Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 5006

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording the reply given to a question put at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 13th December 1898 regarding the transfer of appointments from the Imperial list of the Forest Service to the Madras Provincial list.

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To undersheet

The present one appears to be but a modified form of Question No XXXV asked by the Same Hon. and answered by the late Hon. Mr Grose at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 9th Dec. 1896. The notes connected with that question will be found stitched with G.O. misc No 5115 Rev. dy 12.XII.96. Certain points based on the correspondence which has subsequently taken place between the Govt of India and this Govt-

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Govt. questions have however been brought out in the new questions. This correspondence was not published but the final orders of the Govt of India were communicated to the two officers personally interested in the matter viz. Mr Cherbardie and MRR. V. Alwar Chetty. It is evident almost certain that the Hon: Vijayaraghava Chari is now prompted either by either the one or the other of these two officers. The new Questions has been so altered that the Hon. cannot

G.O. No 6022 / 22. XI. 97

para 3 of the G.I. Cir on Recruitment G.O. No 793 E 27. 8. 91
(but was not brought into Effect till 1896 vide 3 of I resolution)

Rules 2 & 6 of the Coopers Hill College rules on pp 211 & 213 of the Forest Code
Rule 5 do on page 213

apparently be referred to the answer of 1896. Hence the following note is submitted

2 Taking the Sub-divisions of the questions seriatim the following points are submitted for information

3 (a) Is it a fact that, as yet, no appointment from the Imperial list of the Forest Service has been transferred to the Madras Provincial list in accordance with the re-organisation scheme of the Forest Service introduced in 1891?

Note. It is not a fact. One was transferred in June last vide G.O. No. 3028 Rev: dy 19. VIII. 98 D

Page 4 of the Forest list for Act. Cash K

4 (b) How many officers are there in the Madras Branch of the Imperial Forest Service who have been recruited after the re-organization scheme had been sanctioned by the Secretary of State?

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Note

The Scheme for the re-organisation of the Superior Staff of the Forest Dept was sanctioned by the Secy of State in Feb 1891 while the recruitment of officers (i.e. the selection of candidates for admission to the Coopers Hill College) is made every year between June and September. After admission the candidates or rather cadets have to undergo a three years course of training before formal appointment as Asst Conservators. So that after the reorganization scheme was sanctioned by the Secy of State, the first set of officers who were recruited in England were those that arrived in India in Nov 1894. In the latter year only one officer came out to Madras viz Mr W.W. Batchelor and this officer has recently died. After Mr Batchelor only four officers have been sent out to Madras from England So that

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"Madras branch of the Imperial Forest Service" only four officers "who have been recruited after the reorganization "scheme had been sanctioned "by the Secretary of State"

Qualifying from question

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Note

It is a fact that the Govt of India has decided that no Dep.s Conservatorship should be transferred to Madras until all the officers who were recruited in England in and prior to (June to Sept). 1894 (training in or prior 6.897) are provided with confirmed appointments. In 1896 no officer was recruited for Madras so that as far as this Pres.y is concerned the officers who have to be provided for before an appointment is transferred to the Provincial Forest Service are those that arrived in and prior to Nov 96. There are now on the list nine such officers

para 3 of this G.I. letter
and para 2 of Lo. 29 / 11.2.98. F
& Lo 6022 / 22.XI.97 G

(Gr.) pages 7 & 8 of the Forest List for October K

Pro 34* Mr Dawson must have by conservancy first & this depends on the retirement &c among his seniors

* now 33 after the subsequent deaths

officers and the 10th appointment has already been transferred (as an extra asst. Conservatorship) to the Provincial Forest Service by the Govt of India.

No definite estimate can be made as to the time within which one by Conservatorship would be available for transfer to the Provincial Forest Service.

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Note

In this question the Hon'ble Member presumes

(1) that prior to the reorganization there were confirmed promotions to the upper Controlling Staff of the Forest Dept. from the subordinate Staff and

(2) that in the reorganization scheme it was contemplated that transfers from Imperial

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Provincial should be made immediately after the scheme was introduced in 1891. As pointed out on page 2 of the letter in G.O. 5115 dy 12.XII 96 only two officers who had been serving in the subordinate staff of this Rank had been made Asst. Conservators prior to 1891 and the scheme cannot therefore be said to have stopped the promotion from the Subordinate to the Controlling or Supervising staff. It may also be mentioned here that prior to 1891 the highest pay that a subordinate staff man could get was Rs 200 while what he now gets is Rs 350

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Rule 2 of the old Fusili Code.

As regards the second point the Govt of India actually gave effect to this part of the scheme only in 1894.

G.O. No 79 / 11.2.95 F

The circumstances under which the Govt of India has declined to promote an extra Asst. Conservator in this Presy to extra Dy Conservator immediately

immediately are in its own words the [illegible]:-

"Although it is true that "no forest officers were recruited "for Madras in 1892, yet the "Forest Deptt in that Presidency "is now at its full strength "The Govt of India therefore "do not consider that it "would be consistent with a "due regard for the reasonable expectations of the officers "at present on the Imperial list to "transfer any Deputy Conservatorship to the Provincial "Service as to do so would "have the effect of retarding "the promotion of officers in "the class of Assistant Conservator"

Para 2 of the letter in G.O. 6022 F 22.11.97

(e) Will the Government be pleased to take such steps as it may deem fit for the early removal of the hardship thus caused to the Madras Provincial Forest Service under the decision of the Government of India?

Note

The Govt has in answer to the question of Dec 1891 already denied the existence of any avoidable hardship in the matter.

See Please see draft reply suggested below

9/12/98

I.C. No 5115 / 12.12.96

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Questions for Forest

Suggested reply to Q. XXVIII

(a) The answer to clause (a) of the question is in the affirmative. One such appointment was transferred in July last.

(b). There are four officers who have been so recruited.

(c)&(d). With reference to clauses (c) & (d) of the question, the recruitment for the Imperial Branch of the Forest Service was reduced in 1894. Under the orders issued by the Govt of India for the formation of the provincial branch of the service the upper controlling

Staff no deputy
Conservatorship
can be transferred
from the Imperial
to the Provincial list until
~~if~~ the claims
of all Imperial
Officers accounted in England
in a year to 1896
~~have~~ have been
considered. There
are ~~are~~ at present
nine such officers
in the Forest dept
in this Proy who
have not Yet
reached the grade of
deputy Conservator.
The Govt cannot
foretell the number
of years that will
pass before the
claims of all of these
Officers will have been
considered,

(2) The Govt does not
Consider that the
gradual introduction
of the scheme can justly
be termed a hardship

omitted
at council
meeting

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the subordinate staff
could not
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