

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3/85

DATED 30th July 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Munika zappointment of certain
Trust Officers, viz: Messrs. J. C. L. Conley-Vernon
H. B. Bryant, W. W. Batchelor.*

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Revenue Department.

MINUTE.

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19th July 1898.

The President proposes the following:—

APPOINTMENT.

No.	Name and designation of Officer.	Present grade.	Grade to which promoted.	Nature of promotion.	Remarks showing cause of vacancy, &c.
1.	Mr. F. C. L. Cowley-Brown.	By. Conservator of Forests, 4 th grade and acting in the 3 rd grade.	Deputy Conservator of Forests, 3 rd grade.	Acting.	During the absence of Mr. C. B. P. Thornton on furlough. The appointment will take effect from the date of Mr. Cowley-Brown reverting to the 4 th grade on the return of Mr. J. P. Rake from privilege leave and will continue until the return of Mr. H. A. Gass from special leave.
2.	Mr. H. B. Bryant.	Do.	Do.	Do.	During the absence of Mr. Thornton on furlough. The appointment to take effect from the date of Mr. Gass's return from special leave.
3.	Mr. W. W. Batchelor.	Assistant Conservator of Forests, 1 st grade and acting Deputy Conservator 4 th grade.	By. Conservator of Forests, 4 th grade.	Do.	Vice No 2.
4.	Mr. C. A. Eber Hardie.	Extra Assistant Conservator of Forests, 1 st grade.	Extra Deputy Conservator of Forests, 4 th grade.	Do.	During the term of Mr. Cowley-Brown's acting appointment as Deputy Conservator of Forests, 3 rd grade.

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Revenue {1898} Department.

Warrant No. 11.

Minute by the Honorable the President.

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No 89

Revenue Board Office,
(Land Revenue),
MADRAS.

15th November 1897.

My dear Sir,

I am afraid I have kept for a long time the --
papers you sent me with your note of the 6th but I wished to
think over the matter carefully.

I find that in 1892 no Forest Officers came --
out to any Province, owing apparently to a change in the course
of study, and as the Government of India arranges for the re--
cruiting I do not see how we can do otherwise than accept their
decision that our proposal to transfer the appointment of 1892
would have the effect of retarding the promotion of officers
in the class of Assistant Conservator.

The most junior officer now acting as Deputy -
Conservator is Mr. Batchelor who came out in 1894. He reverts -
immediately - but when furloughs begin next year it is probable
that there will be one or more acting vacancies for men below
him, and I would then propose that the Government of India be
asked to appoint Eber-Hardie and if there are two vacancies -
Alwar Chetti also - to act as Extra Deputy Conservator without

waiting for the formation of a substantive appointment.

If the Government of India has definitely accepted the view of the Madras Government that we need only consider the claims of officers recruited in England prior to July 1891 -- (i.e. those who arrived in India in 1894) there need be no difficulty in the matter-- but in para 3 of the letter recorded in G.O.No.4267 dated 5th November 1894 the Government of India says we must consider the claims of all home recruited officers who commenced their service before the year 1896. We may therefore point out that from the G.O. noted in the margin ^{the} home recruit-
No.3091, dated 7.8.1894 ^{26/7} ment ought to have supplied three
-- 4227, --- 2.11. 94 ^{26/7} men to Madras--but only two were ac-
-- 4377, --- 12.5.1894 ^{26/7} tually assigned--and eventually one of these was transferred to another Province. Two vacancies were thus made in the Madras Service which cannot yet have been filled up, as even the men who will arrive this year must have been recruited in 1894, before the letters in question were issued by the Govt. of India. It would therefore seem that it cannot possibly be said that the interests of the men below Batchelor would be prejudicially affected if acting vacancies--and eventually substantive posts, were given to Eber-Hardie and Alwar Chetti before ^{promotion} ~~corruption~~ was given to the men who arrived in 1895 and subsequent years.

