

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2317-8

DATED 27th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Forwarding to the Govt of India memorial from Mr Hooper
1st Grade Dy Conservator of forests ~~is~~ praying that he may be
allowed to ^{officiate} ~~act~~ in the 2nd grade of Conservators. ~~with the~~ request
that the rule which constitutes an exceptional case under article
153 of the C.S.R. may be made more clear.

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Order

From

*The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,
Madras*

Foot No. 197 Ref.

Dated 2nd May 1898.

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SUBJECT.

*Submtg to Govt. with remarks
Memorial of Mr. Edm. Hodges
aj. Cons. of Govt. N.C. to the
Govt of Madras: his promotion
to officiate as Cons. 2nd grade.*

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To

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

The humble Memorial of EDWARD DAW MASHITER HOOPER,
Acting Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, Madras.
Dated April 22nd 1898.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH.

That your memorialist was appointed to the Indian Forest Service after competition and special training in France.

That he arrived in India in December 1874 and the first eight years of his service were passed in the Central Provinces. In December 1882 he was transferred to the Madras Presidency along with two other officers of the Government of India Forest Staff and has since remained under the orders of the Madras Government.

That from July 1891 he has served the Office of Acting Conservator of Forests almost continuously excepting for three periods aggregating about two months in District Forest charge and time spent on leave.

That as acting Conservator he has held charge of the Northern Circle two years and three months and of the Southern Circle two years and three months.

That in August 1895 he was appointed to act as 2nd grade Conservator by the Madras Government but this being objected to by the Government of India, the promotion was therefore cancelled and the allowance refunded.

That your memorialist now respectfully asks that he be may act in the Higher grades of Conservator while still a Deputy Conservator in consideration of the following facts.

- I. His length of service being over 23 years.
- II. His lengthy experience already as Circle officer.
- III. His meritorious service in the Central Provinces as evinced by the yearly recorded approval of his Conservator and the Local Administration while the Chief Commissioner through his Secretary expressed regret at your memorialist leaving the Central Provinces.
- IV. His being selected for transfer to Madras to strengthen the Forest Administration in that Presidency.
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VI. The unusual number of expensive transfers which your memorialist has undergone which have given him wider experience than his brother officers in Madras whereby he can now give more useful advice on general matters of control than officers whose experience is limited to fewer Districts and to one circle to which their subsequent posting as Conservator has sometimes to be limited.

VII. That your memorialist would invite attention to the published records of his Inspection Notes of the Districts of Bellary, Anantapur, Vizagapatam, Ganjam, Nilgiris, Tinnevely, South Canara, and North Malabar to show the organisation he has tried to introduce into the Forest working of those Districts. He has elaborated plans for dealing with the recruitment training and promotion of the subordinate service and initiated very many of the reforms that have been mooted, or adopted as improved administration in the past four years.

VIII. Your memorialist would also refer with diffidence but with some feeling of pride to the thanks of the Secretary of State for the Colonies which he was awarded for work in the West Indies; work which has been only recently referred to with approval by Her Majesty's Royal Commissioners on the Sugar Industries and to the thanks of Sir Henry Norman and Sir Roger Goldsworthy on behalf of their Colonial Governments for the work he did to their entire satisfaction and would finally point to his extensive touring in the forests of Java the Australian Colonies, New Zealand and California and the Southern and Eastern States of North America undertaken in the interest of his profession at his own expense. Commendation for this has been recorded by the Right Honourable Sir Mount Stuart Grant Duff in the archives of the Government of Madras.

Under all these circumstances, your memorialist would ask for a reconsideration of the decision refusing him the privilege of acting in the higher grades of Conservator while still a Deputy Conservator which he can only believe was come to without a knowledge of the above mentioned facts which the Government of Madras can guarantee where India Government records do not refer to them.

And your memorialist will ever pray &c.

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A. J. M. N. C.

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A. J. S. S. S.

Through the Govt. of Madras

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signed

Edmund Selous

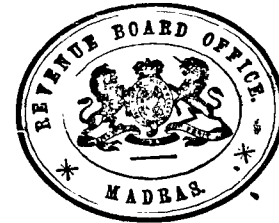
Asst. Commr. H. E.

Through the Govt. of Madras

Reference on *For.* No. 983 of 1898.

In replying the above should be quoted.

(LAND REVENUE.)



Read the following letter from the -
Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated
22nd April 1898, Gen. No. 16.

I have the honor to forward for submission
through the Madras Government the enclosed
Memorial with four spare copies addressed
to the Government of India. I would ask for the
support of the Forest Member in the matter
and trust that the Government of Madras
may see its way if possible to endorse favorably
this petition on behalf of a servant who has
served it energetically for over fifteen years.

Reference No. 197, dated 2nd May 98.

Submitted to Government

2. The Board's Forest Member has already
recommended Mr. Hooper's promotion to the 2nd
grade of Conservators in the vacancy caused
by Mr. Peck's departure on furlough. and as
Mr. Hooper's service in the 3rd grade has extended
after

* vide Mr. Carr's
A.O. to the P.S.
27.2.98 No. 11.

