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Mr. F. C. Berry, C.I.E. ...	29-4-1887	18-5-1889
„ (Sir) A. H. L. Fraser (K.C.S.I.), Commissioner, held charge in addition to his own duties. }	19-5-1889 18-5-1892	10-7-1889 7-6-1892
„ J. A. C. Skinner ...	11-7-1889	10-12-1889
„ J. P. Goodridge ...	11-12-1889	19-12-1891
„ D. O. Meiklejohn ...	20-12-1891	17-5-1892
„ H. Priest ...	18-6-1896 8-6-1892 17-5-1893	26-4-1897 16-5-1893 2-11-1893
„ A. S. Womack ...	10-4-1901 19-11-1901 28-6-1904 16-7-1905	1-9-1901 14-5-1904 26-6-1905 4-3-1906
„ A. D. Younghusband, Political Agent ...	3-11-1893 30-9-1895	21-7-1895 29-4-1896
Held charge as Commissioner in addition to his own duties ... }	27-4-1897 2-6-1898	7-5-1897 4-9-1898
Mr. L. A. G. Clarke ...	22-7-1895	29-9-1895
Col. J. A. Temple, Commissioner, held charge in addition to his own duties. }	30-4-1896	17-6-1896
Mr. R. A. B. Chapman ...	8-5-1897 5-9-1898	1-6-1898 10-2-1899
„ F. G. Sly ...	11-2-1899 12-10-1900	30-8-1900 20-2-1901
„ P. Hemingway ...	31-8-1900	11-10-1900
„ J. W. E. Poynting ...	21-2-1901	9-4-1901
„ (Sir) A. Blennerhassett (Bart.) ...	2-9-1901	18-11-1901
„ E. Batchelor ...	15-5-1904	15-6-1904
„ H. E. Hemingway ...	16-6-1904	27-6-1904
„ H.M. Laurie, Offg. Commis- sioner, held charge in addition to his own duties. }	27-6-1905	15-7-1905
Political Agent ...	5-3-1906	20-4-1907
Mr. F.A.T. Phillips, Commissioner, held charge in addition to his own duties ... }	21-4-1907	8-5-1907
„ A. B. Napier ...	9-5-1907	11-7-1907
„ E. A. deBrett ...	12-7-1907	(present incumbent)