I return the papers in a separate cover.

Yours Sincerely

Signed. J. Sturrock

My dear Sir
I send this letter
under Mr. Sturrock's directions.
Yours sincerely
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For orders.

I don't think it wd be of any
use to ask India to reconst,
unless we can offer some new
point for consideration, nor
do I think it would be becoming
to offer an old point as a
new one. In the letter disposed

last year & in that which
is proposed to send now the
argument is that the non-arrival
of men recruited in England
(in the first letter we referred
to the fact that no men came
out in 1892: in the present
letter it is proposed to refer
to the fact that 2 men fewer
than were expected

came out in 1894) A
creates a gap in the Indian
service the way properly to
fill it by means of the Provincial
Service. The answer already
given by India is that our
Service in spite of non-arrivals
is at its full strength. If we
want India to reconsider her
order we must show that this
order is faulty. 29

~~Please see~~ His Excellency wishes
the Government of India to
be advised again on the
subject of transferring a
post of Dy Conservator
from the Imperial to
the Provincial branch of
the Forest service.

It will perhaps
make the subject a little
more clear if the previous
correspondence & present
position are briefly
set forth.

In Sir E. Buckle
Circular No 18 F dt 29 July 98
The reorganisation of the
Forest Service was carried
out. It was distinctly
laid down in para 6 that
the Imperial branch of
the Upper Controlling
Staff wd in future be
recruited by Officers
appointed under women

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with the Secretary of State.

At the outset the upper
controlling staff wd comprise
only officers of the Imperial
branch but as opportunities
occur they were to be

replaced by Officers of
the Provincial branch
up to a limit of 40 appointments.

The manner of this
replacement was dealt with

in Mr Gibbons's Circ No 21-F B
d 12 Oct 94. For every

new post created in the
Provincial service
an appointment of
corresponding ~~for~~ class
and grade in the Indian
service must simultaneously
be established. "But as

post can be transferred "
from the cadre of the
Indian service to that
of a Provincial service "
until the legitimate
claims have been
satisfied of all members "
of the former service "
who were recruited before "

The Secretary of State
will support the
above proposals
to the Government

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" before the transfer of the
" 40 posts was decided
" upon, & the home recruit-
" ment reduced accordingly.
" This reduction in the
" recruitment has been
" made with effect from
" the current year. The
" Officers recruited in 1894
" will arrive in India in
" 1897 so that before
" an appointment is
" transferred from the
" Imperial to the
" Provincial service,
" the prior claims of all
" home recruited Officers
" who commenced their
" service before the
" close of the year 1896
" must be carefully con-
" sidered."

This Govt thereupon
pointed out that at
this rate the then members
of the Provincial service
could not expect promotion
for many years to come.
(vide para 2 of Mr Gibbons's

letter No 80 Rev d 11 Feb 95 C
& also para 4 where
it was stated "the transfer"
of forty appointments "
from the Indian to "
the Provincial branch "
of the service was "
decided upon in S. E. "
under circular of 1891 "
already quoted & officers "
recruited in England "
subsequent to that "
date of that circular "
could have no legitimate "
a grievance at the enforce- "
ment of that order." & "
a further "all officers "
recruited before that "
date should have their "
claims carefully "
considered but subject "
to this proviso, H.S. "
of H.C. will leave the "
in promotion of deserving "
all officers at the discretion "
of the Local Government. "
In reply came
Mr Hobson's circ No 21 F
72-10
& 28 Oct 95 which circulated

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a Draft Resolution
embodying the scheme
already dealt with in
his previous circ No 21 F
& 12 Oct 94. The rules
for transfer from
Imperial to Provincial
in the future were
laid down but it was
stated (para 6 of the
Draft Resolution) that
there was some back
way to be made up. To
give the Resolution

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"On a consideration
"of the state of the
"Indian list in 1890
"it was decided that
"it was possible consistently
"with all due regard
"for the interests of the
"existing staff, to transfer
"12 appointments to the
"Provincial list between
"1891 & 1895 and the
"home recruitment was
"readjusted on this basis
"of their appointments
"only two have been
"actually transferred. The

General scheme was
fructified in 1891 but
unfortunately there has
been some delay in
carrying it into effect.
It will therefore be
possible without injury
to vested interests to make
some 8 or 10 transfers
at once and the Local
Govts will be asked for
their recommendations
to this end."

