Revenue (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1586

DATED 29th April 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Govt: of India by wire that Mr. Boundillon declines the appointment of Madras Postmaster offered to him.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2357

Tel.
From
The Government of India
Rev: & Agrit. Dept.

Order

No.

Dated *23 Mar:*

Received *24 "*

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a telegram from the Secretary of State for India stating that the Director of Kew recommends Mr. J. H. Bourdillon, Conservator of Forests, Travancore for the post of Madras Botanist and requesting a reply by wire whether Madras Govt. agree and Mr. Bourdillon will accept the post.

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Code Class. INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number.

To (Office) Madras. From (Office) Calcutta

Words 55/57 Day. 20 Hour. 17 Minute. 22 Official Instructions OHMS

To (Person) Revenue

From (Person) Revenue

Secretary of State telegraphs regarding "Waiver received absolute indemnity 6th January 27th direct Ker recommends T. G. Macaulay Conservator of forests Travancore for madras Botanist; if you approve of this, acquiesce Macaulay with Conditions and telegraph will willingly accept Ends: Please wire whether you agree and if so whether Macaulay will accept &c:

R.D.

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Recd. from I.N. Sent to I.N.

Hrs. Min. by Hrs. Min. by

Telegraph Master.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

D.O. CURRENT No. 61

From

E. Thurston Esqre
Superintendent of
Govt Central Museum
Madras

Order

No.

Dated 29th Mar

Received 30th —

Registered 30th —

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding his opinion on the proposal to appoint Mr F. Bourdillon, Conservator of Forests, Travancore, as Govt. Botanist, Madras.

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as I can see, he should do very good work; and he would not like a novice have to adapt himself to new climatic conditions and a new mode of life; and he would start with a very considerable knowledge of the flora of India.

Yours sincerely
Edgar Thurston

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O/18 4,000—1-9-97.

Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

Tel.

From *The Government of India*
Rev: & Agric. Dept.

Order **No.**

Dated *14 April*

Received *15 "*

Registered *15 "*

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SUBJECT.

Requesting Govt. to expedite a reply regarding Mr. Bourdillon.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS

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To (Office)

From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

To (Person)

From (Person)

Telegraph to Resident
"Please expedite reply
regarding Baundilloon, post of India has
waited for answer."

Dated 15/4/98

Sent to

Sent 15/4/98

Epfa.

Telegraph Master.

OOTACAMUND 15-4-98

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3012.

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Order

Tel.
From
The Resident at
Travancore & Cochin,
Bodinayakanur.

No.

Dated *21 Apl*
Received *22 "*
Registered *22 "*
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SUBJECT.

Stating that Mr Bourdillon declines the appointment though he is grateful for the offer.

H.C
2H
29/4/98

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

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From (Office)

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To (Office)

From (Office)

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At ... Hrs. ... Mts. by ...

Sent to ... L.N.

At ... Hrs. ... Mts. by ...

Telegraph Master.

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G.O. 990-91 A dt 26.11.97
248 B 17.1.98

Telegram from the Govt of India, R. and A Dept, dy 23rd March 1898 (Ema 2367 of 98).

Noli

With reference to the request made by this Govt to the Secy of State that the Govt of India to select and send out a competent botanist for employment in this Prest, the Govt of India now communicates by wire a telegram received by it from his Lordship stating that the Director of Kew recommends Mr T. F Bourdillon, Conservator of Forests, Travancore, for the appointment in question and desiring that if the recommendation be approved, Mr Bourdillon may be acquainted with the condition and his acceptance or non-acceptance telegraphed to his Lordship. The Govt of India accordingly enquires whether this Govt agrees to Mr Bourdillon's appointment

appointment and if so whether he will accept the post.

2. Regarding Mr Bourdillon's qualifications for the appointment there is, it is submitted, not much information in the office. He is an F.C.S and Mr Lawson in July 1894 wrote of him as follows:-

"At Quilon, I met Mr Bourdillon, Conservator of Forests to the Travancore Govt and travelled with him for over a fortnight. From Mr Bourdillon I obtained great assistance; he not only knows the country thoroughly well (he practically arranged my tour for me) but he has also a more extensive acquaintance with the trees of his district than any Forest Officer I ever met with, (& with the exception of Sir Dietrich Brandis and Mr Gamble"

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G.O. 648 C
4.9.94

Again in August 1895, Mr Lawson in consultation with Dr King of Calcutta suggested that

G.O. 3613 D
5.9.95

that Mr Bourdillon might be entrusted with the botanical Survey of Travancore but the Govt at the time thought that the work might well be postponed until the arrival of a successor to Mr Lawson.