27.5.98

over so many years, it is presumed that the sanction of the Government of India will be accorded as a matter of course.

Donal Davidson
Adj. Secretary

To.

The Secretary to Government R.D.
with 4 copies of Mr. Hooper's Memorial.

Read again ~~the~~ Letter to the
Govt of India No 890
21.2.98.

also C no. 3365/P.O. & R. 197
2.5.9.

C no 3718/98 G.O. & S. Letter
No 373-77-76
13.5.98

For orders.

Please see

E.

notes in C no 890 & 21.2.98.

The Govt of India have again declined to sanction the appointment of Mr Hooper Dy. Conservator 1st grade and officiating Conservator 3rd grade, to act in the 2nd grade of Conservators during Mr Peet's absence on furlough for one year. In 1895, the Govt of India said that the mere occurrence in ordinary course of a temporary vacancy in the 2nd grade of Conservators is not (regarded as) a sufficient reason for promoting an officiating Conservator, 3rd grade to officiate in the higher grade. Now when it is pointed out to them

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over them that the present
vacancy is not for a
short period but, ^{last} for a
year, the Govt of India
say that the fact
that the vacancy ~~is~~ ^{is}
in question will be for
a long period does not of
itself suffice to ~~constitute~~
make the case an exceptional
one within the meaning
of article 153 of the C.S.R.

In No 3365/88, the Board
of Revenue submits a memo.
from Mr Hooper, ad-
dressed to the Govt of India
in which he requests that
he may be allowed to offi-
ciate in the higher grade
in consideration of his
long service and good work.

It is submitted that the
Memorial may be forwarded
to the Govt of India and the
opportunity may be taken
to ask what should be
the nature of the 'exceptional
Case' contemplated in
article 153 of the C.S.R.

A draft order and letter to
India are put up for ap-
proval.

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Secy.

The memorial
should have been at
once forwarded to the
Govt of India, but the
Secy ~~has~~ sent it down
to Madras for reference
as to Mr Hooper
account of his former
labours. Now that the
Govt of India has
refused to accept
our recommendation,
we can, I submit,
do nothing but forward
the memorial stating
at the same time
that this Govt is not
aware of what
constitutes an exceptional
Case under Art 153 C.S.R.
Please see drafts for
approval.

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H. M.

on AS 153. relating only to the First
Dept. The Govt of India seems to
have laid down for that Dept.
that ~~except~~ in exceptional cases & & &
a Deputy Conservator may be appointed
in a grade of Conservator other
than the lowest. The question
then is whether the absence of
a Conservator ^{in full pay} is such an
exceptional case. I can not see
that it is. Mr. Hooper's memorial
puts his claim on the ground
of ^{long and} good service &c. which may
if it is supported by the Madras
Govt. get him what he wants.
I submit Mr. Hooper does his
work well and that his
claim may be supported. That
if the Dept. goes on as it was
would it mean that the
Madras Govt. does not endorse
his contention. I have therefore
modified the Dept. & which
approval is now wanted.

The memorial must of course
be sent on.

H.

26-5-98.

Read C.A.O. 3365 of 1898
B.P. (L.R. H.) No 197 Ref
2.5.98.

C.O. Misc no. 2317 d/27th May 98.

The Govt of India

Having declined to sanction
the appointment of Mr Hooper
to officiate in the second
grade of Conservators, his
memorial will now be forward-
ed to that Govt.

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To the Board (L.R.)

Letter Misc - no. 2318 d/27th May 98.

To the Secretary to the Govt of
India
Rev. and agri. Dept.

Sir,

Adverting to the corres-
pondence ending with your
letter no 3737 dated the
13th May 1898, in which it is
stated that the Govt of India
are unable to sanction
the

on the appointment of Mr.
 E. D. M. Hooper, Deputy
 a Conservator of Forests, 1st
 grade, to officiate in the
 2nd grade of Conservators in
 a vacancy caused by the
 absence of the permanent
 incumbent on one year's
 furlough, I am directed
 to forward a memorial
 for the orders of H.E. the
 Governor General in Council
 a memorial from that officer
 upon the same subject in
 requesting a reconsideration
 which he prays for the grant
 of the above decision, on
 account
 of his long service
 and good work in the Forest
 Department. H.E. in Council
 has no information as to the support of the
 memorialists request and desires to
 receive from the Govt
 of India some indication
 of the circumstances which
 would, in the opinion of the
 Statute an 'exceptional
 Case' within the meaning
 of article 153 of the
 Civil Service Regulations,
 and is therefore not in a
 position to make any further
 recommendation in the matter.

This point ~~is~~ has
 the support of H.E. The Govt. in
 C and seems to him to bring
 the case within the purview of
 Section 153. C.S.R. But as the
 it is not clear what is intended
 by the Govt of India by the word
 'exceptional cases' this Govt
 will in some instances
 amplification of the term.

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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