I would submit that
the Govt of India had in
view the ~~total~~ list for
the whole of India in
making this request.
The reply of this Govt
was ^{in brief} that no vacancies
were expected in Madras
that when such arose
due consideration
would be given to the
claims of Madras ^(as Imperial)
Provincial Officers
Services. (Vide Mr
Ammel's letter No 2063 d 28-5-96)
The Govt of India issued
the Resolution as per No 1057 F d 4 Nov 96.

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When Mr Brougham retired
the question arose as
to whether the opportunity
should not be taken to
transfer an appointment
in the 4th grade of Dy Conserv
from Imperial to Prov.
It was decided to recommend
the transfer to the Govt
of India & to nominate
Mr Eberhardi for the
post. Vide Mr Storer's
letter No 3156 mss dated
28-6-97.

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H No 778 F
28-2 8/11 Aug 97

The Govt of India
replied that they were
not altogether assured
that the transfer wd
be entirely consistent
with a due regard
for the due expectations
of the Imperial staff.
It pointed out that
such transfers (as of
Dy Conservator posts & such
at the bottom of the scale
should have been made
when the scheme was
started six years ago. They

admitted that in 1895
Local Govts were asked
whether they had any
proposals to make for
the immediate transfer
of appointments to the
Provincial list. But
they stated that no proposals
were made. They also
pointed out that the
Imperial cadre was
quite much above its
sanctioned strength as
the anticipations of the
Govt of India as to future
needs had not been realized.

The Govt of India suggested
however that Mr Cowley
Brown should be transferred
to Kourmah and the vacancy
thus created transferred
to the Provincial service.

The Govt decided that
Mr Cowley Brown could
not be spared. After
Browns suggestion, it was
decided to give Mr
Cowley Brown the vacant
Conservatorship, but to
the next vacancy in that grade

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address India with
the proposal to transfer
the next two vacancies
(after Mr O'Leary's promotion)
to the Dy Commissioner
Conservator grade to
the Provincial service
on the ground that
no officer ever sent out
from Corkistall to this
Presidency in 1892 the
year after Mr O'Leary
arrived. It was urged
that officer who came
out in 1893 could not
complain if this were
done. (Vide letter No 4844
of 15.4.97).

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In their reply
(Mr Abbotts No 9877
29-5 & 22 Oct 97) the
Govt of India reverted
to the ^{argument} ~~position~~ taken
up in their former
letter of August 97. They
pointed out that the
Forest Dept in Madras
is at its full strength
although no forest officers
were recruited for Madras.

in 1892. The Govt of India
therefore did not consider
that it wd be consistent
wth a due regard for the
Usual expectations
of the Officers at present
on the Imperial list
to transfer any Dy
Conservatorships to the
Provincial service, as
as to do so would have
the effect of retarding
the promotion of the
Officers in the class of
Assistant Conservator.

Mr Sturrock (vide
D.O. of 15 Nov 97 W.P.S. 8)
proposes to fill the
next acting (eventually
permanent) vacancy

after Mr. Bachelor (the last man of 1894)
is provided for in the
proposed that the
home recruitment might
have supplied three
men to Madras in 1894
supplied only one, as the
other two were sent
elsewhere. Mr Sturrock

urges that two vacancies
were thus made in the
Madras service which
cannot yet have been
filled up, as even the
men who ~~were~~ arrived
~~there~~ in 1897 must have
been recruited in 1894
before the Govt of India
issued the orders transferring
them elsewhere. This being
so, Mr Sturrock urges
that it cannot possibly
be said that the interests
of the men below ^{Mr} Bachelor
wd be prejudicially
affected if acting vacancies
& eventually permanent
posts were given to Mr
Eberhardie & Mr R. B.
Alum Chetti before
promotion was given
to the men who arrived
in 1895 & subsequent
years.

