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My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No.619 of 30th June 1919, I have the honour to recommend to Your Lordship that those among the officers recently engaged on a temporary basis as Assistant District Commissioners whose work should prove satisfactory, and who may desire permanent employment, should be taken on the staff on probationary appointment in the usual way.

- 2. Should Your Lordship be disposed to concur in this arrangement, I desire that such probationary appointment should be allowed to count from the date of the temporary engagement, conferring seniority accordingly.
- 3. Several of the officers referred to have raised the point of their eventual position in the service, in the event of their services being retained, and I have caused them to be informed of my opinion as above expressed. I have however of course

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course made no definite promise pending receipt of Your Lordship's decision. In the meantime I have made it clear that these appointments are purely temporary and liable to termination at a month's notice on either side.

> I have the honour to be, Your Lordship's, humble, obedient servant,

> > Follower Torthey