Revenue (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 4947

DATED 3rd December 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

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despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secy
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding Despatch from the Secretary of State for India Appointing Mr C A Barber to the post of Govt Botanist in Madras

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

(Rev. Pro.)

Simla, dated the 20th October 1868

Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, in continuation of the letter from this Department, No 2507-17 II dated 10th September 1868.

By order,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India

List of Papers forwarded

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 174-Revenue-dated 2nd September 1868, and enclosure.

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Royal Gardens, K.W.

June 30th 1903.

To

Sir Horace G. Walpole, K.C.B.,

India Office,

Whitehall, S.W.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of June 23 (R. & S. 950), asking me to submit to the Secretary of State in Council the name of a duly qualified botanist willing to undertake the duties of the office. I observe that his Lordship is of opinion that the candidate should be a systematic botanist of the highest scientific training who has also had experience as an economic botanist more especially in tropical countries.

2. While I entirely concur in the desirableness of these qualifications I must observe that they considerably enlarge the scope of the appointment as defined in the letter of the Government of India of January 27th last. I presume it was offered to Mr. Bourdillon on the more restricted terms. I do not know on what grounds he declined it but think that it is not improbable that he regarded the remuneration as insufficient.

3. I have now the honour to submit, after very careful consideration, the name of Mr. C.A. Barber, Lecturer on botany at the Royal Indian Engineering College, Cooper's Hill, who is willing to accept the

appointment

appointment subject to this salary being fixed at Rs.1000 per mensem. Mr. Barber is an M.A. of Cambridge, formerly a Scholar of Christ's College and Demonstrator of Botany in the University. He obtained a first class in both parts of the Natural Science Tripos at Cambridge. He has also studied at the Universities of Bonn and Heidelberg. As to his scientific qualifications there can therefore be no doubt.

4. With regard to experience as an economic botanist, Mr. Barber held from 1901 to 1909 the appointment of Superintendent of the Agricultural Department of the Leeward Islands. This ceased in the latter year, the post being abolished by the local Legislature, not because Mr. Barber was in any way at fault, but because the finances of the Colony were seriously embarrassed.

5. On the whole it would be impossible for the Secretary of State to find a man better suited in every way for the Madras appointment. I may further add that India is menaced with a sugar-cane disease. This is not improbably the same as that of which Mr. Barber has had ample experience in the Leeward Islands.

6. Mr. Barber is now 38 years of age and married. Looking at all the circumstances of the case I do not think his disinclination to accept the post except at the maximum salary offered is unreasonable.

7. In conversation with me he has raised a further point. Examination work for the University would require his occasional presence in Madras. But having regard to his duties in connection with the Botanical Survey of which the new Government Botanist would be an officer,

and

and the necessity of his visiting various parts of the Presidency in order to assist planters and others, I apprehend that Madras itself would not be the most convenient position for his permanent residence.

8. In conclusion I may observe that the matter has been pending since 1895 and that it would now be very desirable to arrive at a final settlement.

I am, &c.,

(Sd) W.T.Thiselton-Dyer.

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India Office,

R. & S. 2103. 15th September 1903.

To

C. A. Barber, Esquire.,

C/o W.T.Thiselton-Dyer, Esquire.,

F.R.S., C.M.G., C.I.E.,

Director, Royal Gardens,

Kew.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to inform you that the Medical Board at this Office have reported favourably as to your health, and that his Lordship is pleased to appoint you to the post of Government Botanist at Madras, on a salary of Rs.700 per mensem, with free quarters, beginning from the date of your arrival in India.

The appointment as orginally proposed was for five years, a period which it is estimated should suffice for the systematic botanical survey of Madras the main object for which you are appointed; but in view of the increasing attention that is being given by the Government of India to the development of the vegetable productions of that country, and of your special experience as an economic botanist, Lord George Hamilton has, with the concurrence of the Government of India been pleased to make the appointment in your case permanent, and pensionable, on the understanding that on the completion of the botanical survey of Madras your services will be available elsewhere in India. It is contemplated that you should have charge of the herbarium at Madras, and

you

you will be at liberty to undertake examination work for the University there.

You are requested to put yourself at once in communication with the Legal Advisor at this Office, with a view to the preparation of your Agreement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) Horace Walpole.

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INDIA OFFICE.

LONDON, 12th September 1899.

REVENUE.

No. 174.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

My Lord,

With reference to your letter, No. 34 (Economic Product) of the 27th January last, reporting the appointment of a Government Botanist in Barbados, and to my telegram of the 10th of July, and of even date ultimo, I have now to inform your Excellency that I have authorized Mr. C.A. Barber to the vacant post on the terms stated in my aforesaid telegrams, and agreed to by your Government. Mr. C.A. Barber is an M.A. of Cambridge, and obtained a first Class in both parts of the Natural History Tripos. He was formerly also Demonstrator of Botany at Cambridge, and from 1891 to 1896 Superintendent of the Agricultural Department of the Leeward Islands, and he is at present Lecturer on Botany at the Royal Engineering College at Cooper's Hill. He has therefore, as regards both scientific training, and practical experience as an economic botanist, exceptional qualifications for employment in India.

3. I enclose a copy of Mr. Mills' (for Dyer's) letter of the 30th June last, recommending Mr. Barber, and of the Inula Office letter of the present date notifying to him his appointment.

I have, &c.,

(Sd) George Hamilton.

Revenue (1898) Department.

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From Edgar Thurston Esq

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~~Botanist~~

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to be informed of the date of the arrival of the new post Botanist, &c.

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GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,
PANTHEON ROAD, EGMORE,
MADRAS, Nov 16 1895.

My dear Forbes.

Do you happen to know when the new Govt. Botanist is expected to arrive, and in what way if at all he will be connected with the Museum?

Yours ever,
Edgar Thurston.

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