Mr. Sturrock accepted
for Madras via
Mr Sturrock's argu-
ments I submit do not

meet the case as stated
by the Govt of India
viz. that the case
(notwithstanding undue
recruitment) is still
above its sanctioned
strength owing to
retirements not having
taken place as India
anticipated. This is
a fact which cannot
be gainsaid.

According to the
list for the 1st January 98
there were

Conservators 3
Dy Conservator 21
Asst Conservators 10
Extra Assistant Conservators 11

The junior Asst conservator
is now no. 34 on the
list. He should be no. 25
before a transfer of an
Asst Conservator ship
could be made to Prov.
The junior Dy Conservator is
no. 24. He should be
no. 17. before a transfer
could be made.

after the reorganisation
the Department
is constituted as follows
vide ~~the 17th Dec 1897~~ ^{the 17th Dec 1897} ~~the 17th Dec 1897~~
Imperial Provincial Table C

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In these circumstances
the Shrocks arguments
come to just the same
as those already put
forward in the 5th
letter No 4844 of 15 Sept 97
which the Govt of India
has already rejected.

The above considerations
are set forth as the
Shrocks D.O. did not
pass through the Office
before submission to
H.E. A draft letter is
submitted ~~overleaf~~ ^{in accordance with H.E.}
in accordance with H.E.
views. The Am. Mr
Evans has not seen the
the Shrocks D.O.

Some of the papers
referred to were not
available till after the
holidays & hence the
delay.

W.H.
31.1.98

H.E.

I do not think it is any
use pressing the point

Further in the matter.
The ant. Secy's note explains
the whole case very fully.
A draft is however put
up for approval of it
decided to adopt to the
arguments.

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Read again G.O. 6022 D 22 Nov 97.

G.O. The folky letter with
in addressed to the Govt of
India.

W.H.
31.1.98

Letter

To the Secy to the Govt of India
Department of Rev & Agri
Culture.

Sir

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt
of your above letter
No 987 F & 22 Oct 97
and to express the regret
of H.S. the Govt in Council
that the Govt of India
has been unable to
accept the proposal
contained in the above
letter of September
last.

H.S. the Govt C. has
again considered the matter
carefully and it appears
to him that, in the
circumstances stated
below it may be possible
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without prejudicially
affecting the interests
of Ant Conservators at present on
the Imperial Staff, to
satisfy the legitimate
aspirations hopes &
Opinion in the Indian
Ant Conservator grades.

From Mr. Mallagum
letter No 751 F & 25 July 94
it would appear that
three Officers from England
were at first deputed
to Madras in 1894 but
from the same Officer
Order No 1068 F & 22 Oct 94
& Order No 1188 & 19th Nov 94
it would appear that
only one Officer ^{Mr. Batchelor} was
eventually assigned
to this Presidency. Two
vacancies were thus
made in the Madras
service which cannot
yet have been filled up.
It appears therefore to
be the G. in C that the
interests of those Officers

who arrived in 1895
& subsequent years
~~could~~ ^{can} not be held to be
prejudicially affected
if acting vacancies -
& eventually substantial
posts - ^{in the grade of Dy Conservator} ~~are~~ given to
~~Access~~ ^{Mr} Eber Hardie
^{M.R.R.} & Alvan Chetti on
the occurrence of
vacancies after Mr
Batchelor's claims are
satisfied.

