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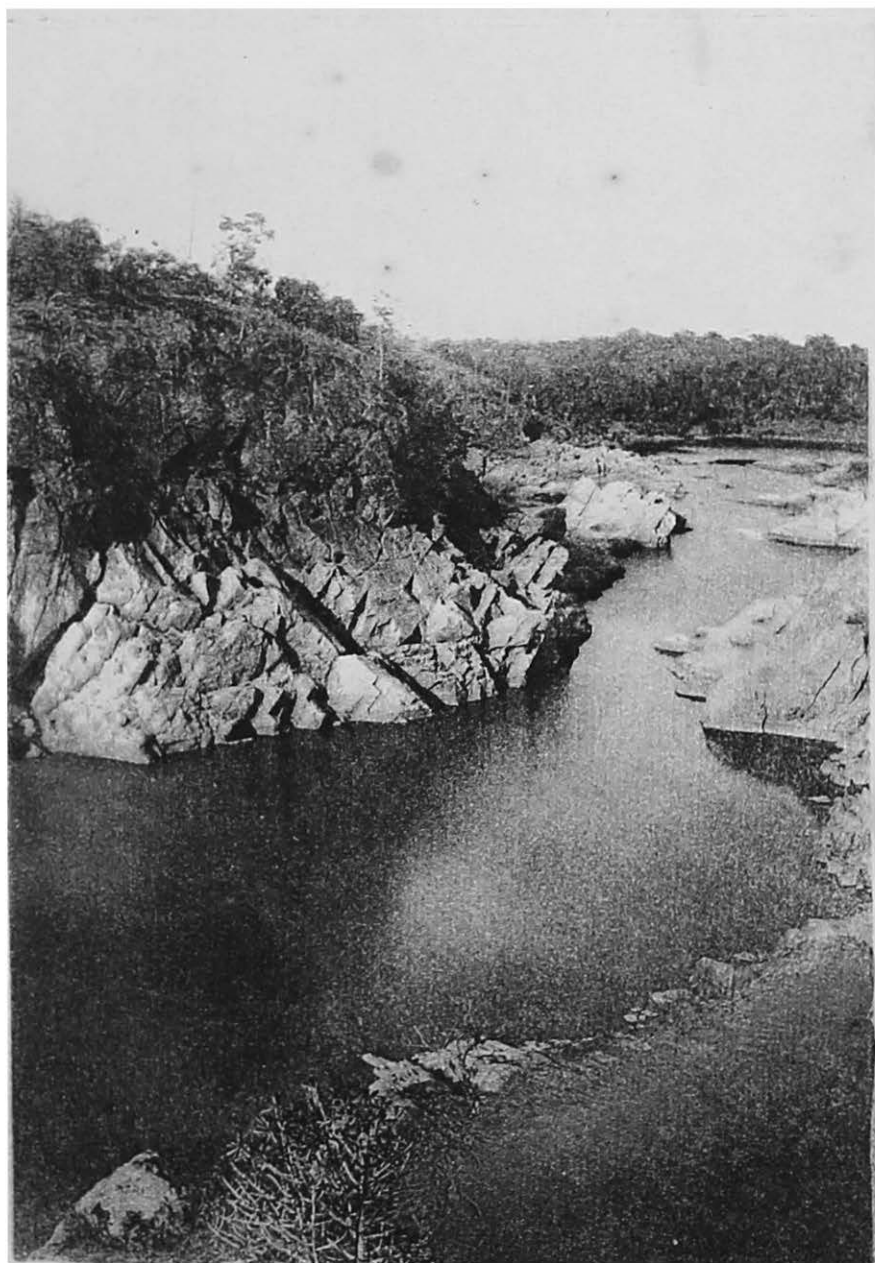
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*List of Deputy Commissioners who held charge of the
Seonī District from 1823 to date.*