3. Since Mr Thiselton-Dyer thinks that Mr Bourdillon will do for the work it is perhaps unnecessary to further enquire into the latter's qualifications. A draft telegram to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin is accordingly submitted below for approval.

Emm
28.3.98

Secy.

I submit Mr Thurston* may be asked about Mr Bourdillon's qualifications & suitability for the post.

28/3/98

Please write Confidential
My dear Thurston

Do you know anything of the qualifications of Mr Bourdillon the Cons[r] of Forests Travancore

* He is to work under Mr T.

For the post of Sub Botanist under this Govt.

James Gray.

8/3/98

Note

Mr Thurston's reply to the above covering D.O. is submitted. He says

(1) that he does not know Mr Bourdillon personally

(2) that Mr B C Mr Thurston believes) possesses no special scientific attainments

(3) that Mr Lawson spoke well of his botanical work in Travancore

(4) that the Specimens collected by Mr Bourdillon for the Madras herbarium are good and he is undoubtedly a good Collector

(5) that Mr Shebbeare-Dyer spoke about him to Mr Thurston just before the latter left England

(6) that so far as Mr Thurston can see Mr Bourdillon should do very good work first because

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WM.
RE.

Yes
JG
30/3/98
A.H
30.3.98

because he is not new to India and secondly because he would be starting with a very considerable knowledge of the South Indian flora.

Secy
30.3.98
WM
30/3/98

Note.

Secrete confidentially to Mr Thurston so as to make quite sure that we were not being sold a pig in a poke

The telegram of which a draft is below may now go to the Durbar

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20/3/98

Read Telegram from the Govt of India R & A Dept dy 23. 8. 98 (Cus. 236) of 98)

Order misc

The following telegram will be despatched to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin:-

Please ascertain with Darbar's permission if Bourdillon Conservator prefered (b) post as Madras Govt Botanist accept Head-quarters Madras Salary Rs 500 to 700 by annual increments of 50 free quarters work under Thurston x duke botanist botanical Survey superintendence and Madras university examinership x must pass in Tamil Forest Officers Vernacular Ext

Deferred

30/3/98

A.914
31.3.98

vide para 2 Sub para 2 of letter to India No. 991 A 26.11.97 and p.o. 268 B 17.1.98

47 words. Rs 2-16-0.

Bmo
28.3.98

W37.
T-4-98.

My dear Rees

I am directed to ask that you will kindly ascertain at the very early date (with the permission of the Darbar) whether Bondilla Conservator of Forests in Travancore would be prepared to accept the post of Mysore for the Botanist.

2. His head quarters will be Mysore. Salary Rs 500 p.m. rising to Rs 700 p.m. by annual increments of Rs 50. With free quarters. He will work under Thurston the Supt. of the Museum and his duties as for the Botanist will be to prosecute the botanical survey of the Presidency. He will also be also expected, as a part of his duty, to examine for the Mysore University in Botany. He will have to pass in Tamil according to the Vernacular Test prescribed for Forest officers if he has not already qualified by a similar test.

Yours sincerely
(Sd) G. S. Forbes.

Dep. 1/4/98.

Note

The Resident having enquired to day what Mr Bourdillon has decided to accept the appointment of the Govt Botanist, Madras, though he is grateful for the offer, a draft telegram (with D.O.) to the Govt of India is submitted below for approval.

Orders are solicited as to whether with the exception of these notes and Mr Thurston's D.O. the papers shd be kept confidential.

22.10.98 Secy

Please see draft below. Soulsby thinks there is nothing confidential in the papers.

22/4/98

(Nothing any more than in the Min Pp. in the office)

Draft

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Draft

23/4/98

Telegram to Govt India

No are anxious for reply & then circ. ple to

(1) H.M.

(2) H.S.

23/4/98

Telegram despatched 22/4/98

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I Read telegram from the Govt of India R & A Dept dy 23.3.98 (C.No 2357 of 98

II Read telegram from the Govt of India R & A Dept dy 14.4.98 (C.No. 2862 of 98)

III Read again telegram to the Resident in T and C dy 15.4.98 (in C.No. 2862 of 98)

IV. Read also telegram from the Resident in T. and C. dy 21.4.98 (C.No 3012 of 98)

Order misc No. 1886 dy 22nd Apr: 1898.

The following telegram has been despatched to the Govt of India:-

your telegrams 23 ultimo and fourteenth instant regarding Madras botanist Bourdillon declines appointment though grateful for offer.

22/4/98

22.10.98

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