H.E. the G. in C
wd: propose accordingly
to promote Messrs
Eber Hardie & Alvan
Chetti to ^{Special} ~~act~~ in the
next two posts of Dy
Conservator 4th grade
that may fall temporarily
vacant after Mr Batchelor
has received his acting
promotion & wd: ~~also~~
eventually confirm their
Officers in those posts, which
wd then ^{be transferred} ~~be transferred~~ to the
Provincial service. I am
to request the sanction of

in the E. of C to this
a course

Wm
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NOTE FOR THE Under Secy.

These papers
relating to Provincial
Forest Service which
were awaiting the Hon.
Mr. Sturrock's return from
leave are submitted with
reference to the Under Secy's
orders in the ^{last} arrears list

Wm
2/14/88

Secy.

Please see H.E.
note on page 2 above.
Mr. Sturrock will be
back tomorrow or the day
after.

Wm
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Resubmit the file to
H.E.
2/14/88

Revenue Board Office,
(Land Revenue),

MADRAS,

26th April 1898.

My dear Sir,

Your note of the 6th April and

*file of papers accompanying.

My latest proposal for the promotion of Mr. Eber Hardie is objected to on the ground that it is practically the same as the one which the Government of India rejected and is open to the same objection.

I submit that a clear distinction can be drawn between the two.

The proposal to appoint Mr. Eber Hardie to a place in the list immediately after Mr. O'Leary was based on the ground that no men came out in 1892 and consequently the men who came out in 1893 would have no grievance. To this the Government of India replied that though no Forest Officers were recruited for Madras, the Forest Department in Madras is still at its full strength.

The fact that the Forest service

* returned
herein

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is at its full strength at any particular moment is not necessarily a strong argument against interpolating a Provincial service man, as a complete coincidence between actual and estimated casualties is not to be looked for, and however well recruitment may be managed, a service will inevitably be sometimes either above or below full strength. In the particular case under consideration, however, the argument about the service being of full strength is valid as it appears that non-recruitment for the year 1892 was due to a change in the training of officers, and was duly allowed for in the scheme of recruitment for succeeding years.

The present proposal is to put a Provincial Officer in to act as extra Deputy Conservator in the vacancy following Mr. Batchelor's move up, and the position taken is that although the scheme of recruitment provided for three men to come to Madras in the same year as Batchelor, only two were actually assigned and one of those two was transferred after posting. The vacancy to which it is proposed to post Mr. Eber Hardie is therefore precisely similar to that which the Government of India

proposed to make by the transfer of Mr. Cowley-Brown, except that it is in connection with an acting vacancy only.

The vacancy now exists and a nomination is being sent in in the usual course so that the Government of India may be addressed with a specific recommendation and not as a mere rejoinder to their letter of the 22nd October 1897.

Yours Sincerely,

J. Hurvell

No. 38.

Revenue Board Office,
(Land Revenue),
Madras,
26th April 1893.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to address you regarding the promotion of certain Forest Officers which the Forest Member proposes for His Excellency's approval.

2 In Notification No. 129 published at page 224 of the Fort. Saint. George Gazette dated 15th March 1893, Mr. Cowley-Brown, Deputy Conservator, 4th grade, was promoted to act in the 3rd grade during the absence of Mr. T. P. Peake on privilege leave for 3 months. Mr. Peake availed himself of the leave on the 13th ultimo. Mr. Cowley-Brown will therefore act in the 3rd grade until the 13th June next, after which date he will continue to act in the same grade until the return of Mr. Gass on the 24th idem vice Mr. C. D. P. Thornton on furlough.

3 Mr. Cowley-Brown's move up has caused an acting vacancy in the 4th grade of Deputy Conservators, and, as explained in Carr's D.O. to you dated 3th ultimo No. 24, no Imperial Officer is qualified to fill it up. The Forest Member therefore proposes that the opportunity should be taken to utilize the acting - vacancy for giving promotion to a Provincial Officer and has directed me to submit the enclosed draft minute of appointment promoting Mr. Eber Hardie to act in the Extra Deputy Conservators' class. Mr. Eber Hardie will by this step occupy a position immediately below Mr. Batchelor and above the last four officers on the Imperial list, Messrs. Fischer, Arbuthnot, Scot and Dawson, who came out to this country in 1895 and 96.