Serial No.	Name with military rank, if any.	From	To	Remarks.
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT TO AGENT TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN INDIA.				
1	Captain T. Wardlow ...	6-9-1823	6-12-1825	Date from which available records begin.
2	J. Stephens, Esq. ...	7-12-1825	17-8-1827	Was killed in the court by one Mir Wali.
3	Captain T. Wardlow ...	2-9-1827	20-10-1833	
4	" A. Sconce ...	21-10-1833	10-12-1833	
5	C. W. Fagan, Esq. ...	11-12-1833	15-6-1835	
6	D. F. McLeod, Esq. ...	19-6-1835	30-6-1837	
7	Captain C. R. Browne ..	1-7-1837	30-10-1839	
8	" A. Wheatley ...	1-11-1839	6-4-1843	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS.				
9	Captain C. R. Browne ...	7-4-1843	27-10-1843	
10	Lieutenant W. H. Surkins ..	28-10-1843	12-11-1843	
11	Captain C. A. Dallas ...	13-11-1843	21-2-1844	
12	" G. W. Hamilton ...	22-2-1844	2-12-1844	
13	" H. Wakeman ...	3-12-1844	18-3-1845	
14	St. George Tucker, Esq. ...	19-3-1845	18-9-1845	
15	Lieutenant A. Skene ...	19-9-1845	11-4-1848	
16	Captain H. Wakeman ...	12-4-1848	2-4-1849	
17	" A. Skene ...	3-4-1849	18-3-1850	
18	Lieutenant Montgomery ...	19-3-1850	15-12-1850	
19	Captain A. Skene ...	16-12-1850	30-6-1851	
20	F. W. Pinkney, Esq. ...	1-7-1851	13-9-1851	
<p>There is no record available from 13-9-1851 to 1-8-1854, but from the signatures in the Permanent Establishment Returns of 1853 and 1854 it seems that J. C. Wood, Esq., held charge of the District.</p>				
21	Lieutenant Benjamin Hawes, 2nd European Bengal Regiment ...	1-8-1854	30-10-1856	
22	Lieutenant F. A. Tenton, 7th Light Cavalry ...	1-11-1856	30-11-1856	
23	Lieutenant W. Hamilton, 2nd European Bengal Regiment ...	1-12-1856	5-2-1857	
25	Lieutenant E. Clerk, Madras Light Cavalry ...	6-2-1857	30-6-1857	
26	Lieutenant W. B. Thomson, 4th Light Cavalry ...	1-7-1857	31-7-1864	
27	H. I. McGeorge, Esq. ...	1-8-1864	13-9-1864	
28	Colonel J. B. Denny ...	14-9-1864	22-3-1869	

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Seonī District from 1823 to date—(concl'd.)*

Serial No.	Name with military rank, if any.	From	To	Remarks.
29	Captain Saurin Brooke ...	23-3-1869	30-3-1872	
30	Major W. B. Thomson ...	31-3-1872	26-12-1872	
31	Lieutenant-Colonel C. James	27-12-1872	11-3-1873	
32	A. H. L. Fraser, Esq., I.C.S.	12-3-1873	17-3-1873	
33	Captain H. C. E. Ward ...	18-3-1873	23-10-1873	
34	J. W. Tawney, Esq. ...	24-10-1873	19-5-1874	
35	Captain J. A. Temple ...	20-5-1874	12-1-1875	
36	Major H. I. Lugard ...	13-1-1875	1-10-1878	
37	Major J. A. Temple ...	2-10-1878	9-12-1884	
38	Colonel C. H. Grace ...	10-12-1884	27-3-1885	
39	S. H. Hennesy, Esq. ...	28-3-1885	30-3-1885	
40	H. H. Priest, Esq., I.C.S. ...	31-3-1885	5-5-1885	
41	L. S. Carey, Esq., I.C.S. ...	6-5-1885	15-6-1885	
42	L. Gordon, Esq. ...	16-6-1885	8-11-1887	
43	T. Drysdale, Esq. ...	9-11-1887	8-3-1894	
44	J. Walker, Esq., I.C.S. ...	9-3-1894	28-11-1894	
45	T. Drysdale, Esq., ...	29-11-1894	25-2-1895	
46	A. Mayne, Esq., I.C.S. ...	26-2-1895	31-3-1895	
47	J. Walker, Esq., I.C.S. ...	1-4-1895	31-3-1896	
48	H. Jowers, Esq., I.C.S. ...	1-4-1896	19-9-1896	
49	F. L. J. Williamson, Esq. I.C.S.	20-9-1896	26-11-1896	
50	M. W. Foxstrangways, Esq., I.C.S. ...	27-11-1896	4-1-1897	
51	F. L. J. Williamson, Esq., I.C.S. ...	5-1-1897	21-2-1897	
52	B. Robertson, Esq., I.C.S. ...	22-2-1897	13-3-1897	
53	F. L. J. Williamson, Esq., I. C. S. ...	14-3-1897	4-4-1897	
54	Captain D. J. C. MacNabb ...	5-4-1897	4-8-1898	
55	C. E. Low, Esq., I.C.S. ...	5-8-1898	13-10-1898	
56	Captain D. J. C. MacNabb ...	14-10-1898	22-5-1899	
57	F. C. Turner, Esq., I.C.S. ...	23-5-1899	31-10-1899	
58	A. Mayne, Esq., I.C.S. ...	1-11-1899	12-3-1901	
59	F. Dewar, Esq., I.C.S. ...	13-3-1901	29-7-1901	
60	J. T. Chamberlain, Esq., I.C.S.	30-7-1901	25-11-1901	
61	A. Mayne, Esq., I.C.S. ...	26-11-1901	5-5-1902	
62	A C F. B. Blennerhassett, Esq., I.C.S. ...	6-5-1902	28-12-1902	
63	F. S. A. Slocock, Esq., I.C.S.	29-12-1902	14-1-1904	
64	A. C. F. B. Blennerhassett, Esq., I.C.S. ...	15-1-1904	6-9-1904	
65	J. A. Bathurst, Esq., I.C.S. ...	7-9-1904	14-11-1904	
66	R. A. B. Chapman, Esq., I.C.S.	15-11-1904	2-8-1906	
67	P. S. Patak, Esq., I.C.S. ...	3-8-1906	1-11-1906	
70	R. A. B. Chapman, Esq., I.C.S. ...	2-11-06	...	