~of the Madras University~~

Exempt the candidate from the other examinations

London 11/3/98

2 P.
11/3/98

To the Public Dept with
reference to the sanction of the
Secy of S. to Mr Bird's app't to
the Civil Service - apparently
this must be obtained?

11/3/98

Returned to Rev. The
sanction of the Govt of India
must be obtained to Mr
Bird's app't. - not that of
the Secy of S. as a list'd
app't. is not involved.
It wd be well if this matter
cd. be treated as V.E.

11/2.3.98.

Mr Govt can exempt from the
exams. Mr B. has ^{I hear} passed the
Exam. of the Inns of Court for
admission as a Barrister but
has not been called as
yet. not keep the terms
within his leave.

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For action please
see

Supp'd
14/3/98

Letter
No 1299 dt 14th March 1898

To the Secretary to the Govt of India
Home Dept

Sir.

With reference to the correspondence
ending with Mr Thornton's letter
of 20th July 1896 No 567 I am directed
to request that the sanction of the
Govt of India may be obtained to
the appointment of Mr. Z. D.
Bird, Chief Assistant ~~in Probate~~
in the Chief Secretariat, as a Dy
Collector of the Second grade ^{in Probate}
with effect from 1 April 1898 when
a vacancy in that grade occurs.

2. Mr Bird was born in Manchester
in January 1862. He arrived in India
with his parents in 1875 and passed
the Matriculation Examination of
the Madras University in December 1877
obtaining the gold medal of his college
for that year. He entered the
public service as a clerk in the Chief
Secretariat in Feb 1878 ^{in 1878} and holding
~~several important posts~~ he rose

vid. his Memoir
dated 10.4.5.83
no 903 on
Page F

First copy sent to Person

Put ~~up~~
 I don't know how far
 this infⁿ is authentic? but it will
 shew ~~the~~ the case if it can be
 included.

It is correct acc. to
overland mail & may stand.
H 74.3.98

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When ^{Mr Bird} he was promoted to posts carrying Rs 2000 upwards the sanction of the Secretary of State or the Govt of India was not obtained as his case was governed by para 3(c) of the Circular of the Govt of India, Home Dept. 218 April 1879 No 21-746-53. The sanction of the Govt of India is ^{however} necessary under para IX of the rules for admission to the Indian Provincial Civil Service.

4 The administrative advantage of having a few Europeans as Dy Collectors was explained in para 2 of my letter of 15 June 1895 No 2407. There are at present 77 men on the list of Dy Collectors of whom only 9 are Europeans & Eurasians and one of these is expected to retire early next year. His Excellency the Governor in Council is anxious that another European should be appointed as Dy Collector now & in the opinion of this Government ^{to be so} Mr Bird is well fitted for ~~the post~~ ^{the duties of} ~~the post~~ ^{the duties of} Dy Collector. ~~He has been recommended by the Government of the Province~~

The proposal to transfer Mr Bird
from the branch of the pub. service
in which he is now doing duty to a post
in the Dy. Mr's list is more
particularly connected with certain arrange-
ments that have been recently carried
out in the Chief Sect. The specific app't.
which it is intended to nominate Mr Bird is that
of Asst. Supt. of ^{Voluntary} ^{and} ^{important} ^{work} in the
an independent posting, was included
in the list of Dy. Colls. in 1888. Mr Bird

communicated by wire as Mr. Bird
is expected to return to India about
the end of this month & it is most
desirable that he should be
~~appointed as Deputy Collector without~~
~~disturbing the existing office~~
~~arrangements in the Chief Secretariat.~~
shd not be disturbed.

12/3/98

14/3/98

Does Pub. Dept. accept the
above draft

14/3/98

present substantive pay
is Rs 600 pm; & the
occurrence on the 10th April
of a vacancy in the 2nd grade
of D.Ls, which carries the
same pay, makes it fortunate
& convenient that the transfer
shd take effect from that
date.

I am to request that
the sanction of the P. of D. may be

The sentence enclosed
in blue pencil brackets
might be omitted, as India
is not concerned with the
Chief Secy office arrangements
otherwise Public
agrees.

14.3.98

Very well, omit the
sentence.

For sharp for me
send to me for signature before
4 AM. It must go by
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