4 When His Excellency the Governor in Council proposed last year to promote Mr. Eber Hardie to the 4th grade of Extra Deputy Conservators, the Government of India objected on the ground that it would not "be consistent with a due regard "for the reasonable expectations of the officers at present on "the Imperial list to transfer any Deputy Conservatorships to the

Provincial

"Provincial Service, as to do so would have the effect of retarding the promotion of the Officers in the class of Assistant Conservators." It was therefore suggested that if the Madras Government was prepared to transfer one of its Imperial Officers (Mr. Cowley-Brown) to another Province, an appointment might at once be created in the Extra Deputy Conservators' class (vide Government of India Letters Nos. 773-F., dated 11th August 1897 and 987-F., dated 22nd October 1897).

5 The Forest Member submits that the step which he now proposes to give to Mr. Eber Hardie is on lines exactly similar to the proposal of the Government of India except that the promotion is in connection with an acting vacancy only.

6 In the first place, it will be seen from the marginally noted Letter from the Govt. of India No. 751-F., dated 25-7-94 in G.O. Mis. No. 3091 Rev., dated 7-8-1894, correspondence that under the scheme of recruitment three officers should have been posted to Madras in 1894, the year in which Mr. Batchelor arrived; but only two were actually assigned and one of those

two, Mr. J. W. A. Grieve, was subsequently transferred to Bengal. Had Mr. Grieve been on the Madras List, the appointment in the 4th grade of Deputy Conservators vacated by Mr. Cowley-Brown would naturally have gone to Mr. Grieve. His transfer, therefore, has created a vacancy in the Madras List to which the officers who came out after him can have no reasonable claim. The Forest Member accordingly submits that the case is on all fours with the arrangement which the Government of India proposed to make by the transfer of Mr. Cowley-Brown to Burma.

7 Secondly, Mr. Grieve now occupies the position of a more Assistant Conservator of the 2nd grade on the Bengal List; while his juniors in Madras are already acting as Assistant Conservators, 1st grade. It cannot therefore be argued that the reasonable claims of these junior men would be prejudicially affected by the interpolation of a Provincial man or that their promotion would be unduly retarded. Their position is already superior to that of their senior, Mr. Grieve, and they are not yet qualified to hold the position of Deputy Conservator.

8 The Forest Member is aware that under the Government of India

para 4 of the Government of India : India scheme for the transfer of
Resolution in G.O. No. 680 Rev., : appointments from the Imperial to
dated 1-12-1896. : the Provincial Service, transfers
can be effected only on the occur-

rence of permanent vacancies. But before Mr. Batchelor's turn comes for substantive promotion to the Deputy Conservators' class, six permanent vacancies must occur and it is only the seventh vacancy which it will be possible to transfer to the Provincial Service even under the more liberal proposals now made. The Forest Member therefore ventures to submit that the special permission of the Government of India may be obtained to put in Mr. Eber Hardie at once to act in the vacancy now existing and make him to continue so to act, whenever opportunity arises, until the place falls permanently vacant.

9 The Government of India has rejected the arrangement, by which it was originally proposed to effect Mr. Eber Hardie's promotion, on the ground that the Imperial Forest Service in Madras is in fact at its full strength notwithstanding the recent short recruitment. The Forest Member begs leave, however, to urge that this constitutes no valid reason for indefinitely postponing the promotion of Provincial Service men. For however well recruitment may be managed, a service will inevitably be sometimes either above or below its full strength. In this case, the promotion of Mr. Eber Hardie will in no way prejudice the claims of the junior Assistant Conservators for they will merely be in the same position which they would have occupied had Mr. Grieve not been transferred to Bengal; in which case also, it may be observed that the Imperial Forest Service in Madras would have exceeded the sanctioned strength by one appointment. Moreover, even if it be considered that these junior officers have claims to promotion in the present vacancy, the Forest Member ventures to represent that any injustice which they may be held to suffer cannot be compared in degree to that which will fall to Mr. Eber Hardie's lot if his promotion to the grade of Extra Deputy Conservator be again indefinitely postponed.

