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22nd September, 1921.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch, Confidential, of the 5th August, 1921, and to inform you that in view of Lord Milner's despatch No. 1306 of 8th September, 1920, the approval of the appointment by Legislative Council when the 1921 Estimates were under consideration, and the fact that no query was raised in your despatch No. 804 of 19th May, 1921, it was understood that the creation of the post of Deputy Chief Native Commissioner was definitely approved with effect from 1st April, Askl.

- 2. It is included in the 10 senior administrative appointments approved in Lord Milner's Confidential despatch of 22nd June, 1920, and the necessity for its creation is set out in detail in Sir Edward Northey's despatch No. 892 of 13th August, 1920, with which Mr. Maxwell is in full agreement.
- 3. The question of the retention of the appointment of personal assistant is being considered by Mr. Maxwell who will report on the possibility of the elimination of appointment after he has had an opportunity of investigating further the requirements

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your despatch will be complied with so soon as the Chief Native Commissioner has had an opportunity of forming an opinion. I trust, however, that in the event of the recommendation concerning Lieutenant Colonel Watkins, who as stated in Sir Edward Northey's Confidential despatch No.155 of 29th June, 1921, acted as Chief Native Commissioner for a year and is now acting as Deputy Chief Native Commissioner, receiving Mr. Maxwell's concurrence, his appointment will be antedated to April 1st, 1921.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your humble, shedient cervant,

ACTING GOVERNOR.