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## INDIAN ASSISTANT FORESTERS

This copy of letter from the Conservator of Forests is for the creation of a new grade at the rate of Rs100 by Rs 10 to Rs 200 per mensem and the usual privileges of the Asiatic Staff. Agrees that this class of man would be very useful in the more tropical portions of the Prot. Is making necessary provision in 1913-4 Estimates. Trusts that this will be approved.

for out app't.

M Read

I think that he might try his experiment of Indian Foresters in the more tropical portions of the Prot. I think he will find that they are better suited for work in tropical forests than a number of the European and a number of the Asiatic staff.

As the location of the Conservator's head office is in the Prot. he had better send a copy of this despatch to the

Mrs St. Cox, above d.t. to Staff 3557

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Training and act. <sup>time to appear present</sup> for ~~time~~ approval  
being made in last year's estimate for  
of the appointment of an Indian Controller

Trustee in the last mentioned

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 739



Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Conservator of Forests respecting the creation of a new grade of Indian Assistant Foresters with pay at the rate of Rs.100 by Rs.10 to Rs.200 per mensem and the usual privileges of the Asiatic Staff.

2. I agree with Mr. Battscombe in thinking that men of this class would be very useful in the more tropical portions of the Protectorate, as they would be better acquainted with the conditions obtaining therein than European Foresters and would be better fitted to withstand the climate.

3. I would therefore propose to make provision in next year's estimates for one appointment on the scale mentioned above and I hope that this will meet with your approval.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your humble, obedient servant.

*H. Conway, Esq.*

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

Mr. Battscombe  
Jul. 26th

Forest Office,

Nairobi,

July 28th, 1912.

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Sir,

Forest Rangers from IndiaRef. your memo. No. 3297 of the 24th inst

I have the honour to request that sanction may be obtained for the creation of a new grade of Indian Assistant Foresters with pay at the rate of Rs. 100 rising by Rs. 10 to Rs. 200 per mensem; and the usual allowances in force for Asiatics.

1. I propose that Indian Assistant Foresters should be employed in the place of European Foresters in the Coast Forests and Mangrove swamps.

2. The best class of Forester for employment in the forests of the Highlands are trained woodmen from the British Isles, but these men are not suited for work in tropical forests both on account of their training and also on account of the climatic conditions prevailing in those forests.

3. If the services of Indian Forest Rangers who have been trained at the Dehra Dun Forest College can be obtained for employment in the Coast Forests I am of opinion that an economy will be effected for the Department by having trained men who would be able to keep their health after continued residence in the Tropics and who could be depended on to carry out their duties efficiently.

It would also strengthen the position of the Department by all the European Foresters being available for duty in the Highland forests.

4. The Mangrove swamps between Mombasa and the mouth of

The Hon'ble

As. Chief Secretary,

Nairobi

of the Tams are all to be now worked Departmentally; the work entailed in regulating the fellings and patrolling swamps is far from being a healthy occupation and I am of opinion that it would be extremely doubtful if any European woodman would be able to keep <sup>in</sup> good health when employed in such manner for any length of time.

6. I do not advocate employing Indian Subordinates in the Highland Forests at present, but in the future when the timber industry has become more developed it may be necessary to employ them to assist the European Foresters.

7. In the event of the creation of the grade being sanctioned I propose to include one Assistant Forester in the estimates to be prepared for the year 1913-14.

If, as I anticipate, the demand for timber from the Coast forests increases it may be necessary to increase the number of Assistant Foresters in succeeding years.

8. It is my intention to station an Assistant Conservator at the Coast to be in charge of all the forests there, as soon as the present vacancies are filled up.

9. At a recent "Prize-day" of the Dehra Dun College the President of the College in the course of a speech said "Among the objects aimed at at Dehra is the physical development of the student, and few will deny that this is as it should be; a weak, physically incapable lad is of little use in our Department. We thus do our best to encourage sports and games of all sorts, and the Government of India in order to show the high value they place on physical fitness, make an annual grant of Rs.250 to our athletic club".

I mention this to show that Dehra Dun trained men may be expected to be physically strong and able to do hard

hard work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Conservator of Forests.

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26 Nov 1912

Ans'd. 38556

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The Secretary  
& the  
Treasury

MINUTE.

- Mr. Harper - 25 Nov
- Mr. Reed - 25
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Sir H. Just
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Emmott
- Mr. Harcourt

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the S. Af. Prot. with its enclosure, respecting the creation of a new grade of Indian Assistants in the Forestry Department.

2. Mr. Harcourt trusts that their Lordships will see their way to approve of provision being made

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Copy Gov 886 to Secy. 38556

in the estimate of the  
Govt. for next year for  
the appointment of one  
Sikar Indian Assistant Teacher  
with pay on the scale  
mentioned.

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