10 His Excellency the Governor will no doubt remember that more than three years ago the Forest Member laid stress on the fact that the "old rules held out very distinct prospects of early promotion to officers of exceptional merit" such as Mr. Eber Hardie, and that the inter-

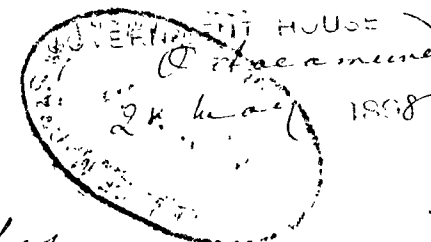
of the public service imperatively required that the promotion of such officers should not be regarded as "an interference with the reasonable claims of the junior officers of the Indian Service." This argument was fully endorsed by His Excellency the Governor in Council, and the Government of India was at the time made aware of the strong objections to which the indefinite supersession of deserving Provincial Officers was obnoxious (Mr. Gibson's Letter Forest No. 23, dated 11th February 1895). Mr. Eber Hardie's name was subsequently submitted by the Board as that of an officer whose case called for exceptional treatment of the character referred to in the reorganization scheme; and, as the Forest Member understands, a recommendation in his favour would then have been forwarded to the Government of India but for the circumstance that at the time there was no vacancy in the Madras Service to which he could have been promoted without prejudicing the claims of the more senior - Assistant Conservators.

11 Mr. Eber Hardie through no fault of his thus lost the opportunity of being appointed an Extra Deputy Conservator in some other Province, and the fact that he was not then recommended for promotion is now utilized by the Government of India as an argument for postponing his claims to those of junior officers whose position, as the Forest Member ventures to urge, calls for no special consideration. The argument involves unmerited hardship to Mr. Eber Hardie and the one - other officer occupying similar position (Mr. Alwar Chetty), and it is for this reason that the Forest Member makes the present proposals and ventures to hope that early steps may be taken to obtain the orders of the Government of India in the matter. The vacancy is at present expected to last only a few months until Mr. Gass's return from leave. But if the principle is once accepted, Mr. Eber Hardie can be put to act whenever similar vacancies arise in future.

Yours Sincerely,

David Davidson

223/5798



My dear Forbes,
You will remember your own & Mr. Grose's note at (1) & (2) in the accompanying forest file. His Excellency asked Sturrock what he thought of the matter, & enclosed is his reply. You will see that Sturrock says that a recommendation is now coming up from him on the subject. His Excellency, therefore, when the paper does come up, wishes you to put it before Mr. Grose for consideration, with the accompanying letter of

H.E. The Gov. with reference
to the two cases under consideration

2/6/98 2/7/98

I still think it will be of
no use to ask the G. of I. to
reconsider their order

The argument, derived from
the fact that the Madras Cadre is
at its full strength, was not
adduced as a general considera-
tion, settling the matter; but
as a special consideration against
making an addition to the Cadre
now; and Mr. Sturrock's rejoinder
is irrelevant. The exception
pointed out by Mr. P., when saying
that the vacancy with it is pro-
posed to appoint Mr. John Hardie
is "precisely similar" to the vacancy
which would have occurred, if Mr. Cowley
Brown had been transferred to
Burma, is material. This
vacancy is only an acting va-
cancy (which leaves the Cadre at
its present strength). Mr. Cowley
Brown's vacancy would have been
a permanent vacancy (diminishing
the Cadre by one). The G. of I.
decided, when settling for the two
new organizations, that transfer
from the Provincial to the Imperial
service should only be made on the
occurrence of permanent vacancies.

27/5/98

Advise the Secretaries.

Please

See do & 2-5-98
from the P.S.G.

The matter is fully
set forth in the Office
note below May P.

The Hon Mr. Glynne
has noted that if
India is to be asked
to reconsider their
decisions it must
be shown that their
answer is, that
the Imperial Forest
Service in this Presidency
in spite of non arrival
if at full strength,
is futile.

Mr. Sturrock's
argument is that the ^{Imperial} ^{Forest}
would have been
even stronger had
certain officers, who
were to have come
to Madras
in 1894, come here
instead of staying being

sent elsewhere. But
this it is submitted
will not be an answer
to the Govt of India's
view of the matter.

Mr Sturrock
states that the vacancies
so caused (in 1894)
are exactly similar
to that which the
Govt of India proposed
to cause (in 1897) by
transferring Mr Cowley
Brown elsewhere.

It must be
remembered however
that the Govt of India
issued its scheme
finally in 1896. Lic No $\frac{17F}{58}$ & 4 No 56 Flay F
The Imperial Officer
who joined that year
therefore had the
benefit of the vacancies
already caused in 1894.
And while they could
not possibly complain
if one of their seniors
was replaced by a
Provl service officer
in 1897 yet, in the Govt

But Mr Cowley Brown
was to be transferred
permanently

8/2

of India's view it would
be otherwise if an extra
officer were ^{added to their} ~~present~~ ^{existing}
over & above the
number which existed
when they joined. While
the Imperial service is still much above
its strength. The hardship of
the care to the ^{present} Provl.
service is undoubted;
but it has been urged
repeatedly in the Govt
of India. Their view
is apparently that
the new scheme will
be in time benefit
the Provl service
greatly; (In fact it
creates a Provl service
at the expense of the
Imperial service).
Individual cases of
hardship are
inevitable from then
& that, meantime until
the scheme gets into
working order, the
individual cases of
hardship cannot be
avoided.

In the concluding
portion of Mr. Dairden's
d.o. it is suggested
that India should
be addressed with a
specific recommendation
such as a mere
rejoinder to their
last letter.

It is submitted
that it would not
be becoming to
urge practically the
same question on
India again without
referring to their
previous decisions
on the subject even
if these be held not
wholly correct
the present proposal.

Wll
22.1.58

Am. I agree. Moreover (1/1/58)
The Govt. of India does not (2/1/58)
recognize any transfer from
acting app't of a Prov'l officer
to an acting app't held by belonging to
an Imperial officer. It would be

against the whole scheme
as I understand it. The
fact that a Deputy J.M.
(who has not been transf'd to
the Provincial Service) is
doing the divisional work
of a Head act J.M. or a Sub
Collector does not entitle
him to the status or acting
pay of a Head act J.M. or
a Sub J.M.

Under certain circs.
permanent transfers are
allowed, but that is
quite a different thing,
or is a mode of re-
cruiting the Imperial
Branch of the Forest
Service.

S.P. 257578



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7th June 1908

My dear Sir,

In his letter about making Elser Hardie a Deputy Conservator, Hurrook mentions "Carr's D.O. to me ^(him) by 8th March, no. 24.". This particular D.O. is not in the file; nor is it in my records.

Would you kindly ask your office to see if it is in yours? If it is, please let me have a loan of it.

Yours sincerely,
W. H. M.

Revenue (1898) Department.

20. CURRENT No.

From

A. A. Linn Esq. S.C.S.
Potlacomund.

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Order

Revenue (1898) Department.

No.

My dear Sir,

Herewith the

Dated 7 June

the d.o. you refer to.

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Spare copies.

15.1.18
H. L. Linn

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SUBJECT.

Requesting for reference
Linn's d.o. to Mr. Linn dated 8th
March 1898 No 24, if it is in the
records of the Rev. Dept.

Mr
14/6/98.

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